Getting Started with the Free Shipping Bar for WooCommerce

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Free Shipping Bar: Amount Left for Free Shipping for WooCommerce shows customers how much more they need to spend for free shipping, with an optional progress bar. It reads the minimum from your WooCommerce Free shipping method. Settings are at **WPFactory > Left for Free Shipping** (also at **WooCommerce > Settings > Amount Left for Free Shipping**).

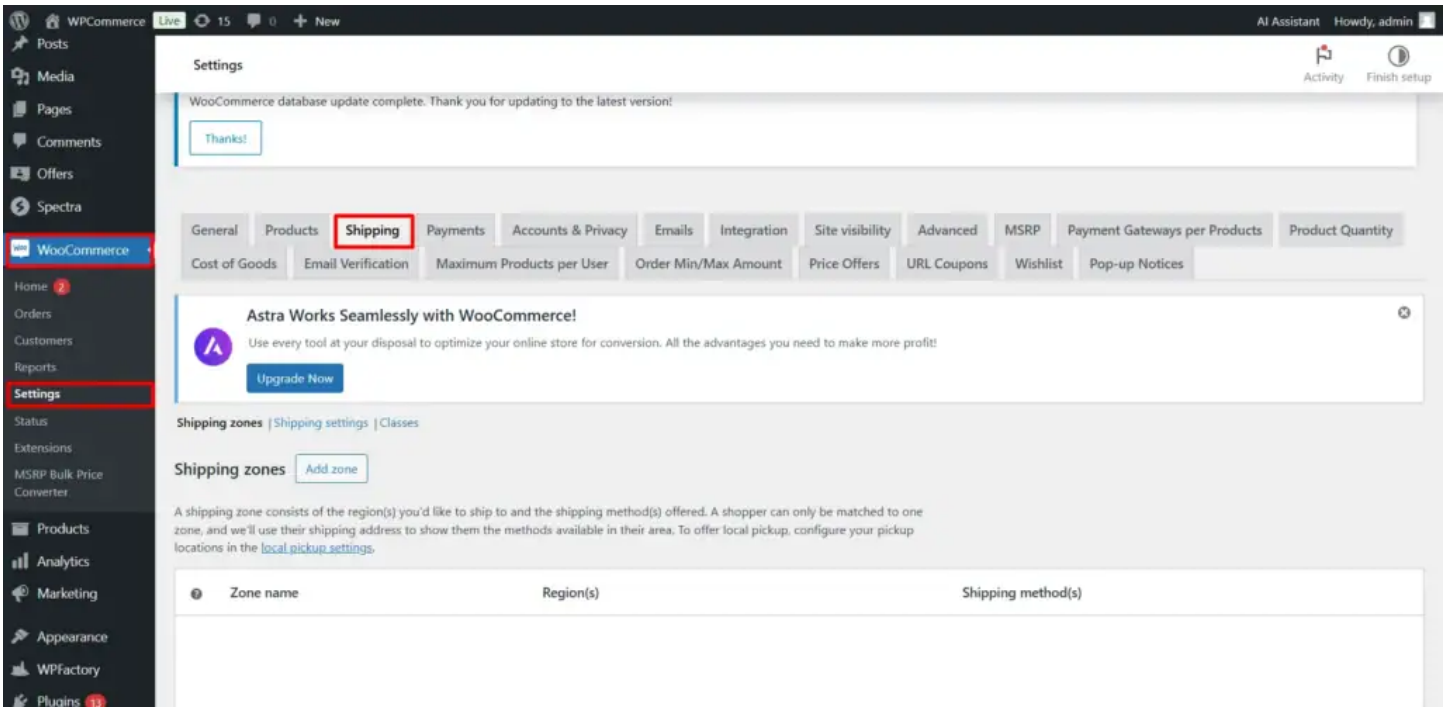
What it does

Amount Left for Free Shipping displays a message such as "$12.00 left for free shipping" on the cart and, in Pro, in the mini-cart, at checkout, in a site-wide notice or after a product is added to the cart. When the customer reaches the minimum, the message changes to "You have free delivery!". A `%progress_bar%` placeholder adds a visual bar to any message.

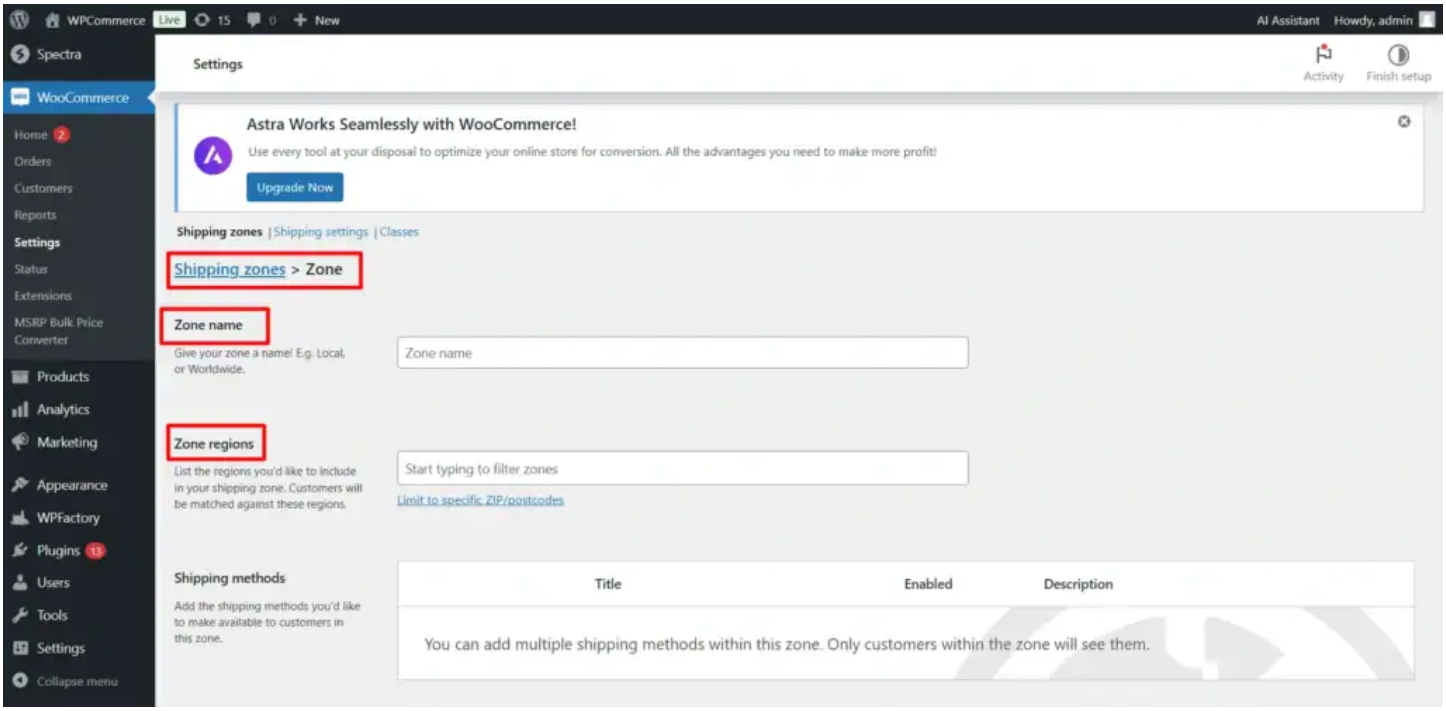
Before you start: set up free shipping in WooCommerce

The plugin needs a free shipping threshold to count toward. It reads the minimum order amount from the WooCommerce **Free shipping** method automatically.

