



# HELP

## Documentation

# Advance Flat Rate Shipping Method for WooCommerce

This is the help documentation for the Advance Flat Rate Shipping Method plugin for the WooCommerce. Before installing and using the plugin, we recommend going through this manual.

If you've tried this manual and it hasn't solved your issue, please feel free to contact us at [wordpress@multidots.in](mailto:wordpress@multidots.in)

When you get in touch with us let us know the **means you've attempted** to solve the problem. Thanks!

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## Introduction

"Advance Flat Rate Shipping Method" plugin opens the possibility to create customizes shipping options. WooCommerce offers few default shipping rate options but based on your country rules and regulation and nature of your business, you always need more options to setup the shipping rates in our stores. With "Advance Flat Rate Shipping Method" we provide you options to create as many flat rate shipping methods you need and can set the custom rules as per your need. You can configure the flat rate shipping for - 'Specific product', 'Specific category', 'Specific Tag', 'Specific classes' etc.

## Requirements

- WordPress 3.8+
- WooCommerce 2.3+
- jQuery (comes with WordPress 3.8+)
- jQueryUI (comes with WordPress 3.8+) Latest browser, like Firefox or Chrome.

## Downloading & Installation

### Upload via WordPress Admin Panel

1. Log into WordPress and Plugins page
2. Select the .zip file you downloaded and click Install
3. Enter your FTP information if required and install the plugin
4. Activate the plugin

### Upload via FTP

1. Unzip the .zip file you downloaded.
2. Upload the “WooCommerce Advance Flat Rate Shipping Method” plugin folder to your WP-content/plugins directory.
3. Navigate to your Admin Panel: Plugins.
4. Under “WooCommerce Advance Flat Rate Shipping Method”, click Activate.

## How to use the plugin?

### Getting Started

Once you have installed the plugin, you have to visit **Woo commerce >> Advance Flat Rate Shipping Method** to use it. You will get this interface to add new shipping methods and configure the existing shipping methods.

The screenshot shows the WooCommerce Admin interface. The left sidebar has a 'WooCommerce' menu with 'Advance Flat Rate Shipping' highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Advance Flat Rate Shipping Method' and includes a description, examples, and a table of existing shipping methods.

**Advance Flat Rate Shipping Method**

Using Advance Flat Rate Shipping Method plugin, you can create multiple flat rate shipping methods. Using this plugin you can configure different parameters on which a particular Flat Rate Shipping method becomes available to the customers at the time of checking out.

For example, you can create different flatrate shipping methods for all below situations:

1. You can create Flat Ground Shipping - \$10 and Express Next Day Flat Shipping - \$30. Based on customers selection, charges will be applied.
2. You can create a conditional shipping method called "Discounted Shipping for order of minimum \$500" - \$5. This method will only be visible if the order amount is more than \$500
3. You can create multiple Flat Rate Methods, based on country. You can create different flat rates like "Flat Shipping \$5" for USA, "Flat Shipping \$10" for UK and "Flat Shipping \$20" for France. etc..

Shipping Method Name	Amount	Status	Action
extra_shipping	4	Enable	<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>
AfGhan Jalebi	3	Enable	<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>
extra_shipping: 1466665710	3	Enable	<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>
extra_shipping: 1466677234		Enable	<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>
extra_shipping: qa	25	Enable	<a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>

You can create new shipping methods and manage existing shipping methods from here. All the Advance Flat Rate Shipping Method that you have created before will be listed here and you can edit, enable/disable or delete it from here.

