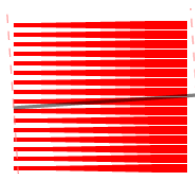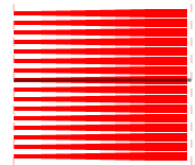# WIDTHSCRIBE

Width Gradient
Tool, when dragging a gradient:
'Shift' – Constrains the gradient
angle to 45° increments

an arbitrary angle
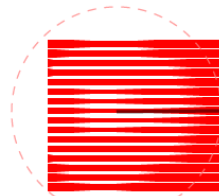
Shift
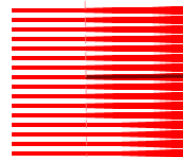
Constrain Gradient

$0^0, 45^0, 90^0$

Width Gradient
Tool, when dragging a gradient:
'Option+Alt' – Temporarily switch-
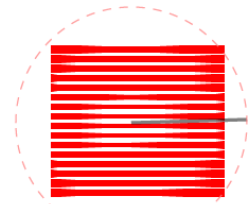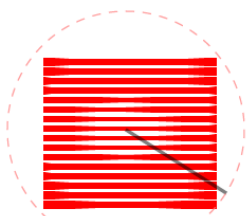es between linear and radial
gradient

Radial Gradient

Option / Alt

Linear Gradient

Width Gradient
Tool, when dragging a gradient:
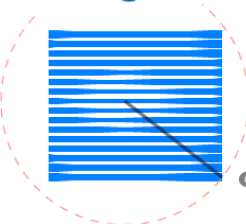'Space' – Moves entire gradient

Move Gradient

Space bar

Width Gradient
Tool, when dragging a gradient:
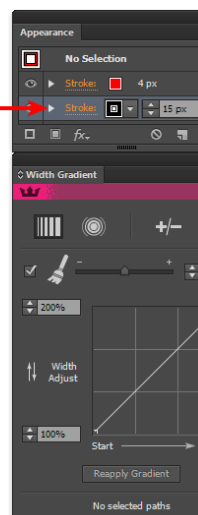'C' – Changes preview color

C

Change Preview Color

Width Gradient
Tool, when dragging a gradient:
'S' – Temporarily changes all
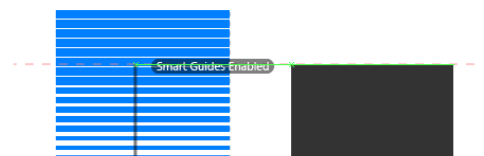strokes / focal stroke mode

1

focal stroke

S

2

3

Appearance

No Selection

Stroke: 4 px

Stroke: 15 px

Width Gradient

200%

Width
Adjust

100%

Start

Reapply Gradient

No selected paths

Width Gradient
Tool, when dragging a gradient:
'U' – Temporarily toggles Smart
Guides

Smart Guides Enabled
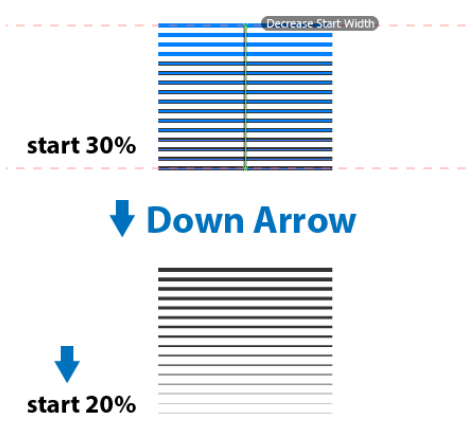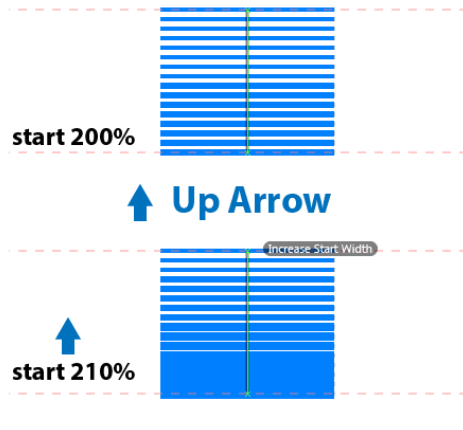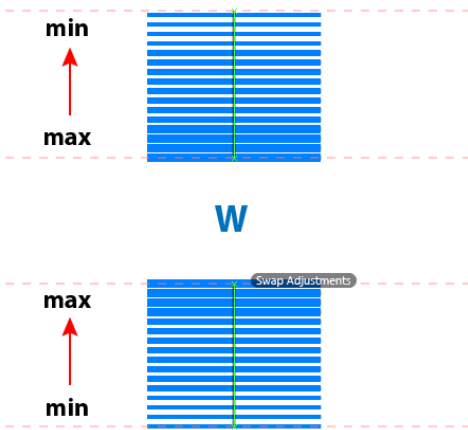
U