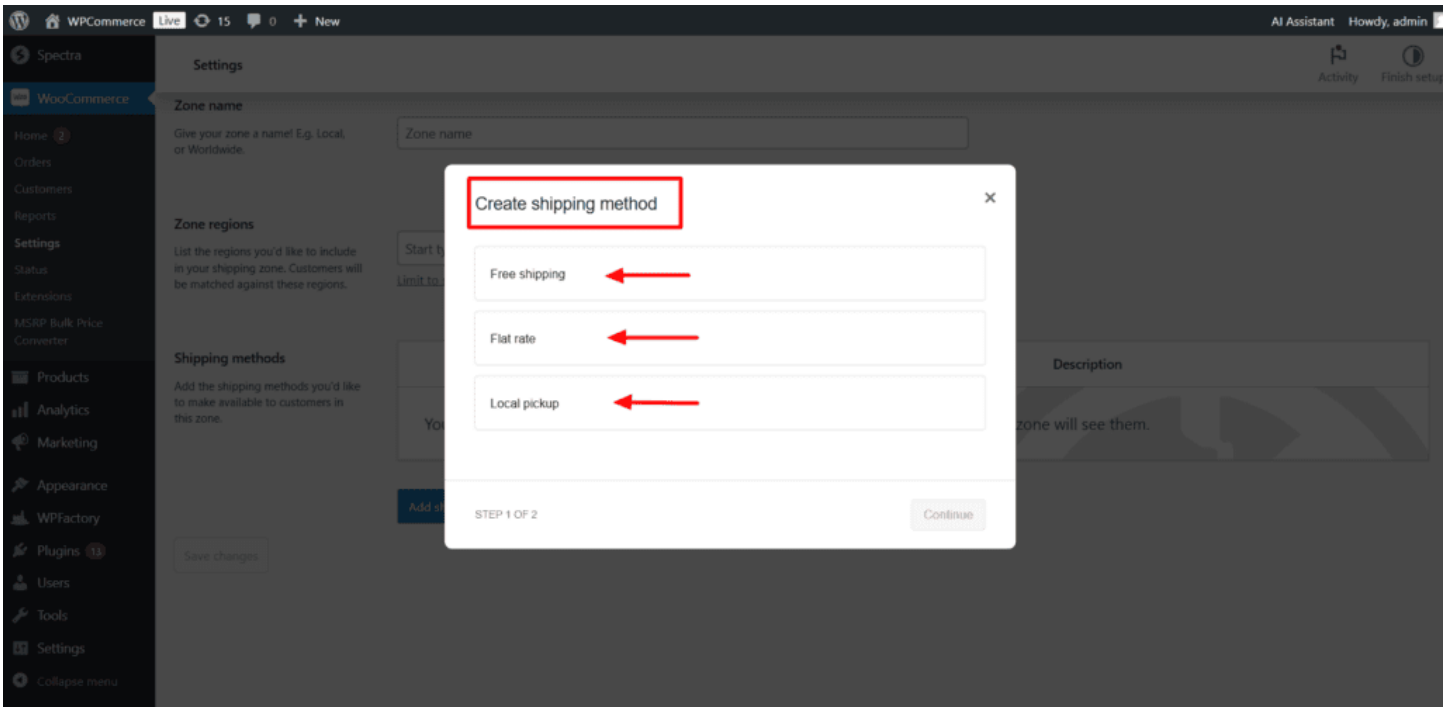
1. Go to **WooCommerce > Settings > Shipping**.



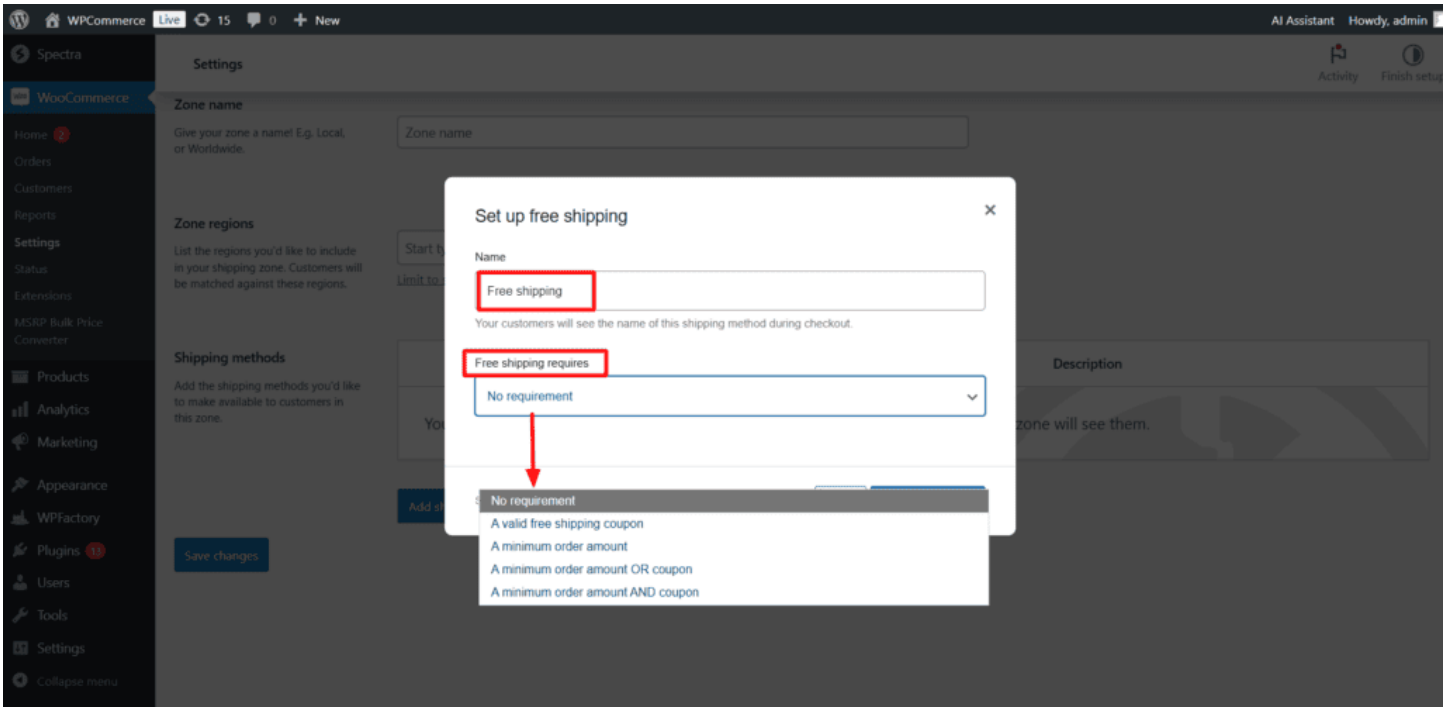
2. Add or open a shipping zone (for example Domestic) and choose the regions it covers.



