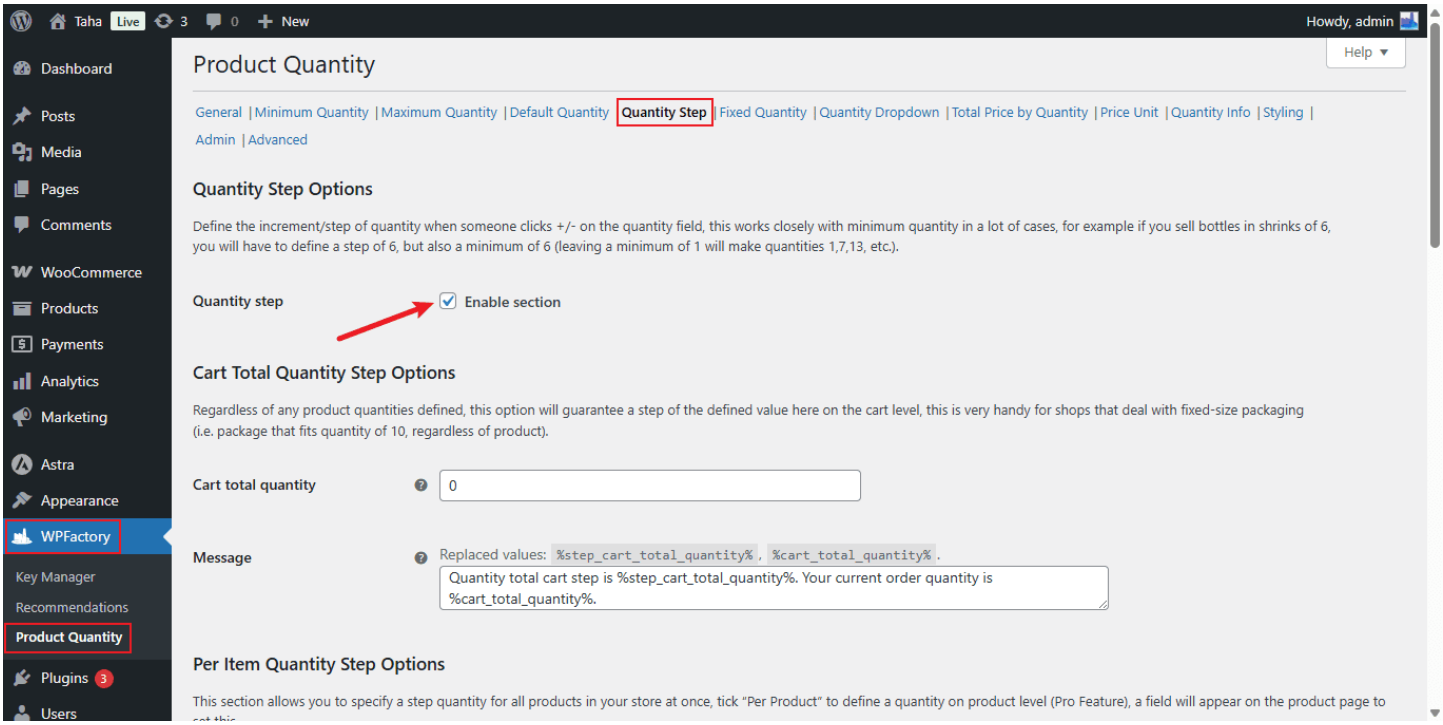
How to Set Step Quantities Per Category

How to · https://wpfactory.com/docs/category-step-quantities/

To sell every product in a WooCommerce category in fixed increments, such as multiples of 5, enable **Per Category** under **WPFactory > Quantity Manager > Quantity Step** in Min Max Step Quantity Limits Manager for WooCommerce, then enter the step on each category's edit page. No product-by-product editing is needed. This is a Pro feature.

