How to Use Select2 Dropdowns for WooCommerce Variations

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To use Select2 dropdowns for WooCommerce variations, go to **WooCommerce > Settings > Variation swatches** in Variation Swatches for WooCommerce - Color & Image Swatches Pro, tick **Use Select2**, keep **Load Select2** ticked, and save. Attribute selectors on variable product pages become searchable menus showing each swatch next to its name.

Before you start

- WooCommerce, active.
- Variation Swatches Pro (this is a Pro feature).
- A **variable** product. Select2 is applied on the single product page for variable products only.

Turn it on

1. Go to **WooCommerce > Settings > Variation swatches**.
2. In the **Select2** section, tick **Use Select2**.
3. Leave **Load Select2** ticked (the default).
4. Click **Save changes**.

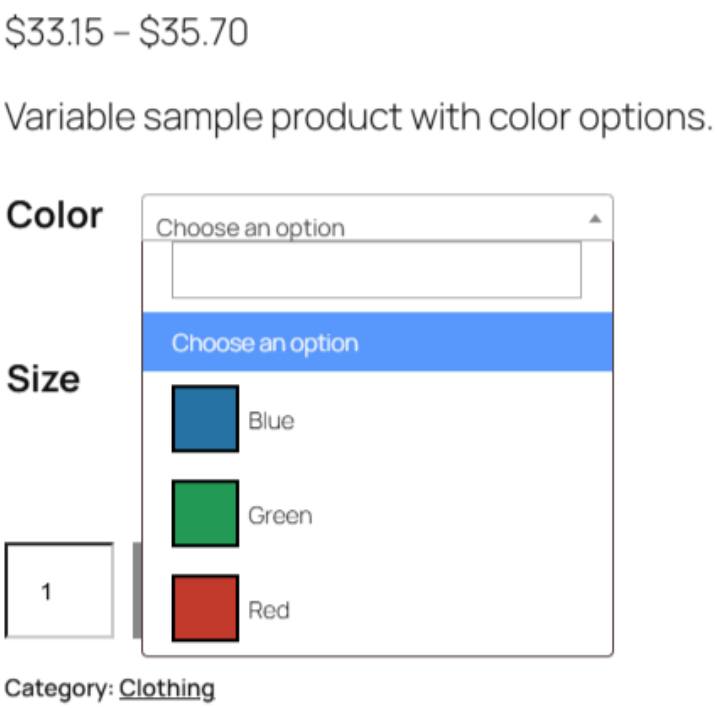
Label	Option ID	Type	Default	Free/Pro
Use Select2	`alg_wc_civs_use_select_2`	Checkbox	No	Pro
Load Select2	`alg_wc_civs_enqueue_select_2`	Checkbox	Yes	Pro

How the two options work together

Use Select2 is the switch that replaces the attribute selectors with a Select2 menu on variable product pages. **Load Select2** loads the Select2 library (script and stylesheet) that the menu needs, from the cdnjs content delivery network.

Keep both options on. Variation Swatches only switches to Select2 when it has loaded the library itself, so if you untick **Load Select2**, the Select2 menu is not applied, even if your theme or another plugin already loads Select2, and shoppers see the normal swatches again.

> **Note:** Select2 applies on the single product page and only for variable products. It does not change shop or category pages.



Troubleshooting

- **Nothing changes:** confirm **Use Select2** and **Load Select2** are both ticked, and that you are viewing a variable product on its single product page.
- **The dropdown appears and then breaks, or styling looks wrong:** another copy of Select2 (for example from your theme) may be clashing with the one Variation Swatches loads. Test with

other plugins disabled or a default theme to find the conflict, then contact support.

- **Select2 stopped working after a privacy or security change:** the library loads from cdnjs.cloudflare.com. If a content security policy, cookie tool or ad blocker blocks that domain, the Select2 menu cannot load.

Related guides

- Getting Started with Variation Swatches for WooCommerce
- Variation Swatches Settings Reference



VARIATION SWATCHES

Select2 dropdowns are a Pro feature of Variation Swatches. If you are still on the free version, upgrading takes a couple of minutes and unlocks this along with the rest of the Pro toolkit.

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Related articles

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