3. Add a shipping method to the zone and choose **Free shipping**.



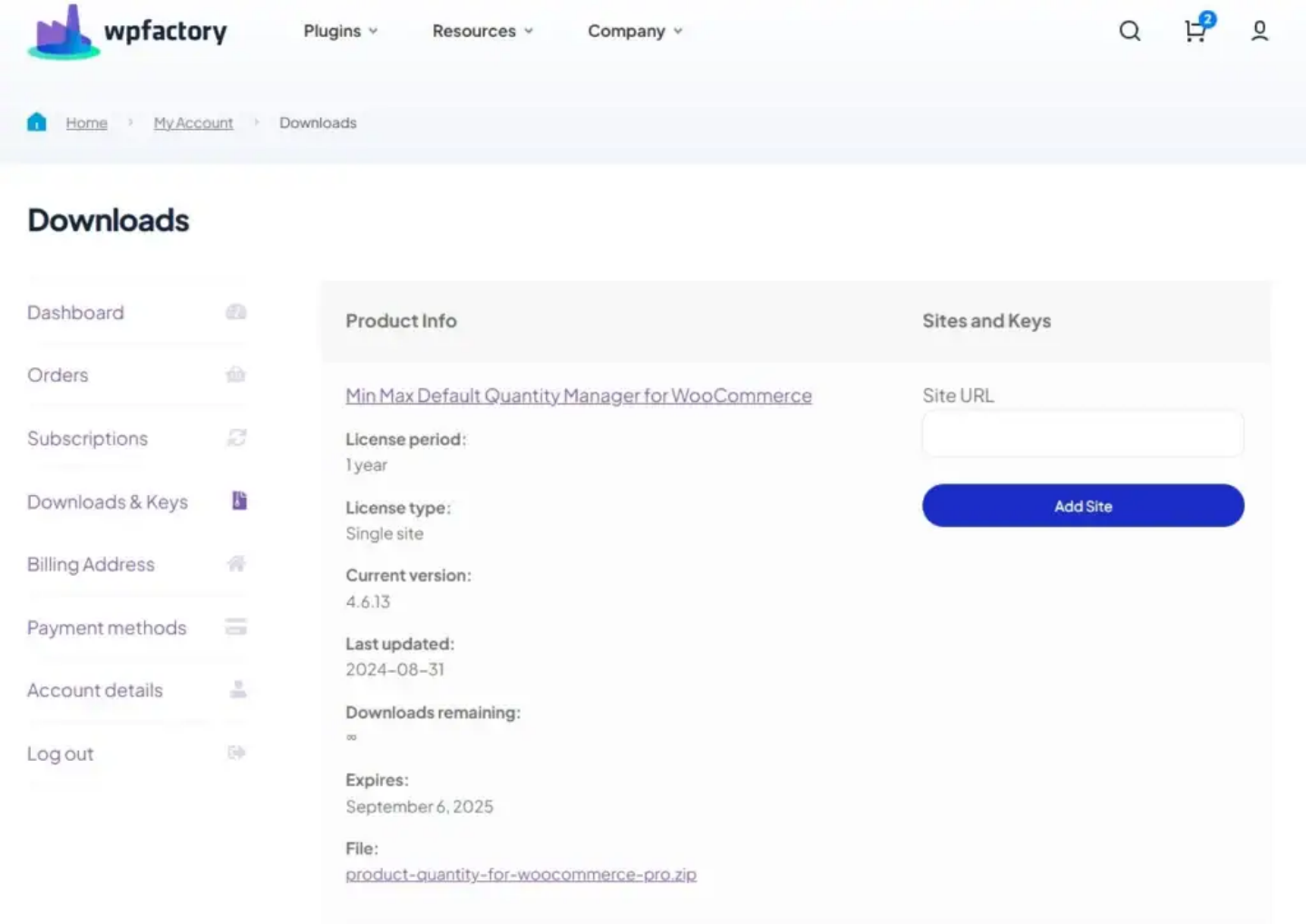
4. Set its requirement to a minimum order amount, for example 40, and save.



If you use a different method for free shipping (not the WooCommerce Free shipping method), set the amount yourself in the **Manual min amount** section instead. See how to set a manual minimum for free shipping.

Install and activate

- **Free:** go to **Plugins > Add New**, search for **Free Shipping Bar: Amount Left for Free Shipping for WooCommerce**, click **Install Now**, then **Activate**.
- **Pro:** download **Free Shipping Bar: Amount Left for Free Shipping for WooCommerce Pro** from your WPFactory account, upload it at **Plugins > Add New > Upload Plugin** and activate it.

