



# ERASER EFFECT

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Have you ever had the desire to reveal an underlying clip gradually? VE has, and in this tutorial VE will show you an easy way to accomplish this.

## 2. GETTING STARTED

In this tutorial VE has used one picture as background. Software used is Photoshop, but other photo editing software might do the same procedures as well. As you can see from Fig. 1, the picture is a general warning about copyright and federal laws. After opening this picture as one layer inside Photoshop, you add a new layer and put this directly under the original image applying text to it (Fig. 2). VE has tried to copy the text font, size and amount from the original image. Placed on top, this covers the image underneath.

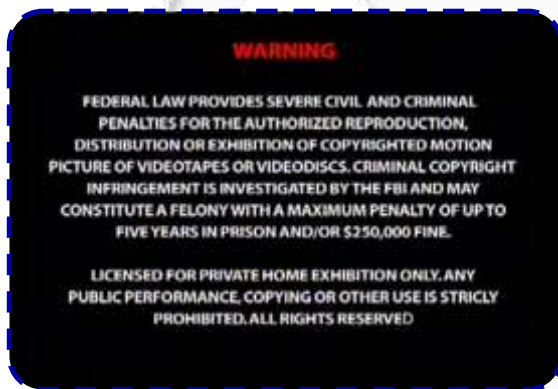


Fig. 1



Fig. 2

## 3. USING THE ERASER

Using the background eraser tool – marked with red arrow (Fig. 3), you start to erase parts of the top layer. For each eraser sequence, you need to save that particular image (Fig. 2). So that when the next turn with the eraser tool, you save a new image. How many images, and how much you want to erase is a matter of choice. Keep in mind though that all the images will later be put together as a movie clip, so the more images you have, the better the outcome might be.

The different images can be saved as JPG-files since there is no transparency to preserve, and what you see is what you want. As you can see from Fig. 4, a part of the top layer is erased revealing the layer underneath.

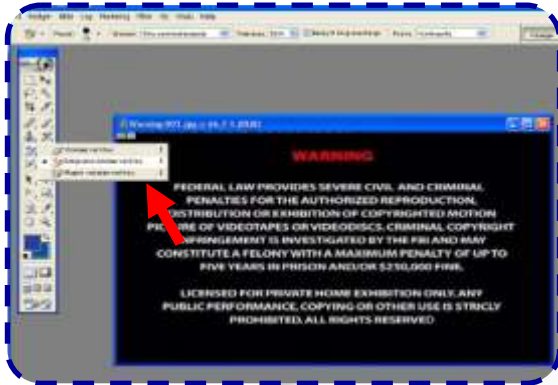


Fig. 3

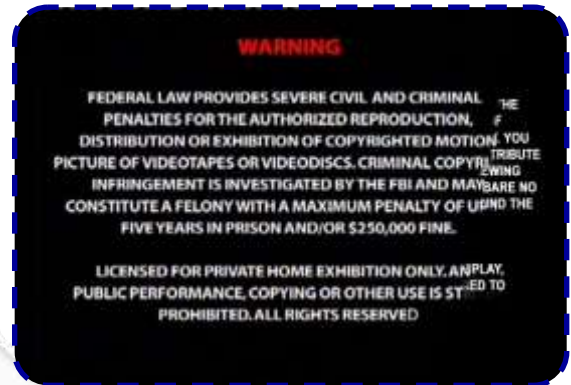


Fig. 4

#### 4. PUTTING THE FILES TOGETHER

In order to make all the images into a movie, you have to put all the images on the timeline and deciding how long you want to display the individual image.

Make sure the images are placed the same way so you don't get any shaking. When you play your movie it will look like someone is erasing the text of the federal warning, revealing your "warning"

The final touch is to add sound to the clip so that it looks and sounds like someone is erasing the top layer.

One sound effect from Pinnacle that works well is the GlassRub sound effect. With some adjustments, the final result is pretty cool in the editor's opinion.

#### 5. CONCLUSION

This is a very simple and easy effect to use, but the result is quite cool. A preview result of the effect described above is available for viewing. ■■