# Advance Flat rate Shipping Method Configuration

## 1. BASIC CONFIGURATION SHIPPING METHOD RULE

**Basic Configuration Shipping Method Rule** Save changes

**Enable/Disable** ☒ Enable this shipping method (This method will be visible to customers only if it is enabled.)

**Enter Shipping Method Name \***   
*This name will be visible to the customer at the time of checkout. This should convey the purpose of the charges you are applying to the order. For example "Ground Shipping", "Express Shipping Flat Rate", "Christmas Next Day Shipping" etc*

**Enter Short Description about this Shipping method**   
*Enter few words about this shipping method. This will help your customers to understand the shipping charges in more detailed way.*

**Enter Amount to Charge\***   
*This amount will be added to the sub total of the order when customer selects this shipping method. You can enter direct amount or make it dynamic using parameters. Below are the parameters you can use: [qty] = number of items, [cost] = cost of items, [fee percent="10" min\_fee="20"] = Percentage based fee. Below are some of the examples: "10.00" - To charge flat 10.00 shipping charge "10.00 \* [qty]" - To charge 10.000 per quantity in the cart. It will be 50.00 if the cart has 5 qty. "[fee percent="10" min\_fee="20"]" - This means charge 10 percent o sub total of order, minimum 20 charge will be applicable.*

**Enable/Disable:** You can disable the existing shipping methods that you have already created and do vice-versa!

**Enter Shipping Method Name:** This name will be visible to the customer at the time of checkout. This should convey the purpose of the charges you are applying to the order. For example "Ground Shipping", "Express Shipping Flat Rate", "Christmas Next Day Shipping" etc

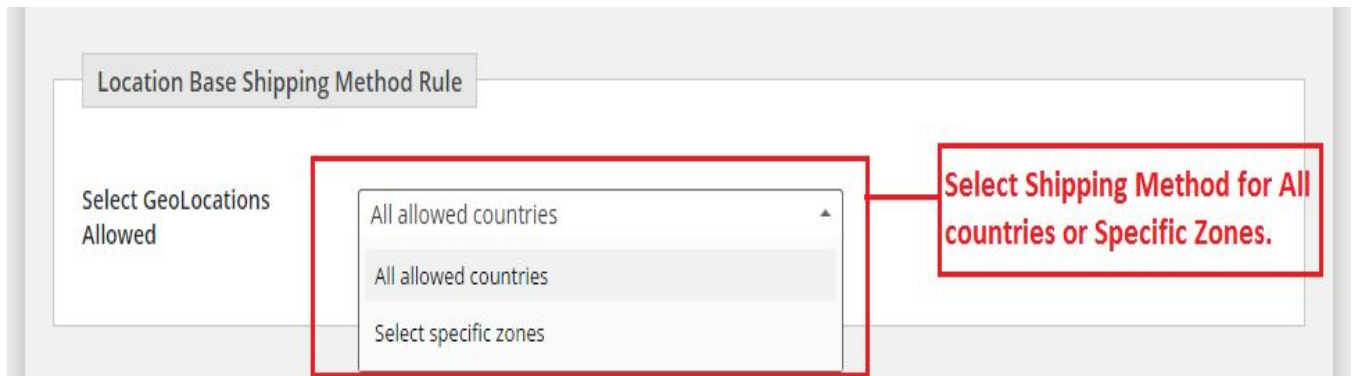
**Enter Short Description about this Shipping method:** Enter few words about this shipping method. This will help your customers to understand the shipping charges in more detailed way.

**Enter Amount to Charge:** This amount will be added to the sub total of the order when customer selects this shipping method. You can enter direct amount or make it dynamic using parameters.

Below are the parameters you can use: [qty] = number of items, [cost] = cost of items, [fee percent="10" min\_fee="20"] = Percentage based fee. Below are some of the examples: "10.00" - To charge flat 10.00 shipping charge "10.00 \* [qty]" - To charge 10.000 per quantity in the cart. It will be 50.00 if the cart has 5 qty. "[fee percent="10" min\_fee="20"]" - This means charge 10 percent o sub total of order, minimum 20 charge will be applicable.