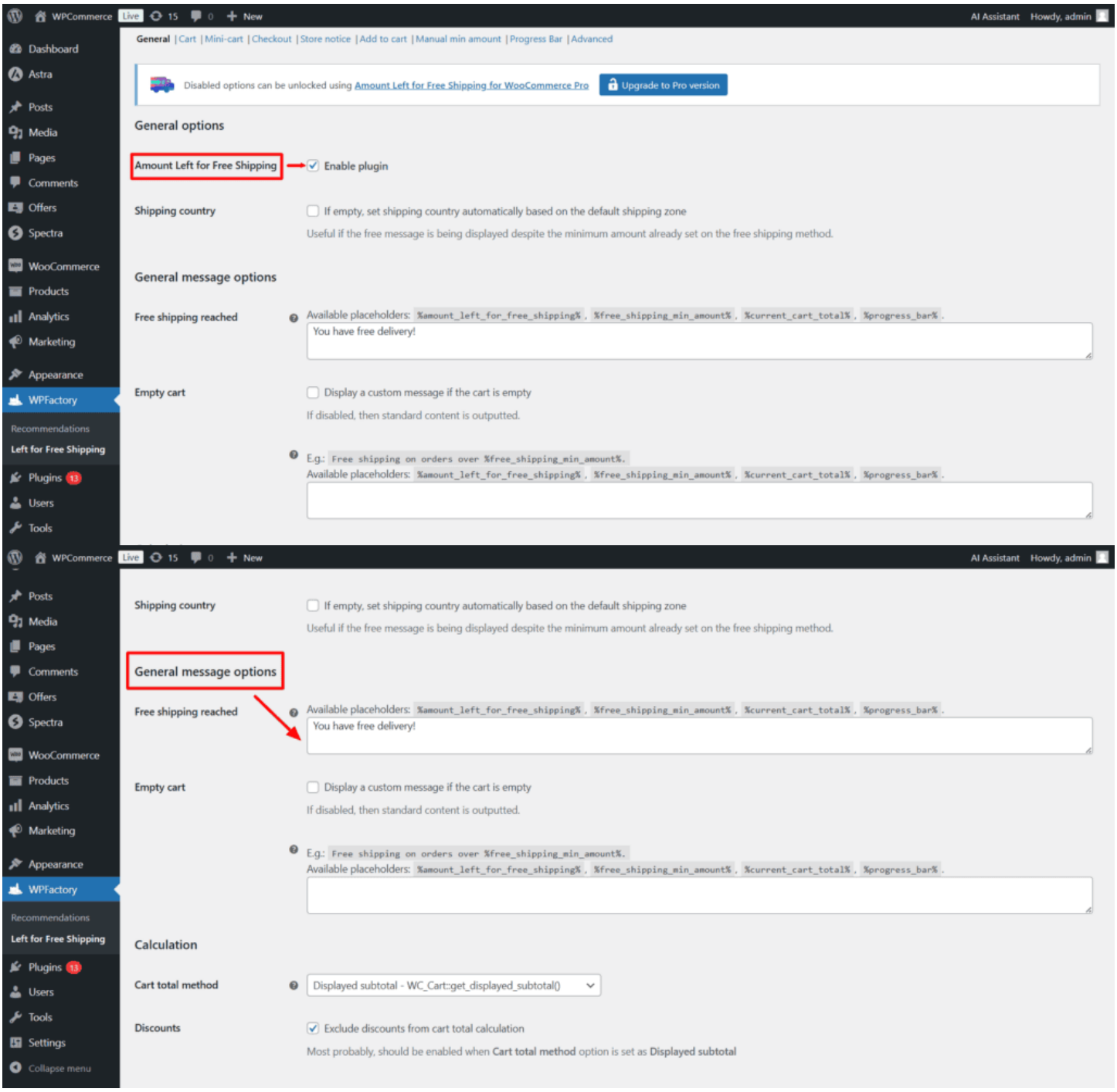


More detail is in how to install the Free Shipping Bar plugin.

First setup: show the amount left on the cart page

1. Go to **WPFactory > Left for Free Shipping**. In the **General** section, check that **Amount Left for Free Shipping** is enabled (default: on).
2. Open the **Cart** section and tick **Enable/Disable** (default: off).

3. Keep the default **Content**, `%amount_left_for_free_shipping% left for free shipping`, or write your own. Add `%progress_bar%` if you want a bar.
4. Choose a **Position** (default: After cart totals) and save.
5. If you added `%progress_bar%`, open the **Progress Bar** section, tick **Enable/Disable** (default: off) and save.
6. Add a product below the minimum to your cart to see the message.



