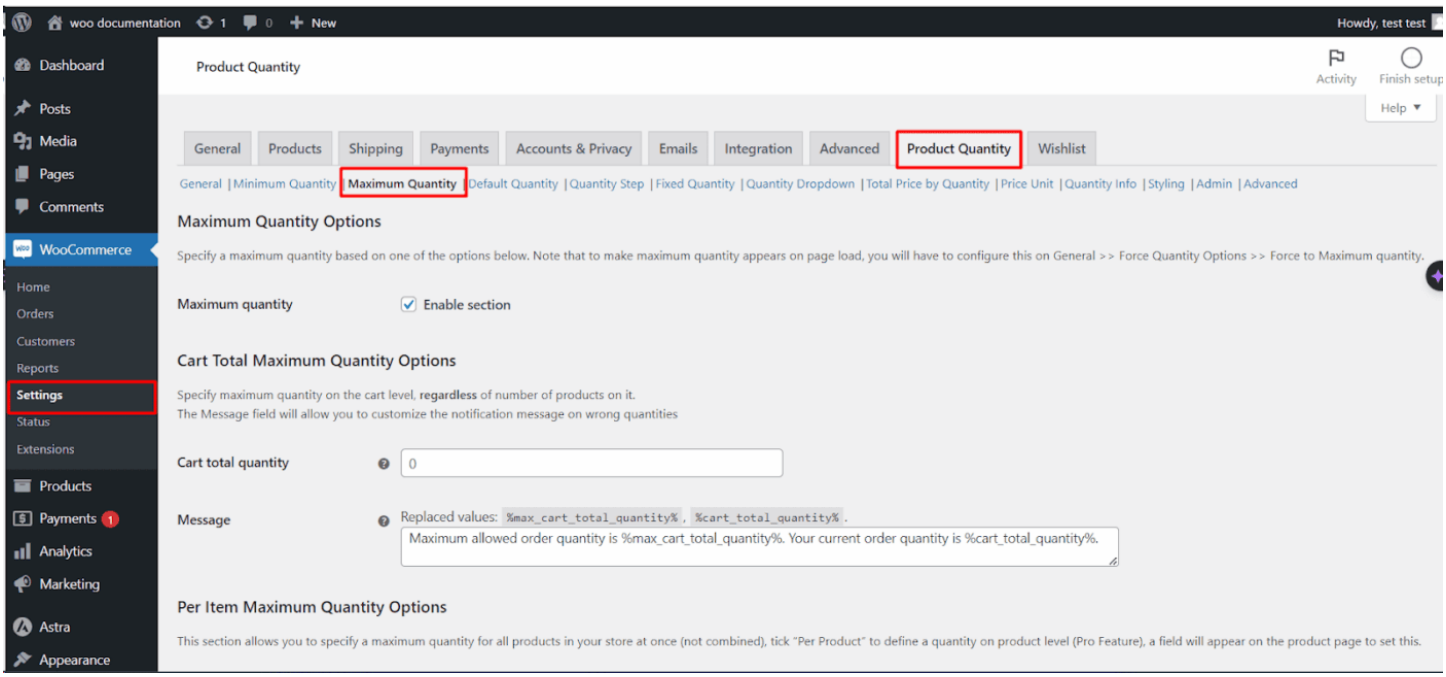
How to Set a Maximum Quantity Per Category

How to · https://wpfactory.com/docs/category-maximum-quantity/

To cap how much of a WooCommerce category a customer can buy, enable **Per Category** under **WPFactory > Quantity Manager > Maximum Quantity** in Min Max Step Quantity Limits Manager for WooCommerce, then set the maximum on the category page, either for each product or for the category combined. This is a Pro feature.