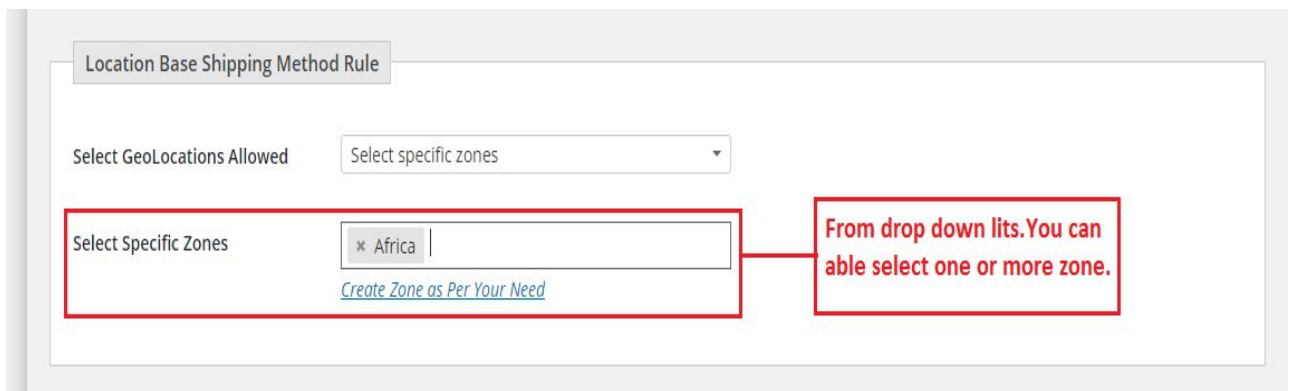
## 2. LOCATION BASE SHIPPING METHOD RULE

Using this feature you can apply shipping method by all country wise or specific zones.



- **Flat rate shipping method for all countries:** Using this feature you can apply shipping rule for all countries.
- **Flat rate shipping method for Specific zones:** You can create custom shipping zone as per your business need and you can apply multiple shipping methods on the different custom zone.

You can create shipping zones by multiple countries, states and zip code / postcode and can have shipping methods assigned to them like local pickup, Flat rate shipping, and Free shipping. Each customer order will fall under one shipping zone and it will enable respectively.



**For example,** you want to set shipping charges \$20 for Africa zone.

Now you have created shipping zone “Africa” and configure flat rate shipping method. This is method should be visible only When customer purchase product from Africa country zone.

- **Create Zone as per Your need:**

To start setting up shipping zones, go to: [WooCommerce > Add Shipping Zones](#)

## Step 1: Adding a New Custom Shipping Zone

**Zone Name:** Please enter zone name

**Zone Type:** Select regions that apply to this zone. Regions can consist of: Countries, States, Postcodes / Zips

**Save changes:** when done adding shipping zones.

All create shipping zone will be display as below:

Bulk Actions ▾ Apply			
<input type="checkbox"/> Zone ID	Zone name	Zone type	Enabled
<input type="checkbox"/> 19	European <a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Delete</a>	Countries and states Vatican, United Kingdom (UK), Ukraine, Turkey, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, Western Cape and 47 others	✓
<input type="checkbox"/> 20	Africa	Countries and states Western Cape, North West, Northern Cape, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, KwaZulu-Natal, Gauteng, Free State and 1 others	✓
<input type="checkbox"/> 16	Albania- Local	Postcodes Within Albania: 364002, 364001	✓
<input type="checkbox"/> 17	Us zone	Countries and states Alabama	✓
<input type="checkbox"/> Zone ID	Zone name	Zone type	Enabled
Bulk Actions ▾ Apply			

### 3. PRODUCT BASE SHIPPING METHOD RULE

Use this feature you can configure different product base shipping rule like specific product, category, tag, and sku.

**Product Base Shipping Method Rule**

**Select Specific Products**   
*Use this feature when you want to make the shipping method visible only for specific products. For example, if you select "Basketball" as product, the current shipping method will only be visible if the customer has added "Basketball" product in his current cart.*

**Select Specific Category**   
*Using this feature you can restrict your shipping method to be visible only for products of specific category. For example, you can create a new method like "Expensive Shipping \$50". This method should be visible only when the cart has any product from "Glass Products" category.*

**Select Specific Tag**   
*Using this feature you can restrict your shipping method to be visible only for products from specific tag. For example, you can create a new method like "Special shipping \$100". This method should be visible only when the cart has any product having "fragile" tag.*

**Select Specific SKU**   
*Using this feature you can restrict your shipping method to be visible only for products of specific SKU. For example, you can create a new method like "Christmas Urgent \$50". This method should be visible only when the cart has a product of "CHRISTMAS007" SKU.*

- **Flat rate shipping method for Specific Product:** Using this feature when you want to make the shipping method visible only for specific products.