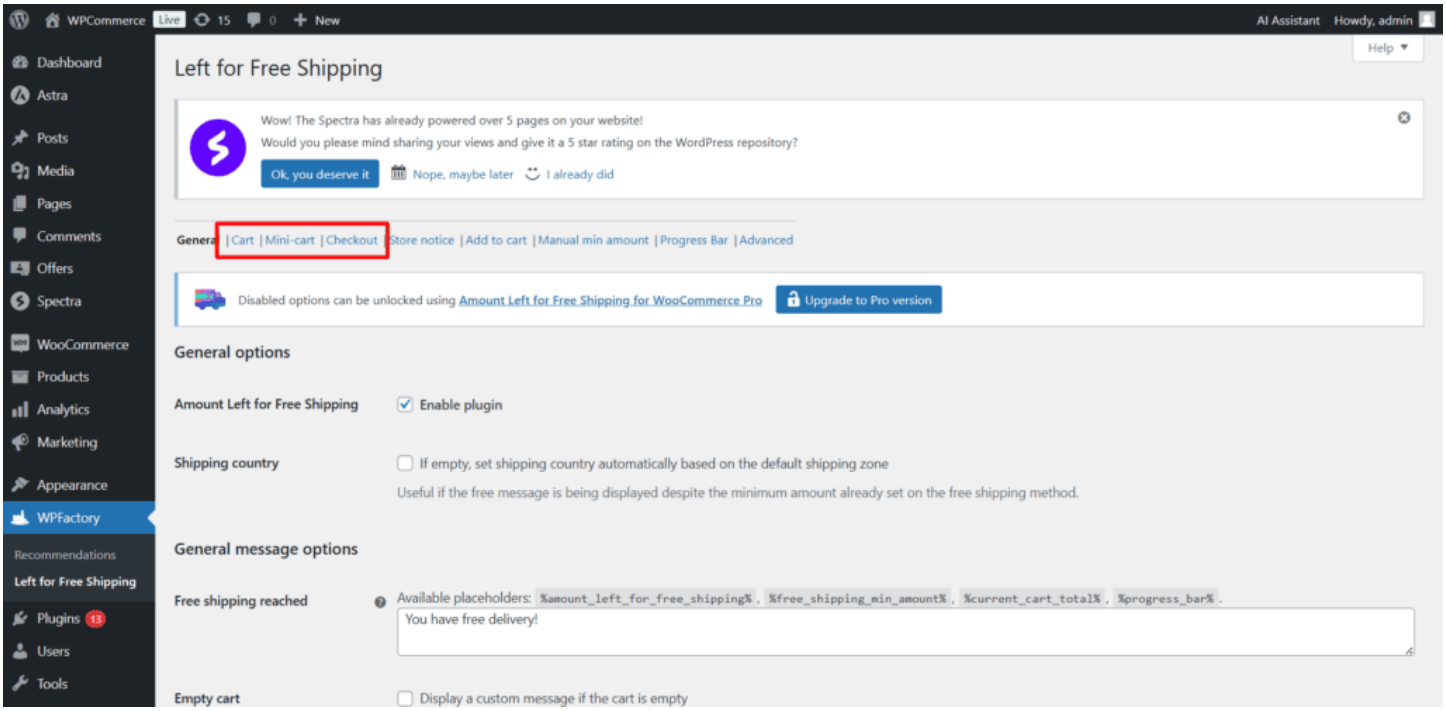
Main features

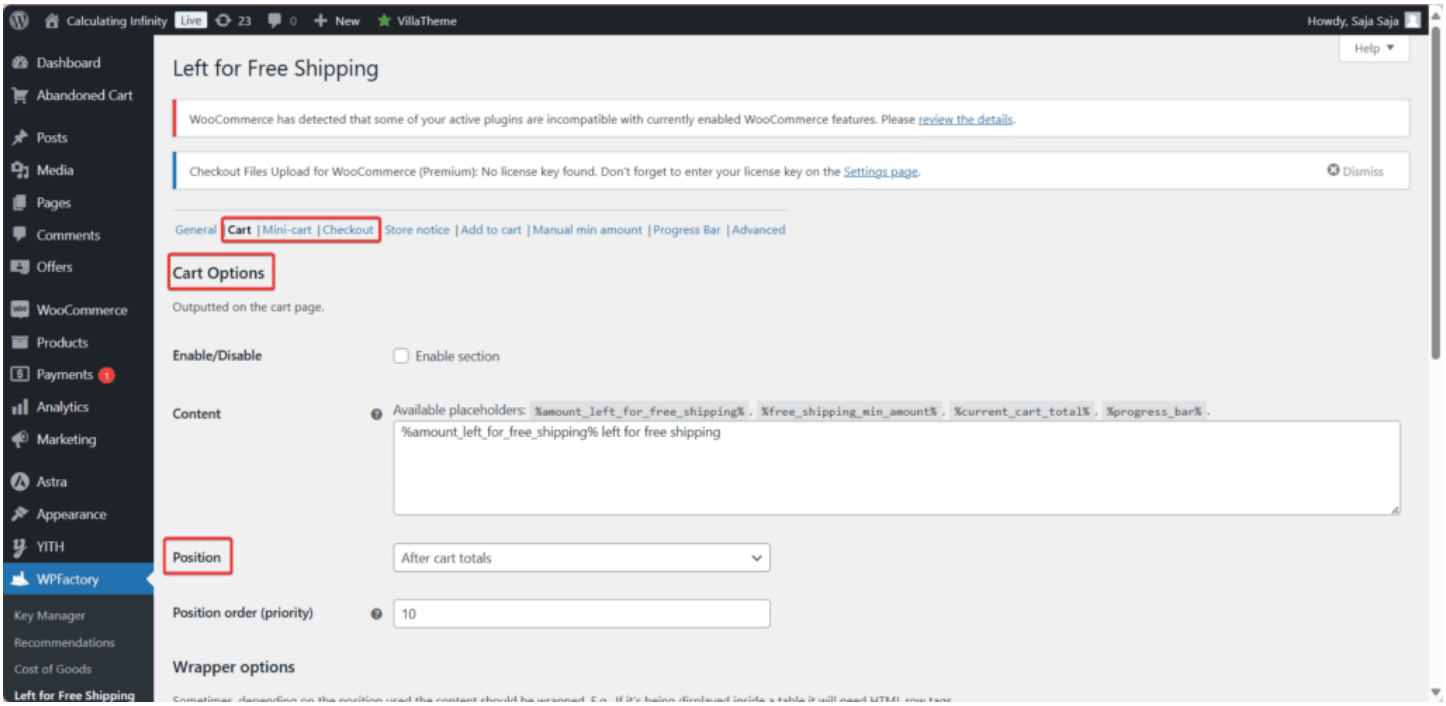
General options (Free)

Set the **Free shipping reached** text (default "You have free delivery!"), a message for an empty cart, how the cart total is calculated (discounts, shipping), **Hide shipping methods** when free shipping is available, and when to hide the message (by cart amount or shipping method; by category or user role in Pro). See General settings and hiding other shipping methods when free shipping is available.

Cart, mini-cart and checkout messages

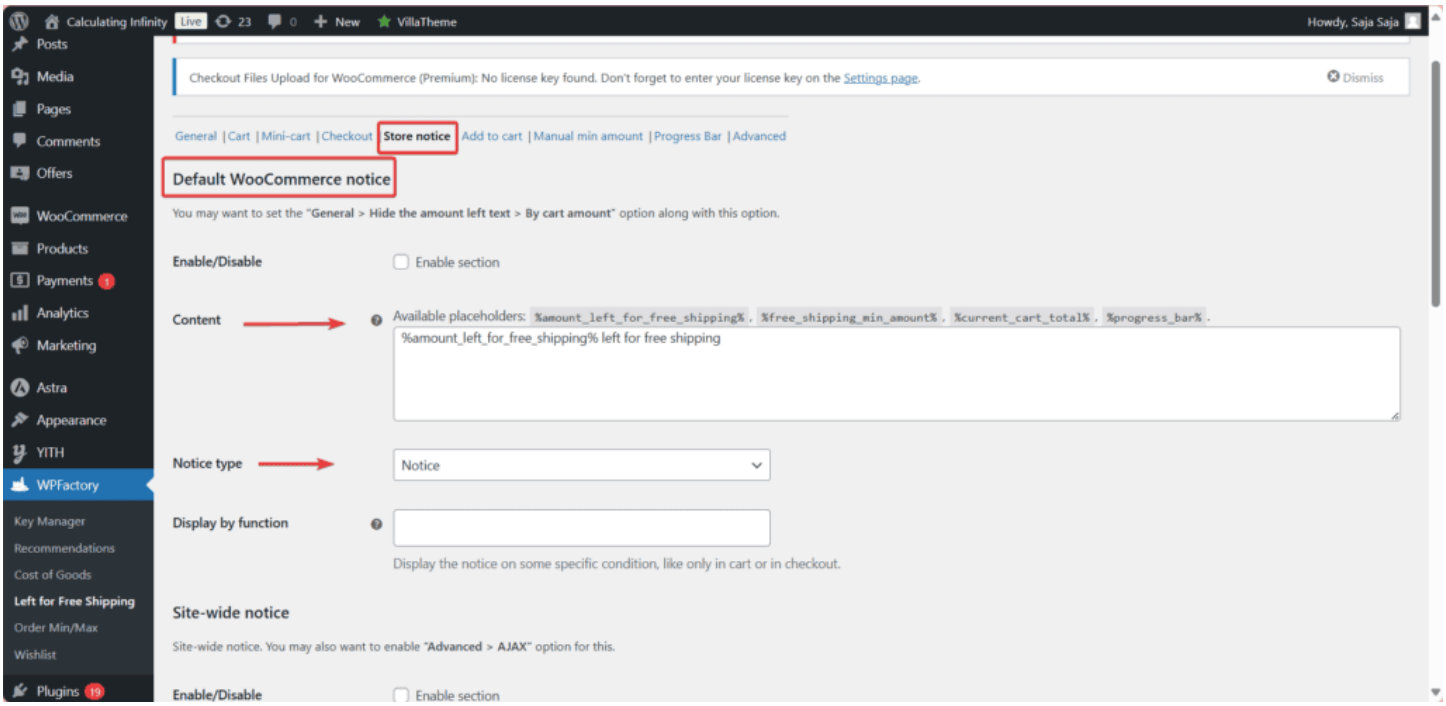
The **Cart** message is free; the **Mini-cart** and **Checkout** messages are Pro. Each has its own Content, Position and Position order (priority). See cart page, mini cart and checkout guides.

