

PriceWise Calculator Pro

Official Documentation Guide

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Welcome to PriceWise Calculator Pro!

So you've decided to use PriceWise Calculator Pro for your WooCommerce store - awesome choice! Whether you're selling custom t-shirts, offering landscaping services, or running any business where prices depend on customer choices, this plugin's got your back.

What Makes This Plugin Special?

☆☆ The Interface is Gorgeous

We're talking about a modern, slider-based interface that looks like it belongs in 2025. Your customers move through the calculator step-by-step, with progress tracking showing them exactly where they are.

🎨 Customization That Actually Works

You get 15+ different color controls with an enhanced color picker that lets you either click and choose visually OR type in hex codes. Whatever works for you.

🛒 It Just Works with WooCommerce

The calculator integrates seamlessly with your products. Customers configure what they want, the price updates in real-time, and when they add to cart - boom - the custom price and all their selections go right along with it.

Installation Guide

Minimum Requirements

- WordPress 5.8 or greater
- PHP version 7.4 or greater
- WooCommerce 5.0 or greater (for full functionality)
- MySQL version 5.6 or greater

Automatic Installation

1. Log in to your WordPress dashboard
2. Navigate to **Plugins > Add New**
3. Search for "PriceWise Calculator Pro" or upload the plugin ZIP file
4. Click "**Install Now**"
5. After installation, click "**Activate Plugin**"

Manual Installation

1. Download the plugin ZIP file
2. Log in to your WordPress dashboard
3. Navigate to **Plugins > Add New > Upload Plugin**
4. Choose the downloaded ZIP file and click "**Install Now**"
5. After installation, click "**Activate Plugin**"

After Activation

After activating the plugin, you'll see a new "**Calculators**" menu in your WordPress admin sidebar. You're ready to create your first calculator!

Setting Up Your First Calculator

Step 1: Head to the Dashboard

1. Go to **Calculators > Dashboard**
2. You'll see your stats (zero for now) and quick action buttons
3. Click the "**Add New Calculator**" button

Step 2: The Basic Info Tab

The plugin uses a **tabbed interface** with 4 main tabs. You start on the **Basic** tab.

What's in the Basic Tab:

- **Calculator Name** - The title users will see (e.g., "Custom T-Shirt Calculator")
- **Description** - Optional description to help users understand what this calculator does
- **Assignment Strategy** - Choose where your calculator appears:
 - **Global Calculator** - Automatically applies to ALL WooCommerce products
 - **Product Calculator** - Tied to specific products
 - **Category Calculator** - Applied to entire product categories
- **Category Selection** - When you pick "Category Calculator" above, select which WooCommerce categories this calculator should appear on

Step 3: The Formula Tab

Click over to the **Formula** tab. This is where you set up how the calculator actually calculates prices.

You'll configure:

- **Base Price** - Starting price for calculations
- **Formula** - How field values affect the final price using mathematical operators (+, -, *, /)

Step 4: The Fields Tab - Where the Magic Happens

Click on the **Fields** tab to actually build your calculator.

Available Field Types (8 Total):

1. **Text Input** - For names, custom text, or any text info
2. **Number Input** - For quantities, measurements, dimensions
3. **Dropdown** - When you want to give them a list of options
4. **Radio Buttons** - Multiple choice, but they can only pick one
5. **Checkboxes** - Let them select multiple options
6. **Slider** - A visual way to pick numbers
7. **File Upload** - When customers need to upload files
8. **Textarea** - For longer text input and special instructions

For each field, configure:

- Field Type

- Label (what customers see)
- Field Key (used in formulas)
- Required or Optional
- Options (for dropdowns, radios, checkboxes)
- Validation rules

Step 5: Settings Tab

Control publication settings and behavior:

Setting	Description
Status	Set calculator as Active or Inactive. Only active calculators show to users.
Priority	Control display order when multiple calculators are assigned (1-100, default is 1)
Hide Quantity Selector	Check this to hide the quantity input field on product pages

Step 6: Save It!