**Product Base Shipping Method Rule**

**Select Specific Products**

#53 - Happy Ninja  
 #50 - Patient Ninja  
 #47 - Woo Ninja  
 #40 - Ship Your Idea  
 #37 - Happy Ninja  
 #34 - Woo Ninja

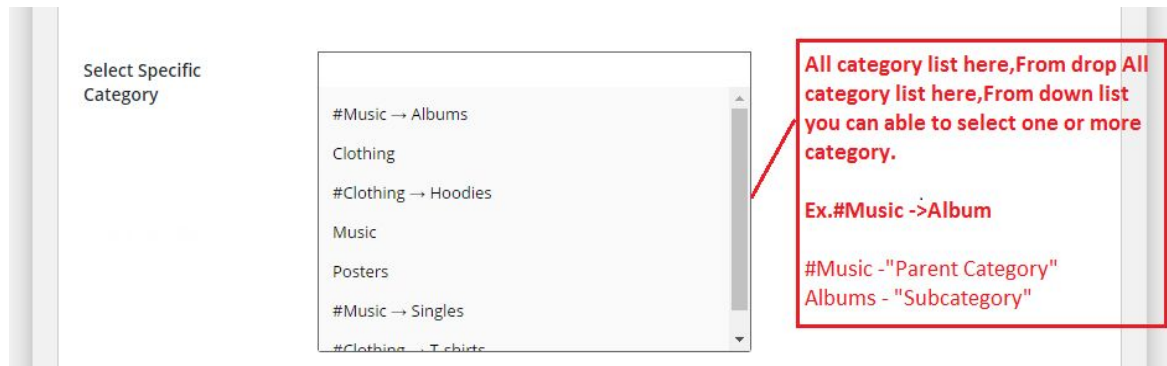
All product list here, From drop down list you can able to select one or more product.

**Note:** "#53" Means It will show Product category

**For example,** if you select "Basketball" as product, the current shipping method will only be visible if the customer has added "Basketball" product in his current cart.

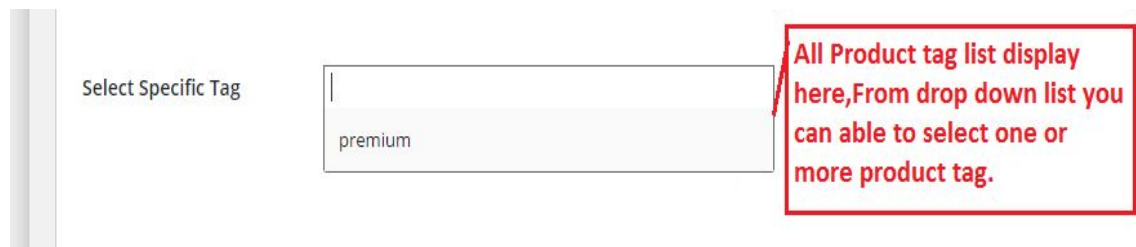


- **Flat rate shipping method for Specific Category:** Using this feature you can restrict your shipping method to be visible only for products of specific category.



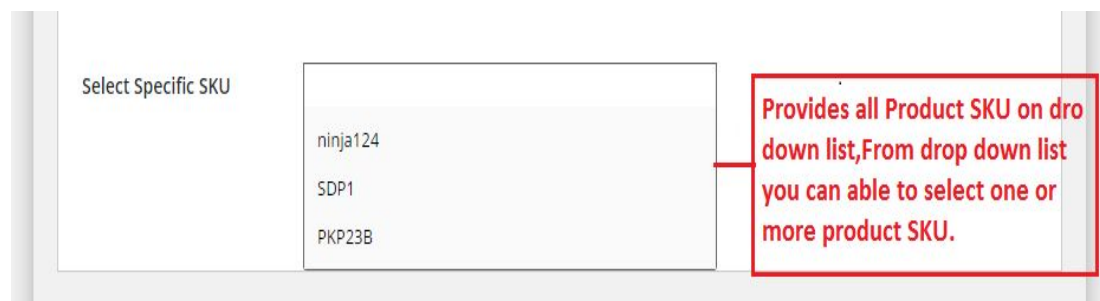
For example, you can create a new method like "Expensive shipping \$50". This method should be visible only when the cart has any product from "Glass Products" category.