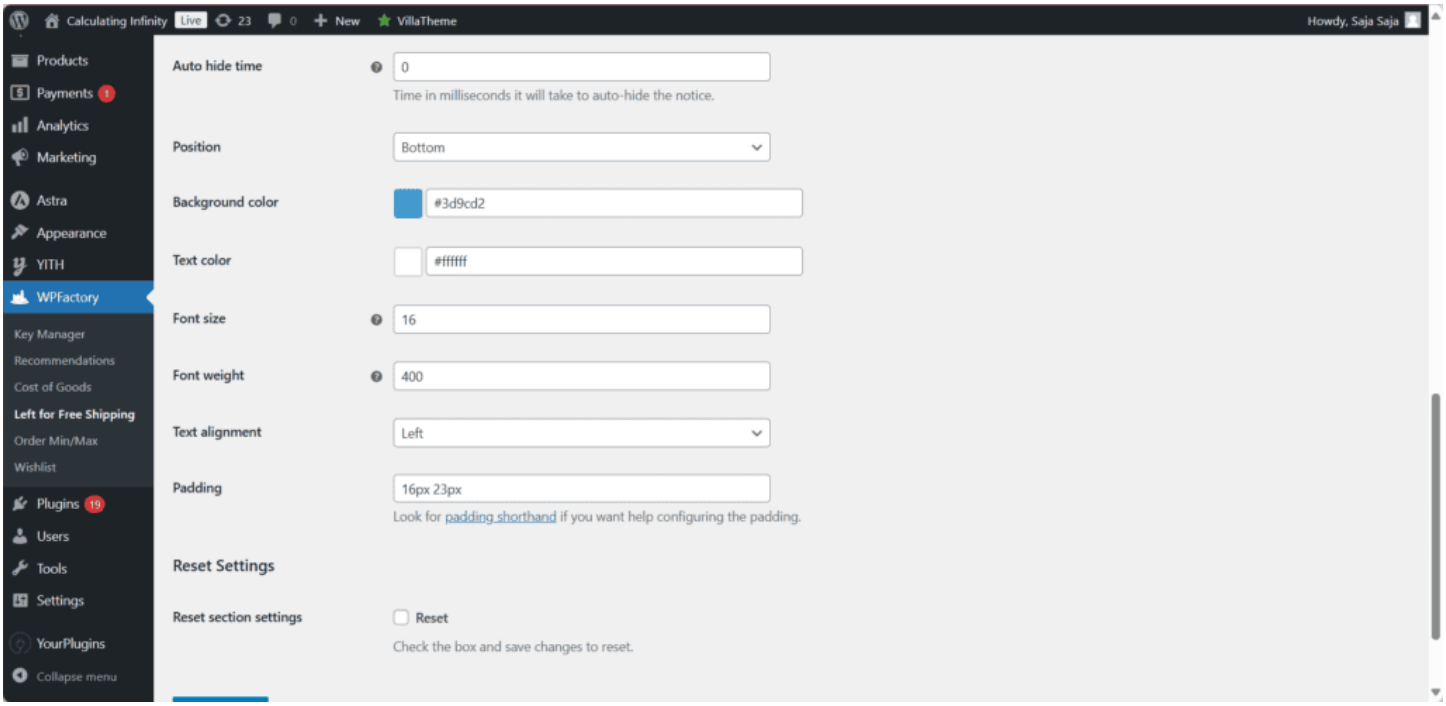




Store notices (Pro)

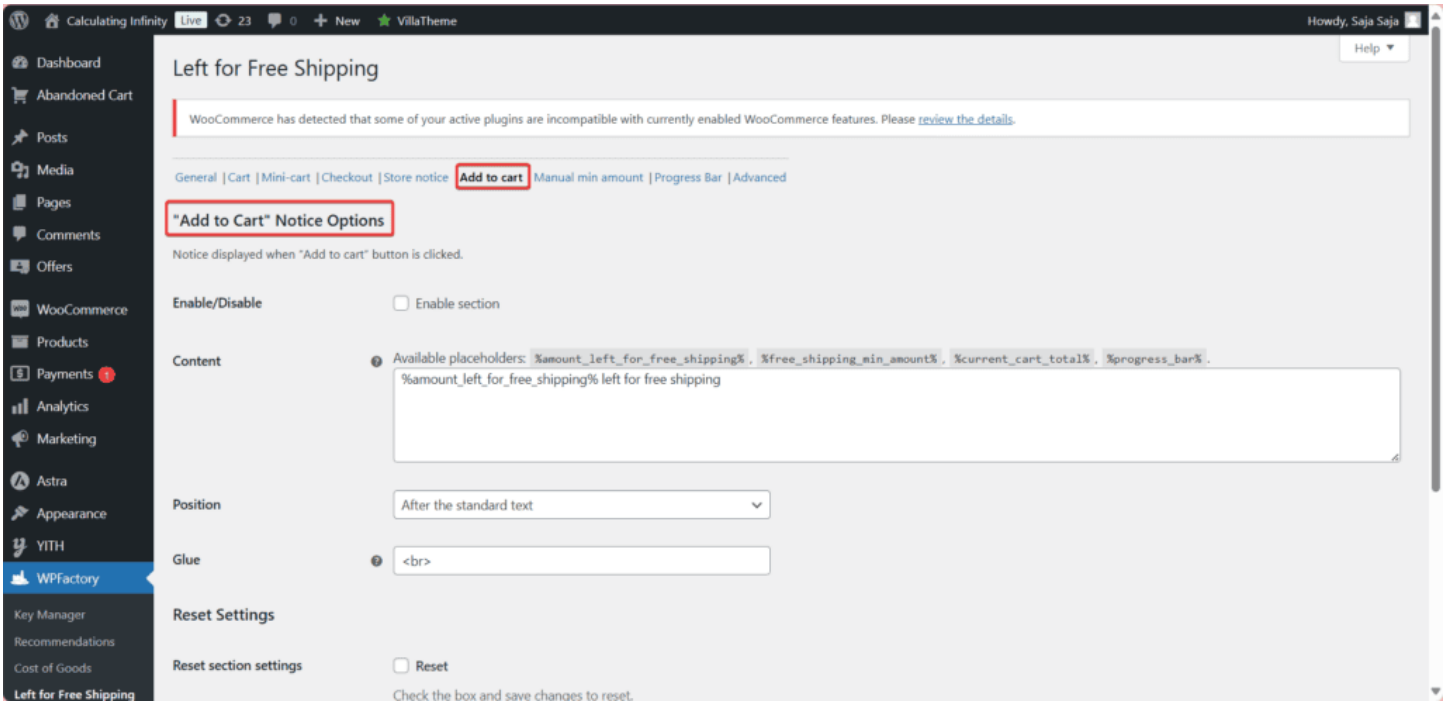
The **Store notice** section has a **Default WooCommerce notice** (Notice type: Notice, Error or Success) and a **Site-wide notice** banner with its own position, colors and auto hide. See default and site-wide free shipping notices.





