



Factorize Auctions

what I need from you

Complete · tested standalone and inside the hub (Sept 5, 2026)

What it does for you

Weekly self-running auctions on top of the free Ultimate WooCommerce Auction plugin: Buy Now greys out once bidding starts, unsold lots relist automatically, an hourly tick keeps timers honest, a billing gate stops bids without an address, one-tap quick bid, the fine-print fold, and the ' % below retail — source ' link.

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Everything below is something only the store owner can supply or decide — the code side is finished and waiting for these values.

1. Auction rules

Length, increments, reserve, and the 3-day relist grace are business decisions.

Confirm: default days (7?), increment table (\$1 under \$50, \$2 under \$150, \$5 above), reserve policy, relist grace:

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wp option update factorize-auctions_options '{"relist_grace_days":3}' --format=json
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2. A live payment gateway for winners

Winning bidders must pay; Cash on Delivery is only for pickup.

Stripe or PayPal business account — connect it in WooCommerce → Payments (you log in; I never need the secret).

3. Bidding terms & conditions

Legal text shown in the fine-print fold.

One paragraph: payment window, no-pay consequences, as-is condition.

4. Transactional email that actually delivers

Outbid / won emails via default WordPress mail often land in spam or nowhere.

An SMTP provider account (Brevo, SendGrid, Postmark): SMTP host, port, user, password → I configure WP Mail SMTP.

5. Retail-price source

The 'source' link defaults to a Google Shopping search; you may prefer your own comparison URL or per-product links.

Keep the default, give me a URL template with {query}, or paste listing URLs into each product's `_et_retail_source`.

Optional / later

- Proxy (automatic) bidding.
- SMS outbid alerts (Twilio account).

How you will know it is working

- An auction product shows the countdown, opening bid, and the quick-bid button; after the first bid Buy Now is greyed.
- Sunday night: ended unsold lots relist for the next week.

Factorize — Empire Tools build · generated Sept 6, 2026 · technical details: [wp-content/plugins/factorize-auctions/README.md](#), [QUICKSTART.md](#), [readme.txt](#)