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Width Gradient
Tool, when dragging a gradient:
'W' – Swaps adjustment widths

Width Gradient
Tool, when dragging a gradient:
'Up Arrow' – Increases start width

Width Gradient
Tool, when dragging a gradient:
'Down Arrow' – Decreases
start width

min

max

W

max

min

Swap Adjustments

start 200%

Up Arrow

Increase Start Width

start 210%

Decrease Start Width

start 30%

Down Arrow

start 20%

Width Gradient
Tool, when dragging a gradient:
'Right Arrow' – Increases
end width

Width Gradient
Tool, when dragging a gradient:
'Left Arrow' – Decreases
end width

Width Gradient
Tool, when dragging a gradient:
'Esc' – Cancels gradient

end

+10%
or +1pt

Increase End Width

Right Arrow

end

Increase End Width

-10%
or -1pt

Left Arrow

Esc
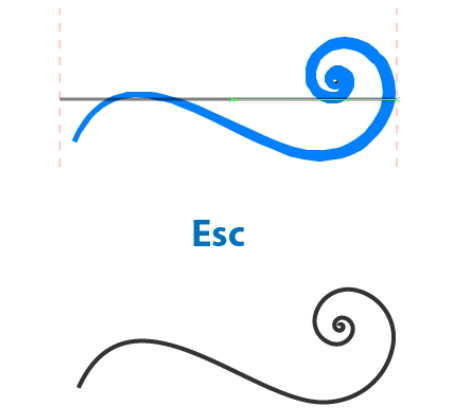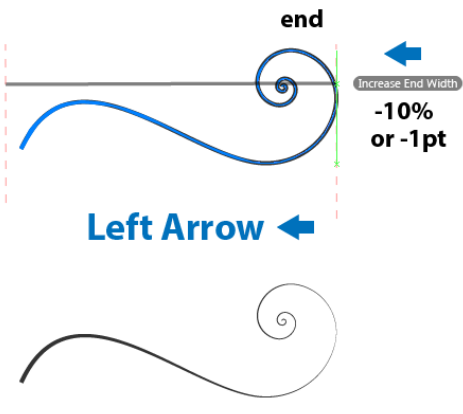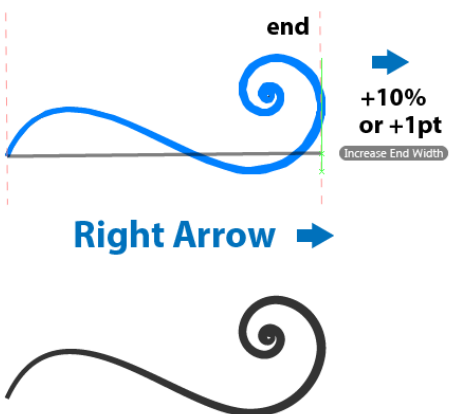
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Panel, when using Reapply button:
'Option+Alt' – Retains the selected path's width markers when reapplying a relative adjustment gradient, to "multiply" the effect of the gradient rather than replacing it

Width Brush Notes:
All keys except 'X' must be pressed before mouse-down
'Shift' – Reverse the adjustment (instead of getting wider, the stroke gets narrower)

Width Brush Notes:
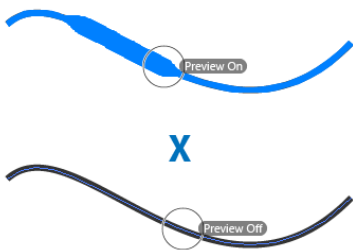'Option+Alt' – Temporarily switches to the Width Eraser tool