"Add to Cart" notice (Pro)

Adds the amount left to the notice shown when a product is added to the cart. See add to cart free shipping notice.

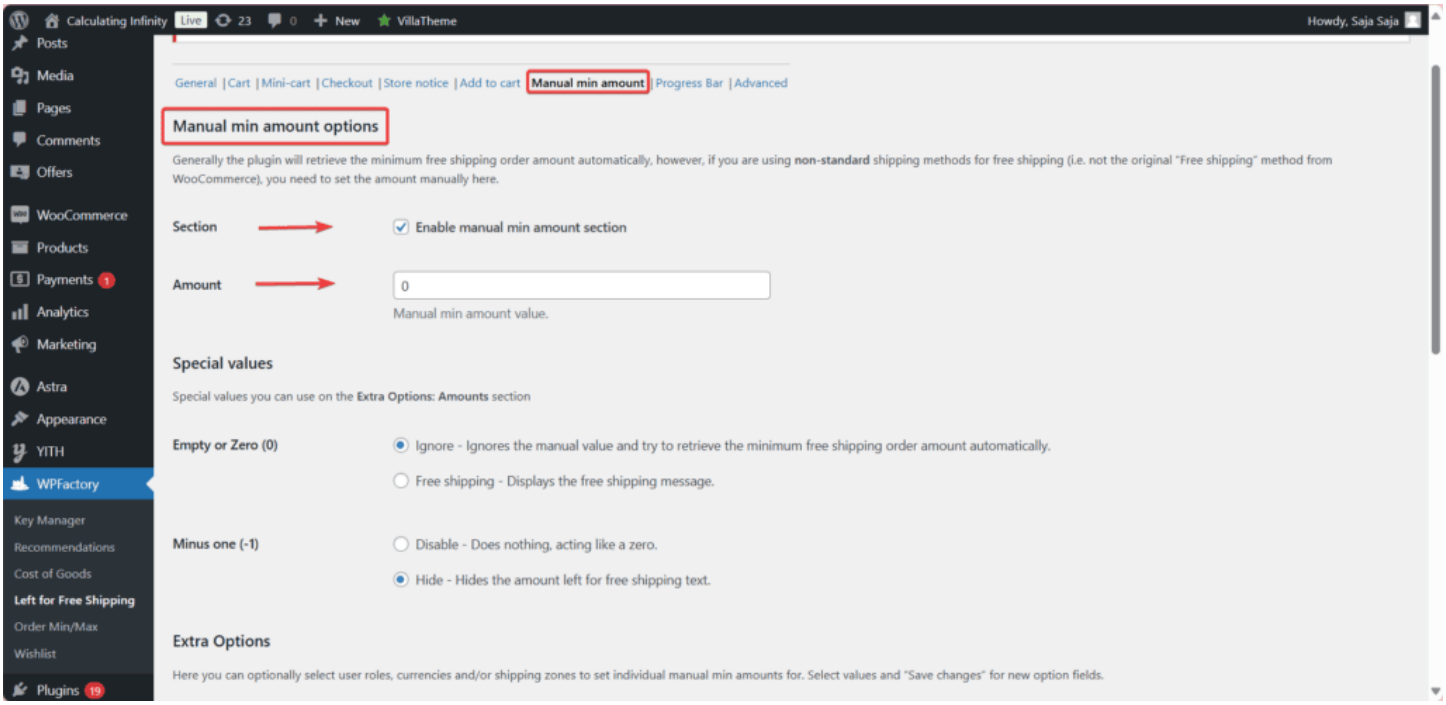


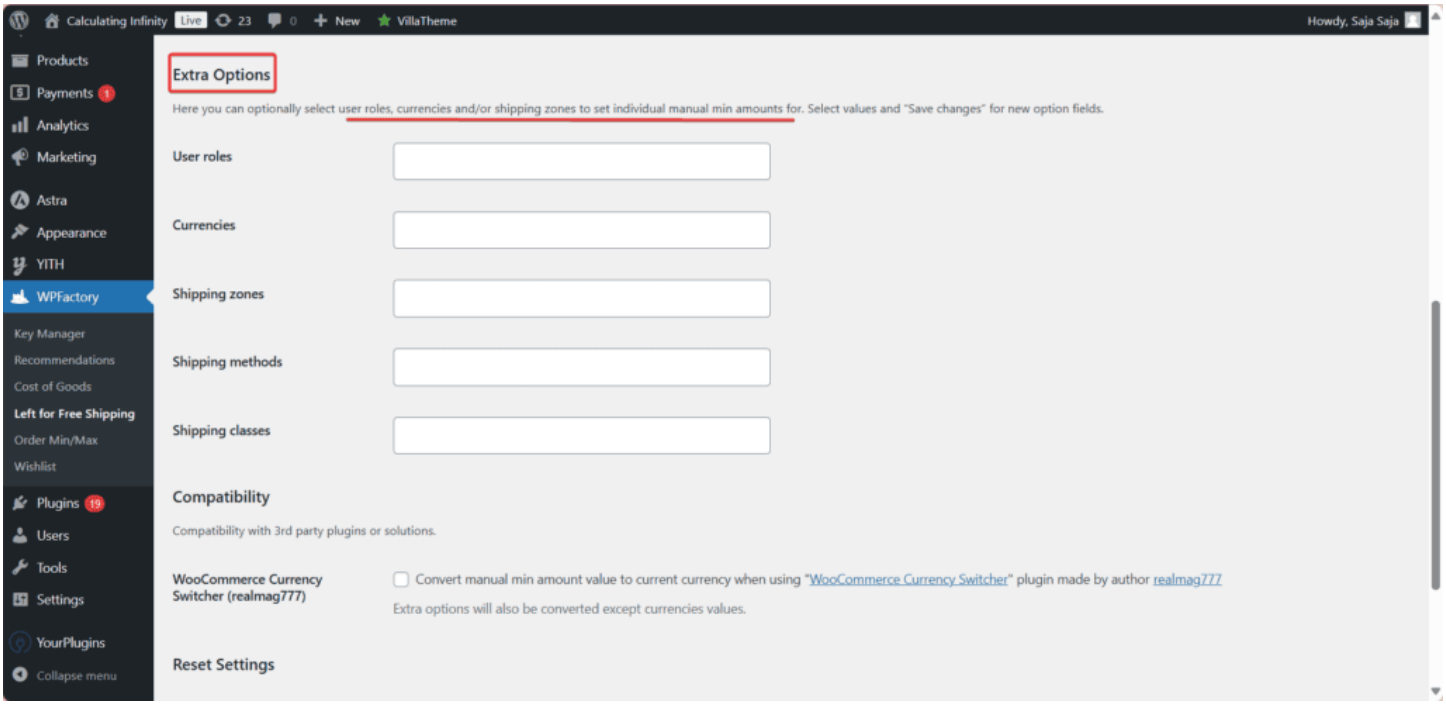
Manual min amount

Set the amount manually when you do not use the WooCommerce Free shipping method (Free).

