

# AA51 prefund below actualGasCost

The actual gas cost of the user operation ended up being higher than the prefund paid by the smart account or the paymaster.

## Possible solutions

- If you encounter this error, try increasing the `verificationGasLimit` set for the user operation.
- If you are using `teeth_estimateUserOperationGas`
- `orpm_sponsorUserOperation`
- method from bundler provider like Pimlico to set user operation gas limits and the `EntryPoint` throws this error during submission, [reach out to them](#)
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- If all else fails, investigate why the actual gas cost ended up being higher than the prefund paid using tools like [Tenderly](#)
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