Option / Alt
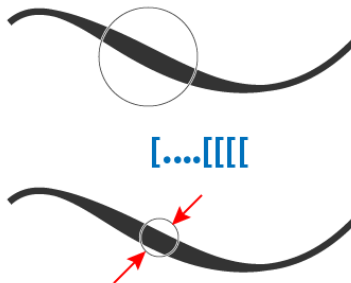
Shift
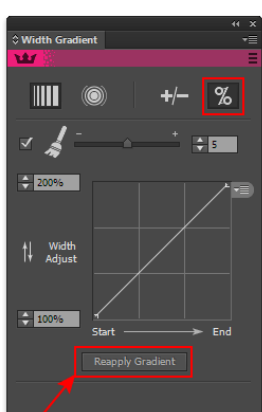
Option / Alt
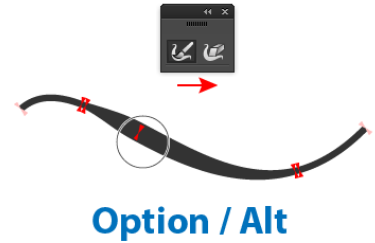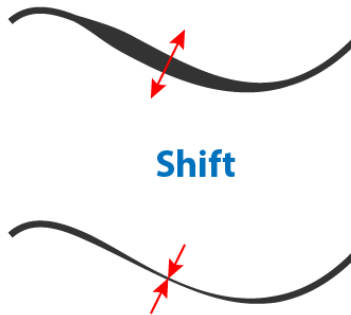
Width Brush Notes:
'X' – Temporarily toggles the preview on/off

Width Brush Notes:
'[' – Decreases brush diameter

Width Brush Notes:
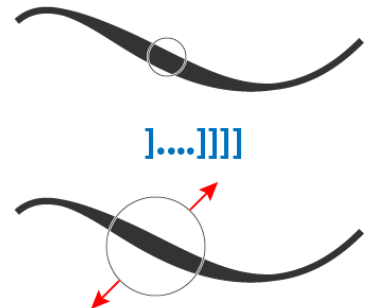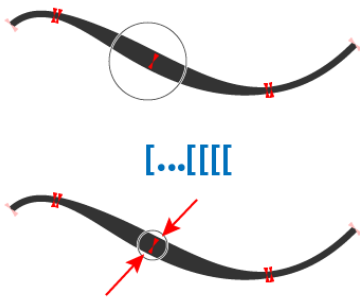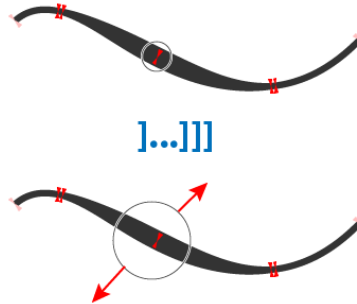']' – Increases brush diameter
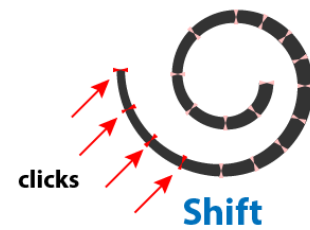
X

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Width Eraser Notes:
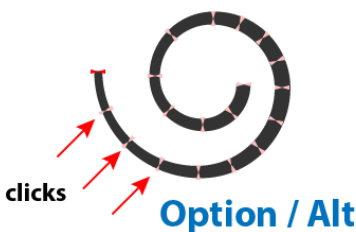All keys must be pressed before mouse down
'[' – Decreases brush diameter
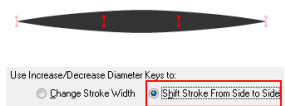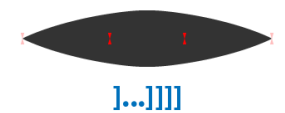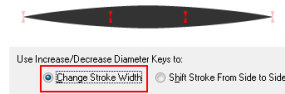
Width Eraser Notes:
']' – Increases brush diameter

Width Selector Notes:
'Shift' – Add to marker selection

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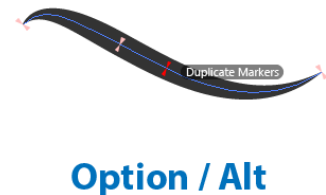
]...]]]

clicks

Shift

Width Selector Notes:
'Option+Alt' – Subtract from marker selection

Width Selector Notes:
'[' and ']' (when marker(s) selected) – Increase/decrease path width or shift path from side to side, depending on preference setting (23-24)

Width Selector Notes:
'Option+Alt' (when dragging width markers) - Duplicates the markers

clicks

Option / Alt

Use Increase/Decrease Diameter Keys to:
◉ Change Stroke Width   ○ Shift Stroke From Side to Side

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Use Increase/Decrease Diameter Keys to:
○ Change Stroke Width   ◉ Shift Stroke From Side to Side
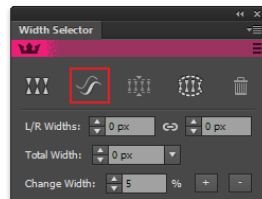
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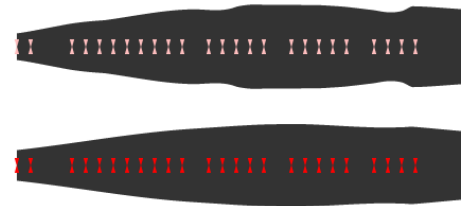
Duplicate Markers