Different amounts per user role, currency, shipping zone, shipping method or shipping class are Pro.

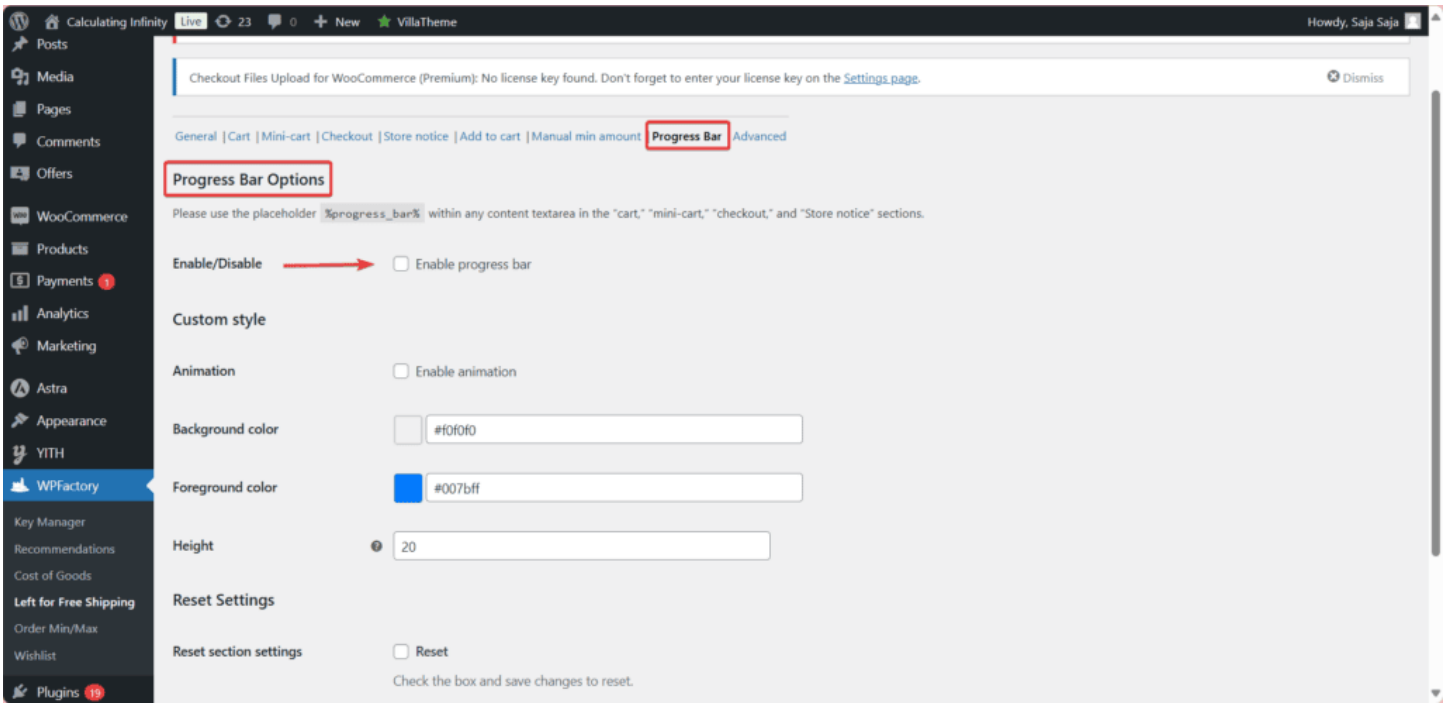
See setting a manual minimum and different amounts by method or zone.





Progress bar

Enable the bar in the **Progress Bar** section and place `%progress_bar%` in any message. Colors and height are free; **Animation** is Pro. See progress bar settings.



Shortcode and widget (Free)

Show the message anywhere with `[alg_wc_left_to_free_shipping]` or the **Amount Left for Free Shipping** widget. See shortcodes and widget and the placeholders reference.

Advanced and AJAX

The **Advanced** section has calculation checks and **Enable AJAX** (Pro) so the message updates without a page reload. See advanced and AJAX options.

Free vs Pro

Feature	Free	Pro
General options, messages and calculation	Yes	Yes
Hide the message by cart amount or shipping method	Yes	Yes

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Hide the message by category or user role	No	Yes
Cart message (content, position, wrapper)	Yes	Yes
Cart custom style (text color, font size)	No	Yes
Mini-cart and Checkout messages	No	Yes
Default WooCommerce notice and Site-wide notice	No	Yes
"Add to Cart" notice	No	Yes
Manual min amount (single amount)	Yes	Yes
Manual min amount by role, currency, zone, method or class	No	Yes
Progress bar (colors, height)	Yes	Yes
Progress bar animation	No	Yes
Shortcode and widget	Yes	Yes
Enable AJAX	No	Yes

See Free vs Pro: WooCommerce Free Shipping Bar for more.

FAQ

Why does no message appear on the cart page?

The Cart message is off by default. Tick **Enable/Disable** in the **Cart** section. Also check that the customer's shipping zone has a Free shipping method with a minimum amount, or set a manual min amount.

Where does the plugin get the free shipping amount?

From the minimum order amount of the WooCommerce Free shipping method in the customer's zone. For other shipping methods, set it in **Manual min amount**.

How do I show a progress bar?

Enable it in the **Progress Bar** section, then add `%progress_bar%` to the Content of the Cart (or another) message.

The amount does not update when the cart changes. What should I do?

Turn on **Enable AJAX** in the Advanced section (Pro). See bar text not updating when the cart changes .



AMOUNT LEFT FOR FREE SHIPPING

The cart message, progress bar, shortcode and widget are free. Free Shipping Bar: Amount Left for Free Shipping for WooCommerce Pro adds mini-cart, checkout, add to cart and site-wide notices, per-zone and per-role amounts and AJAX updates.

See what Pro unlocks →

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