Before you start

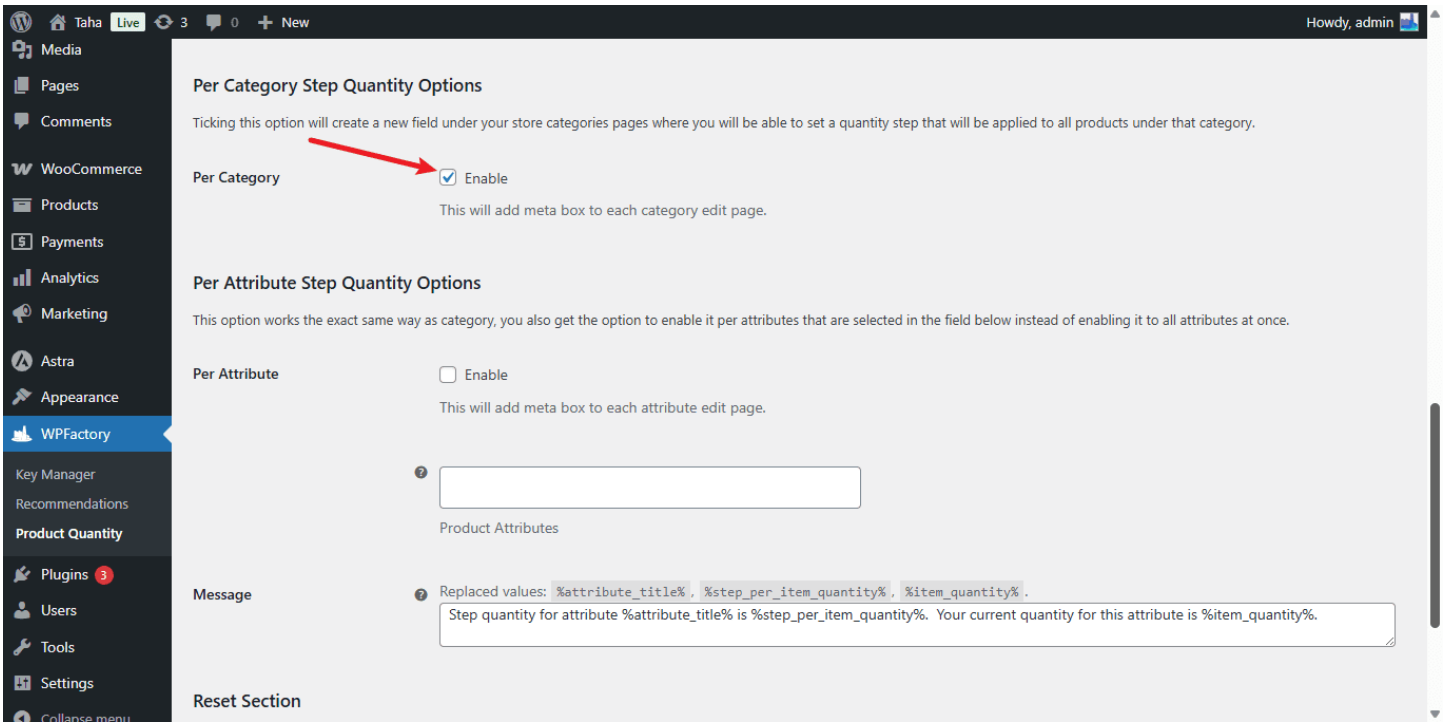
- WooCommerce, active.
- Min Max Step Quantity Limits Manager for WooCommerce Pro (per-category rules are Pro only).



Step by step

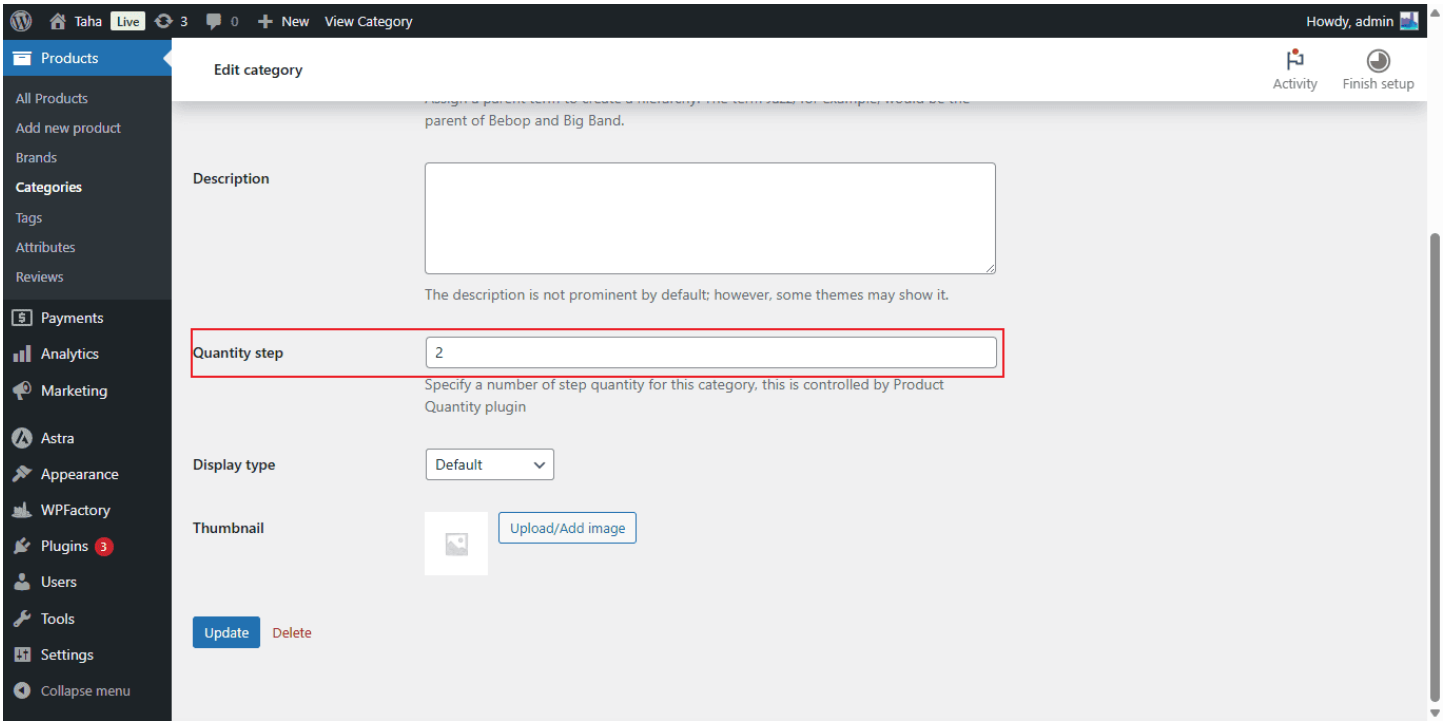
1. Go to **WPFactory > Quantity Manager** (also reachable at **WooCommerce > Settings > Product Quantity**).

