PropShield Chart Trader

Quick Start Guide
Version 1.1

Welcome

The PropShield Chart Trader is an enhanced order entry interface for NinjaTrader designed for fast, intuitive discretionary trading. It improves upon the native Chart Trader with streamlined controls, enhanced chart interaction, ATM integration, one-click Break Even functionality, and faster order placement.

Compatibility

Supported

- NinjaTrader ATM Strategies
- Playback, Simulation, Live Brokerage and Supported Prop Firm accounts
- Native NinjaTrader order routing

Not Supported

- PropShield Trade Copier
- PropShield Risk Manager
- Automated signal execution

Designed for Speed

Built to reduce mouse movement and the number of clicks required to execute and manage discretionary trades while keeping your focus on the chart.

Core Features

- Buy Market / Sell Market
- Buy Bid / Sell Ask
- Buy Close / Sell Close
- Click directly on the chart to place entry orders
- Automatic Stop or MIT order selection
- One-click Break Even (BE)
- Manual stop trailing through the BE control
- Reverse Position
- Close Position
- Cancel Working Orders
- Enhanced ATM Integration
- Live Position & PnL Display
- On-screen trade notifications

Chart Click Trading

Click anywhere on the chart to place an entry order. The Chart Trader automatically determines whether to submit a Stop Order or a Market If Touched (MIT) Order based on whether the selected price is above or below the current market.

Order Quantity

Without an ATM Strategy

The quantity selector controls the number of contracts submitted and can be changed at any time.

With an ATM Strategy

The selected ATM template controls the order quantity along with its predefined stop-loss, profit target, and trade management settings.

Break Even (BE)

The dedicated Break Even button works independently of the selected ATM Strategy. With a single click it moves active stop-loss orders to the average position entry price, plus or minus the selected tick offset, without modifying the saved ATM template.

The BE control can also be used as a manual trailing tool. After the market moves in your favor, increase the BE tick offset and press BE again to move the active stops farther into profit. Each press recalculates from the current average position price, so scaled-in positions can be managed as one combined position instead of moving each stop to its individual fill price.

Manual Trail Example

If you are long and the trade moves higher, set the BE offset to the number of ticks you want to lock in, then press BE. If price continues higher, increase the offset and press BE again to trail the stops manually.

Diagnostics & Support

The PropShield Chart Trader automatically creates detailed diagnostic trade logs that are saved locally on your computer. These logs record order submissions, executions, ATM interactions, connection events, and other important trading activity.

If you experience an issue, the PropShield Toolkit can automatically collect these logs into a Support Package that can be emailed or uploaded to PropShield Support for faster troubleshooting.

Risk Disclosure

Trading futures involves substantial risk. PropShield Chart Trader assists with order entry and trade management but cannot eliminate trading risk. Always test thoroughly before trading live.

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Troubleshooting: Chart Click Accuracy and Windows Display Scale

On some Windows PCs, NinjaTrader 8 may initialize chart mouse coordinates incorrectly when Windows Display Scale is set above 100% before NinjaTrader is opened. If this happens, chart-click orders may be submitted away from the visible chart crosshair or clicked price.

Recommended startup steps

1. Close NinjaTrader 8 completely.
2. Set Windows Display Scale to 100%.
3. Reopen NinjaTrader 8.
4. After NinjaTrader has fully loaded, you can usually return Windows Display Scale to 125% or your preferred setting for that trading session.

> Note: PropShield Chart Trader uses DPI-safe chart coordinate conversion, but affected PCs may still require NinjaTrader to be launched at 100% scale because the behavior is tied to Windows and NinjaTrader startup DPI handling.

This is a PC display scaling workaround, not a trading account or ATM template setting. If chart click placement is accurate at 100% scale, the Chart Trader script is functioning normally.