Hit the "**Save Calculator**" button and you're done! Your calculator is now ready to assign to products.

Managing Your Calculators

Once you've created calculators, manage them at **Calculators > All Calculators**.

Features:

- **Grid View vs. List View** - Toggle between card view and table view
- **Search & Filter** - Find calculators quickly
- **Quick Actions** - Edit, Duplicate, or Delete
- **Bulk Actions** - Manage multiple calculators at once

Styling Your Calculators to Match Your Brand

Go to **Calculators > Settings** and click the **Design** tab.

The Enhanced Color Picker System

You'll see multiple color pickers for:

- Header Background
- Title Text
- Calculator Background
- Button Colors
- Progress Bar Colors
- Input Field Colors
- And more...

Each color picker allows you to:

- Click to select visually
- OR type hex codes directly

Connecting Calculators to Your Products

You have **THREE powerful ways** to assign calculators:

1. Global Calculator (Easiest)

- Set in the Basic tab: choose "Global" in Assignment Strategy
- Your calculator automatically appears on ALL WooCommerce products by default
- Perfect when most of your products use the same pricing structure

2. Product Calculator (Specific)

For individual products that need their own calculator:

1. Edit your product in WooCommerce
2. Go to the "**Product Data**" section
3. Click on the "**Calculator**" tab
4. Select which calculator to assign
5. Save the product

3. Category Calculator (Powerful)

Assign one calculator to an entire category - every product automatically gets it!

To set this up:

1. In your calculator's Basic tab, choose "Category" in Assignment Strategy
2. The category selector appears - check all categories you want
3. Save the calculator

⚡ Priority Order:

Product Calculator → Category Calculator → Global Calculator

So if a product has its own calculator assigned, that takes priority over everything else.

The Frontend Experience

When customers visit a product with a calculator, they see a beautiful **slider-based interface** instead of a fixed price.

Features:

- Step-by-step navigation ("1 of 5" progress)
- NEXT → and ← PREV buttons
- Real-time price updates in persistent footer
- Modern, mobile-friendly design
- Field validation with helpful error messages

Customers fill in fields, click "Next" to move through steps, and the price updates in real-time. When they hit "Add to Cart", the custom price and ALL their selections are saved with the order!

Common Issues & Solutions

⚠ MOST COMMON ISSUE: Calculator Not Showing on Product Page

The Problem:

You've assigned a calculator but it doesn't appear on the frontend.

The Solution - Check These TWO Critical Things:

1. Your Calculator MUST Have At Least One Input Field

You can't just create a calculator and assign it - you need to add fields in the Fields tab!

How to fix:

1. Go to your calculator in the admin
2. Click the "**Fields**" tab
3. Add at least one field
4. Save the calculator
5. Refresh your product page - it should now appear!

- ✓ Calculator with 1+ fields = Shows on frontend
- ✗ Calculator with 0 fields = Hidden (won't display)

2. Your WooCommerce Product MUST Have a Price Set

WooCommerce requires a base price, even if your calculator replaces it.

How to fix:

1. Edit the product in WooCommerce
2. Set a **Regular Price** (any number like \$10)
3. Save the product
4. The calculator will now display and replace this price

- ✓ Product with price (\$10) + Calculator = Calculator works
- ✗ Product with NO price + Calculator = Calculator won't display

Quick Checklist:

- ☐ Calculator has at least 1 field added?
- ☐ Product has a regular price set?

If BOTH are yes, your calculator should display!

Calculator Shows But Price Doesn't Update

The Problem: Calculator displays but price stays the same when making selections.