Option / Alt

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Shift' (when dragging width markers) – "Stretches" the markers (moves the selected markers when proportionally moving all other non-end markers)
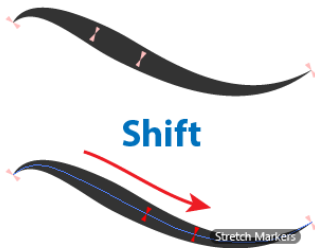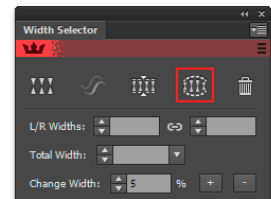
Panel:
'Shift' (on Taper Stroke button, after first click) – decreases taper length by 5%

Panel:
'Shift' (on Smooth Widths button) – Increases smoothing effect
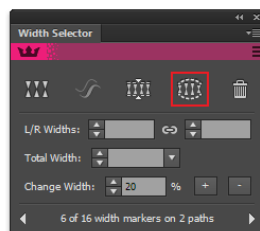
Shift

Stretch Markers

Shift

Width Selector
L/R Widths: 0 px   0 px
Total Width: 0 px
Change Width: 5 % + −

Shift

Width Selector
L/R Widths:
Total Width:
Change Width: 5 % + −

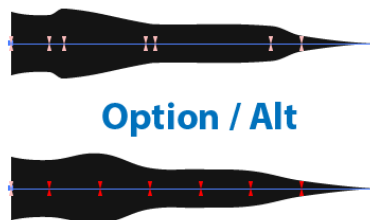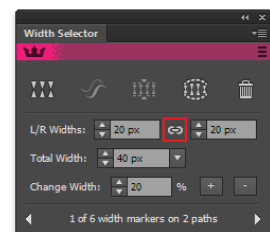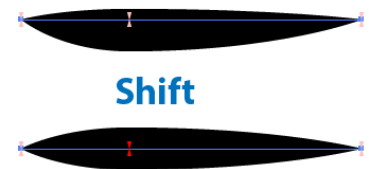
Panel:
'Shift' (on Increase/Decrease buttons) – Multiplies the adjustment value fivefold
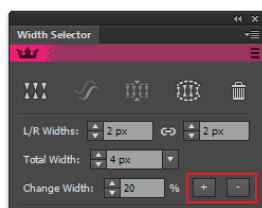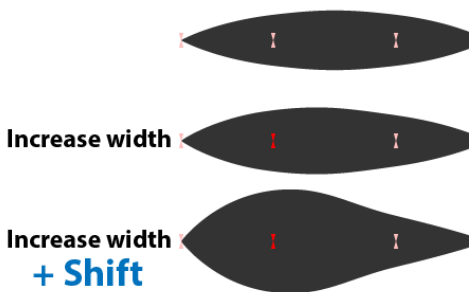
Panel:
'Option+Alt' (on Smooth Widths button) - Distributes the markers along the path

Panel:
'Shift' (when clicking on the Left/Right widths link icon) - converts any selected uncentered markers to centered markers

Increase width

Increase width
+ Shift

Width Selector
L/R Widths: 2 px   2 px
Total Width: 4 px
Change Width: 20 % + −

Option / Alt

Width Selector
L/R Widths:
Total Width:
Change Width: 20 % + −
6 of 16 width markers on 2 paths

Shift

Width Selector
L/R Widths: 20 px   20 px
Total Width: 40 px
Change Width: 20 % + −
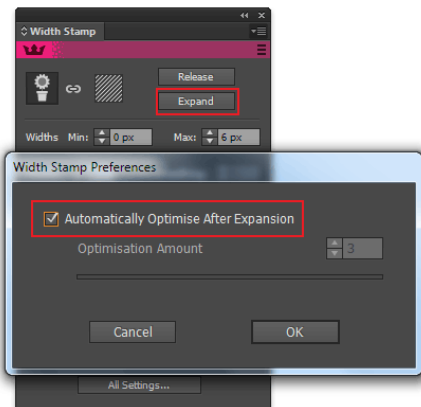1 of 6 width markers on 2 paths

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Width Stamp Panel:
'Shift' (when clicking Expand button) - Temporarily inverts the "Automatically Optimise After Expansion" setting

Width Stamp Panel:
Shift' (when clicking on gradient under graph in the Width Stamp settings box) - resets graph to linear

Shift