Before you start

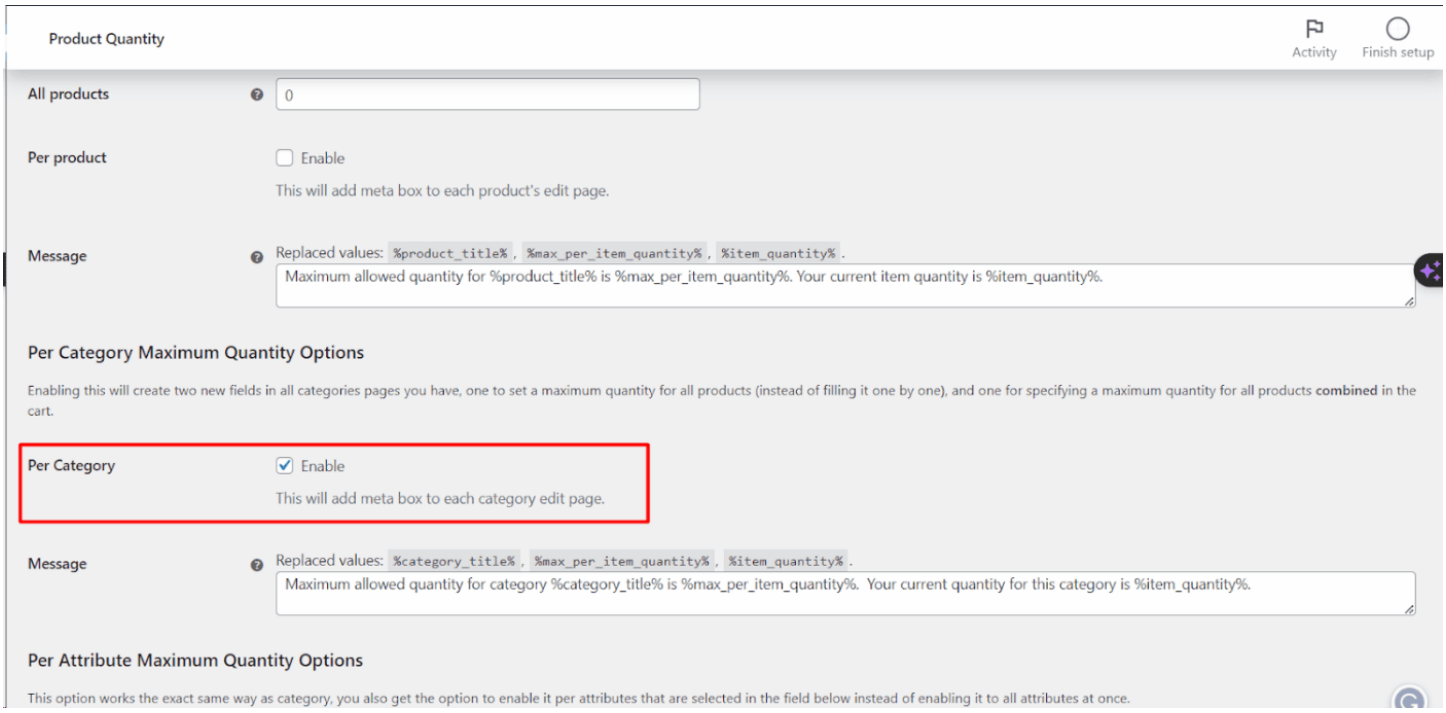
- WooCommerce, active.
- Min Max Step Quantity Limits Manager for WooCommerce Pro (per-category rules are Pro only).



Step by step

1. Go to **WPFactory > Quantity Manager** (also reachable at **WooCommerce > Settings > Product Quantity**).

2. Open the **Maximum Quantity** section and tick **Maximum quantity** to enable it.
3. Under **Per Category Maximum Quantity Options**, tick **Per Category** (`wpfmmsq_max_per_cat_item_quantity_per_product`). This adds two fields to each category edit page.
4. Click **Save changes**.
5. Go to **Products > Categories**, edit the category, fill one or both fields described below, and click **Update**.



The two category fields

Field on the category page	What it limits	Example with value 5
Maximum quantity for all product (apply to all products in this category)	Each product in the category separately	Up to 5 of each product
Maximum quantity (grouped for this category)	All products of the category added together	Up to 5 in total from the category

Leave a field at `0` to skip it; products then fall back to the next level, such as the All products maximum.

> **Tip:** to make the maximum appear on page load, set **General > Initial Quantity Options > Single product page** to **Max quantity**.

Which maximum wins

For each product, Quantity Manager uses the first maximum it finds: the product's own **Maximum quantity** (Per product), then the category's per-product value, then the attribute value (Per Attribute, Pro), then **All products**. The grouped category maximum is checked separately against the category total.

What the customer sees

The quantity box stops at the per-product maximum. When the cart goes over a limit, the order is stopped at checkout with the Maximum Quantity message: for the grouped limit, "Maximum allowed quantity for category %category_title% is %max_per_item_quantity%. Your current quantity for this category is %item_quantity%." Tick **General > Cart notices** to show it on the cart page too.

Options reference

Label	Option ID	Default	Free/Pro
Maximum quantity (enable section)	`wpfmmsq_max_section_enabled`	No	Free
All products	`wpfmmsq_max_per_item_quantity`	0 (off)	Free
Per product	`wpfmmsq_max_per_item_quantity_per_product`	No	Free
Per Category	`wpfmmsq_max_per_cat_item_quantity_per_product`	No	Pro

Label	Option ID	Default	Free/Pro
Message (category)	`wpfmmsq_max_cat_message`	Maximum allowed quantity for category %category_title%...	Free
Per Attribute	`wpfmmsq_max_per_attribute_item_quantity`	No	Pro

If it does not work

- **No fields on the category page:** the Maximum quantity section or the Per Category box is off, or Pro is not active.
- **A product goes over the category value:** it has its own per-product maximum, which takes priority.
- **The grouped limit is not enforced until checkout:** expected unless Cart notices or add to cart validation are enabled in General.

FAQ

Can I set a minimum quantity per category?

Yes. Enable Per Category in the Minimum Quantity section and the same two kinds of fields appear for the minimum. See How to set a minimum order quantity.

Can I cap the whole cart instead of one category?

Yes, for free. Use **Cart total quantity** in the Maximum Quantity section. See How to set a maximum order quantity.

Does it limit repeat purchases?

No, the limit applies to each cart. For limits per customer across orders, see Maximum Products per User for WooCommerce.



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- How to Show a Quantity Box on Shop and Category Pages
- Per-Product Quantity Fields Are Not Available
- Minimum/Maximum Quantity Settings Not Working