The Solution:

1. Go to **Calculators > Edit your calculator**
2. Check the **Formula tab**
3. Verify your formula uses correct field keys with curly braces: `{field_key}`
4. Make sure field keys match EXACTLY (case-sensitive)
5. Test the formula - the plugin validates it for you

Calculator Looks Weird/Broken on Frontend

The Solution:

- Check for theme conflicts - test with a default WordPress theme (Twenty Twenty-Four)
- Check for CSS conflicts - inspect browser console for errors
- Verify you're not using custom CSS that conflicts
- Clear all caches (WordPress cache, browser cache, CDN cache)

Multiple Calculators Appear on Same Product

The Solution:

1. Check if product has calculator assigned directly in Product Data
2. Check if product's category has calculator assigned
3. Check if Global calculator is active
4. Use **Priority** setting in Settings tab to control which displays
5. Remove duplicate assignments

Remember: Product Calculator > Category Calculator > Global Calculator

Still Stuck? 🤖

If you've tried everything and your calculator still isn't working:

- ☐ Double-check the TWO critical requirements (fields + price)
- ☐ Make sure calculator Status is set to "Active" in Settings tab
- ☐ Verify WooCommerce is installed and active
- ☐ Test with a default WordPress theme
- ☐ Check WordPress debug.log for PHP errors
- ☐ Contact support (see last page)

Real-World Example: Custom T-Shirt Shop

Let me walk you through a **COMPLETE example** from start to finish.

Scenario

You're selling custom t-shirts with dynamic pricing based on style, size, print type, quantity, and add-ons.

STEP 1: Basic Info Tab

Field	Value
Calculator Name	Custom T-Shirt Price Calculator
Description	Configure your custom t-shirt and get an instant price quote
Assignment Strategy	Category Calculator
Select Categories	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Custom T-Shirts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Apparel

STEP 2: Fields Tab - Create Your Input Fields

Field #1: T-Shirt Style (Dropdown)

- **Field Type:** Dropdown
- **Label:** "Choose Your T-Shirt Style"
- **Field Key:** `tshirt_style`
- **Required:** Yes
- **Options:**

- Basic Cotton (value: basic, price: 0)
- Premium Soft Blend (value: premium, price: 5)
- Vintage Distressed (value: vintage, price: 8)

Field #2: Size (Dropdown)

- **Field Type:** Dropdown
- **Label:** "Select Size"
- **Field Key:** `size`
- **Required:** Yes
- **Options:**
 - Small (value: s, price: 0)
 - Medium (value: m, price: 0)
 - Large (value: l, price: 0)
 - XL (value: xl, price: 2)
 - 2XL (value: 2xl, price: 4)
 - 3XL (value: 3xl, price: 6)

Field #3: Print Type (Radio Buttons)

- **Field Type:** Radio Buttons
- **Label:** "Choose Print Method"
- **Field Key:** `print_type`
- **Required:** Yes
- **Options:**
 - Screen Print (value: screen, price: 0)
 - Direct-to-Garment (value: dtg, price: 3)
 - Vinyl Heat Transfer (value: vinyl, price: 5)

Field #4: Quantity (Number Input)

- **Field Type:** Number Input
- **Label:** "How Many T-Shirts?"
- **Field Key:** `quantity`
- **Required:** Yes
- **Min Value:** 1
- **Max Value:** 500
- **Default Value:** 1

Field #5: Rush Order (Checkbox)

- **Field Type:** Checkbox
- **Label:** "Rush Order (2-Day Production)"
- **Field Key:** `rush_order`
- **Required:** No
- **Price if Checked:** 15

Field #6: Gift Packaging (Checkbox)

- **Field Type:** Checkbox
- **Label:** "Add Gift Packaging"
- **Field Key:** `gift_packaging`
- **Required:** No
- **Price if Checked:** 5

STEP 3: Formula Tab - Set Up Your Pricing Logic

Base Price: \$15

(Starting price for a basic t-shirt with screen print)

Formula:

```
(15 + {tshirt_style} + {size} + {print_type} + {rush_order} + {gift_packaging}) * {quantity}
```

How The Formula Works:

The formula uses curly braces `{ }` around field keys to reference their values:

