

# Lesser Hammer with reduced sky halos.atn - User manual

## General purpose

This action is a variation of an action that is called Lesser Hammer and comes in the Picture Postcard Workflow (PPW) panel. In some cases, especially in images with clear blue skies, the Lesser Hammer action is somewhat prone to haloing. The “Lesser Hammer with reduced sky halos” action does the same, but adds a layer that is supposed to reduce or eliminate such halos.

## Layer structure

The action creates a new layer “Reduce sky halos (LH)” in the (already existing) group Lesser Hammer. This layer is supposed to contain the de-haloed blue image areas only. It comes with a white mask, enabling the user to mask out unwanted corrections.

For an explanation of the other Lesser Hammer layers, the reader is referred to the PPW panel documentation.

## Compatibility

The action runs in any Photoshop version from CS2 on.

## Limitations, drawbacks and pitfalls

- The action may flatten other blue image areas. When that happens, they can easily be masked out in the created layer.

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