



Submitting pictures and scanned images for etching

Once you have **placed an order** you can **upload your picture(s) files** by **attaching** them to an **e-mail** sent to: sales@boltlaserworks.com. Be sure to include the **order number** of your purchase in the e-mail **subject line**. Please include your **phone number** and any special instructions in the e-mail. We will send a **proof** of your design before etching.

If you have questions or require assistance please call us at **(800) 438-2658** (9-5, M-F), press **1** and ask for **graphics department**.

Printed pictures and paw prints can be sent to us for scanning – contact us.

What Makes a Good Photo for Etching?

When selecting a photo for etching, clarity and detail are key. A high-resolution image with sharp focus ensures the final etched design is crisp and visually appealing. Photos with strong contrast between the subject and background work best, as they help highlight the features that will be etched into the material. Avoid blurry or pixelated images, as they can lead to unclear or indistinct etching results.

Why Email is Better Than Text for Sending Photos

Email is the preferred method for sending photos because it retains the original file quality. When images are sent via text messaging apps, they are often compressed to save bandwidth and transfer quickly. This compression significantly reduces the resolution and quality of the photo, which can negatively affect the final etched result. Email, on the other hand, allows you to send the original, high-resolution file without sacrificing quality.

Preserve Original Photos for Best Results

It's important not to edit or alter original photos before sending them. Editing may inadvertently reduce the image quality or make changes that interfere with the graphics team's ability to optimize the photo for etching. Our team uses specialized tools and techniques to adjust the photo for the best results, ensuring that the etched design captures all the important details. By providing the unedited original file, you help us achieve the highest-quality outcome.

Keep these tips in mind to ensure your etched photo project turns out perfectly!