2. Open the **Quantity Step** section and tick **Quantity step** to enable it.
3. Under **Per Category Step Quantity Options**, tick **Per Category** (`wpfmmsq_step_per_cat_item_quantity_per_product`). This adds a step field to every product category's edit page.
4. Click **Save changes**.



Set the step on a category

1. Go to **Products > Categories** and edit the category you want.
2. Enter the value in the **Quantity step** field, for example `5`. Customers can then buy products in that category in multiples of 5. Leave it at `0` to use the global step.
3. Update the category.



> **Tip:** if you also want customers to start at that increment, set a matching minimum quantity. A step of 6 with a minimum of 1 produces 1, 7, 13; a step of 6 with a minimum of 6 produces 6, 12, 18.

Quantity Step options

Label	Option ID	Default	Free/Pro
Quantity step (enable section)	`wpfmmsq_step_section_enabled`	No	Free
Cart total quantity	`wpfmmsq_step_cart_total_quantity`	0 (off)	Free
All products	`wpfmmsq_step`	0 (off)	Free
Per product	`wpfmmsq_step_per_product_enabled`	No	Free
Allow changing Step Quantity if stock is less than 2x of Step	`wpfmmsq_step_per_item_quantity_per_product_less2x`	No	Pro

Label	Option ID	Default	Free/Pro
Allow adding all quantity in stock (skip step restriction)	`wpfmmsq_step_per_item_quantity_allow_all_remaining`	No	Pro
Per Category	`wpfmmsq_step_per_cat_item_quantity_per_product`	No	Pro
Per Attribute	`wpfmmsq_step_per_attribute_item_quantity`	No	Pro

Which step wins

Quantity Manager checks for a step in this order and uses the first value above 0:

1. The product's own **Quantity step** (when Per product is on).
2. The product's category step. If the product is in several categories, the first category with a step is used.
3. The attribute step (when Per Attribute is on).
4. The **All products** step.

What the customer sees

On the product page, the quantity arrows move in steps of the category value. If a quantity that does not fit the step reaches checkout, the order is stopped with the **Message** from the Quantity Step section, by default "Quantity step for %product_title% is %quantity_step%. Your current quantity is %quantity%." To warn earlier, tick **General > Cart notices** (shown on the cart page) or set **General > "Add to cart" validation** to **Validate and add notices**. With **Validate and auto-correct quantities**, the quantity is rounded to a valid step instead.

If it does not work

- **No step field on the category page:** the Quantity step section or the Per Category box is not enabled, or Pro is not active.
- **A product ignores its category step:** the product has its own step, or it sits in another category that is listed first and has a different step.

- **Steps start at an odd number:** steps count from the minimum quantity. Set the minimum to the same value as the step.

FAQ

Can I set a step per product for free?

Yes. Tick **Per product** in the Quantity Step section and set **Quantity step** in the product's **Product Quantity** box. See How to sell products in multiples with a quantity step.

Can I set a minimum quantity per category too?

Yes, in Pro. Enable **Per Category** in the Minimum Quantity section and the category page gets a minimum for all its products and a grouped minimum for the category. See How to set a maximum quantity per category for how the two fields differ.

Does the step apply to the cart total?

The category step applies to each product. For a step on the whole cart, use **Cart total quantity** in the Quantity Step section.



QUANTITY MANAGER

This is a Pro feature of Quantity Manager. If you are still on the free version, upgrading unlocks per-category and per-attribute rules.

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Related articles

- How to Set Per Product and Per Category Default Quantities
- How to Install Quantity Manager: Min, Max and Step Quantities for WooCommerce
- How to Validate and Auto-Correct Cart Quantities
- How to Block Checkout When Cart Quantities Are Wrong
- How to Enable Decimal Quantities in WooCommerce