

Metal Text

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Ever wanted to make your text look like its made up of a rod or something. Well use this technique to achieve this.

- Click here to see the video version of this tutorial.
- Open a new 500 x 200 sized PSD document.
- Write some texts. I used Impact font for this tutorial, and color I chose is (#00008C).
- Press CTRL and click on the T symbol from the layers palette. I should show you a image, of the thing I am trying to say here for better demonstration:
 - Go to Select - Save Selection, and click ok without changing anything.
 - Press CTRL + D to select the selection.
 - Go to Layer - Delete - Layer to delete your text layer.
 - Switch to your Channel Palette, if it isn't open then go to Window - Channels.
 - On the Channel Palette, click on the Alpha 1 channel.
 - Go to Filter - Blur - Gaussian Blur, apply the following changes and click ok.
- Return to the Layers Palette, and click on the layer that says background on it.
- Go to Filter - Render - Lighting Effects, apply the following changes and click ok:
 - Press CTRL + A, now click SHIFT + CTRL + J, this will turn the channel into a layer.
 - Go to Select - Load Selection, apply the following changes and click ok:
- Go to Select - Modify - Expand, apply the following changes and click ok:
 - Go to Select - Inverse, or press SHIFT + CTRL + I to make a inverse selection.
 - Press Delete from the keyboard, and press CTRL + D to deselect the content.
- [pagebreak title='Page 3'] - Go to Layer - Layer Style - Drop Shadow, and click ok.

- Change your background color to (#464646).

- Your final result should look similar to mine:

- And here's a tip, if you use metal effects, it will look better if you use silver color for the text, and to blend it nicely use dark-type background.