Aide-Memoire: Removing Blue Color Casts in ON1 Effects

Quick Workflow Summary

Use the Curves and Edit Color filters in ON1 Effects to fix blue color casts in landscapes.

- Blue casts appear due to overcast skies or atmospheric haze.
- Use Curves for overall tint correction.
- Use Edit Color for targeted adjustments without needing masks.

Step 1: Correct Blue Cast with Curves

- 1. Add a 'Curves' filter.
- 2. Switch to the Blue channel.
- 3. Use the eyedropper tool to select an area with a strong blue cast.
- 4. ON1 places a pin; drag it downward to reduce blue and add yellow.
- 5. Adjust until colors look more natural. Watch skin tones and greens.

Step 2: Refine with Edit Color

- 1. Add the 'Edit Color' filter.
- 2. Use the picker to select the blue-affected area.
- 3. Confirm ON1 reads it as blue; use the Hue slider to shift the tone.
- 4. Drag to the right for warmer tones (towards purple if needed).
- 5. Use the color wheel to control the affected range (narrow or wide).
- 6. Skip masking unless you want to isolate specific regions.

Before and After

Use the preview toggle to compare:

- BEFORE: Cold, bluish cast across trees and mountain base.
- AFTER: Natural greens, warm tones restored, better clarity.

Next Steps

Once the color cast is fixed:

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- Add Dynamic Contrast.
- Refine sky separately if needed.
- Continue with your usual photo enhancements.

Final Tip

Use this combo on most outdoor shots with overcast or blue hour lighting.

It's quick, powerful, and easy to fine-tune in ON1 Effects.