- `15` = Base price for any t-shirt
- `{tshirt_style}` = Adds \$0 for Basic, \$5 for Premium, or \$8 for Vintage
- `{size}` = Adds \$0 for S/M/L, \$2 for XL, \$4 for 2XL, \$6 for 3XL
- `{print_type}` = Adds \$0 for Screen, \$3 for DTG, or \$5 for Vinyl
- `{rush_order}` = Adds \$15 if checked, \$0 if not checked
- `{gift_packaging}` = Adds \$5 if checked, \$0 if not checked
- `{quantity}` = The number customer enters (multiplies the whole total)

Example Calculation:

Customer orders: Premium Soft Blend, XL, DTG Print, Quantity 3, with Rush Order

```
(15 + 5 + 2 + 3 + 15 + 0) * 3  
= 40 * 3  
= $120 TOTAL
```

Breakdown:

- 15 = base price
- 5 = premium t-shirt
- 2 = XL size
- 3 = DTG print
- 15 = rush order
- 0 = no gift packaging
- × 3 = quantity of 3 shirts

Formula Tips:

- Always use curly braces `{ }` around field keys
- Field keys must match EXACTLY (case-sensitive!)
- You can use: `+` (add), `-` (subtract), `*` (multiply), `/` (divide)
- Use parentheses `()` to control order of operations
- Checkboxes return their price if checked, 0 if unchecked
- Number fields return whatever number the customer enters

STEP 4: Settings Tab

Setting	Value
Status	Active
Priority	1 (default is fine)
Hide Quantity Selector	Yes (we're handling quantity in our calculator)

STEP 5: Save & Assign

1. Click "**Save Calculator**"
2. Since we chose "Category Calculator" in Step 1, it's already assigned to your Custom T-Shirts category
3. Go to any product in that category - your calculator is live!

STEP 6: Critical Requirements ✓

Remember:

- ❑ Your calculator HAS fields (we added 6!) ✓
- ❑ Your WooCommerce product MUST have a base price set ✓

Result 🎉

Your customers now see a beautiful, modern calculator that walks them through choosing their t-shirt style, size, print method, and quantity. The price updates in real-time as they make selections. When they hit "Add to Cart", the custom price and ALL their selections are saved with the order!

Top Tips for Success

🎯 Start Simple

Create a basic calculator with 3-5 fields first. Get comfortable with the interface before building complex multi-step calculators.

📱 Test on Mobile First

More people shop on phones than you think. Always check how your calculator looks on a small screen.

📋 Use the Duplicate Feature

Created a great calculator? Duplicate it and modify it rather than starting from scratch each time.

Export Regularly

Once a month, export your calculators. It's the easiest backup you'll ever make.

Brand Your Colors

Take 10 minutes to set up your brand colors in the Design settings. It makes such a difference.

Keep Steps Short

3-7 steps is the sweet spot. More than that and people start dropping off.

Support & Resources

Full Documentation (Online)

For the most comprehensive, up-to-date documentation, tutorials, and video guides:

<https://devtonicstudios.com/documentation/>

What's Available Online:

- Detailed step-by-step tutorials
- Video walkthroughs
- Advanced feature guides
- Integration tutorials
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Troubleshooting guides
- Community tips & tricks

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- Feature announcements
- Blog posts and tutorials
- Live demos
- Customer showcase

Email Support

support@devtonicstudios.com

For technical support, please email us with:

- Your WordPress version
- Your WooCommerce version
- Description of the issue
- Screenshots (if applicable)
- Any error messages

Support Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM EST

Response time: Within 24 hours

Support Portal

For faster support, use our dedicated support portal:

<https://devtonicstudios.com/support/>

Benefits:

- Track your support tickets
- Access knowledge base
- See common solutions
- Priority support for customers

Thank You!

Thank you for choosing PriceWise Calculator Pro! We're committed to helping you create amazing price calculators that delight your customers and grow your business.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or feedback, we'd love to hear from you.

Happy Calculating!

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