- **Flat rate shipping method for Specific Tag:** This Option allows you to add shipping method on Specific product tag. Using this feature you can restrict your shipping method to be visible only for products from specific tag.



**For example,** you can create a new method like "Special shipping \$100". This method should be visible only when the cart has any product having "premium" tag.

- **Flat rate shipping method for Specific SKU:** Using this feature you can restrict your shipping method to be visible only for products of specific SKU.





For example, you can create a new method like "Christmas Urgent \$50". This method should be visible only when the cart has a product of "CHRISTMAS007" SKU.

#### 4. USER BASE SHIPPING METHOD RULE

**User Base Shipping method Rule**

Select Specific User

*When you want to make a shipping method visible only for selected user you can use this feature. For example, let us say you want to create a shipping method for your favorite buyer called "Special Shipping for JamesSmith - \$10" for all his bulk orders. In this case, you have to choose James username in this textbox. Then this shipping method will only be visible to JamesSmith.*

Select Specific User Role

*When you want to make a shipping method visible only for users from a specific group/role you can use this feature. For example, let us say you want to create a shipping method for all your wholesale customers called "Wholesale Shipping - \$100" for all bulk orders. Then you can select the "Wholesale" in this textbox.*

- **Flat rate shipping method for Specific User:** When you want to make a shipping method visible only for selected user you can use this feature.

**User Base Shipping method Rule**

Select Specific User

admin  
wooteam

*James username in this textbox. Then this shipping method will only be visible to JamesSmith.*

Provides all user-name on drop down list, From drop down list you can able to select one or more User Name.

**For example,** let us say you want to create a shipping method for your favorite buyer called "Special Shipping for JamesSmith - \$10" for all his bulk orders. In this case, you have to choose James user-name in this text-box. Then this shipping method will only be visible to JamesSmith.

- **Flat rate shipping method for Specific Role:** When you want to make a shipping method visible only for users from a specific group/role you can use this feature.

**User Base Shipping method Rule**

Select Specific User Role

Administrator  
Editor  
Author  
Contributor  
Subscriber  
Customer  
Shop Manager

Coupon, Quantity, Order

Provides all users role on drop down list, From drop down list you can able to select one or more users role.

**For example,** let us say you want to create a shipping method for all your editor customers called "Editor shipping - \$100" for all bulk orders. Then you can select the "Editor" in this textbox.

## 5. COUPON QUANTITY AND ORDER AMOUNT BASE SHIPPING METHOD RULE

Coupon, Quantity, Order Amount Base Shipping Method Rule

Select Coupon

Select some Coupon

Using this feature you can restrict the shipping method only to be visible if the specified coupon is used on the current order. For example, let us say you want to offer a discounted shipping rate for your email campaign. You can create this method like "CyberMonday 2016 Shipping \$5", and this will be only visible if customer uses the coupon you shared on your email campaign "CyberMonday2016". You can achieve this using this feature.

Order amount specific Shipping method - If less than

0

Here you can enter maximum order amount to for which the shipping method should be visible. For example, you can specify this like 500. In this case, the shipping method will only be visible to customer if the order amount is less than and equal to 500. For orders more than 500 it will not be visible. You can use this feature, when you want to skip shipping charge when the order amount is higher than what you specified.

Order amount specific Shipping method - If greater than

0

Here you can enter minimum order amount after which the shipping method should be visible. For example, you can specify this like 500. In this case, the shipping method will only be visible to customer if the order amount is greater than and equal to 500. For orders smaller than 500 it will not be visible. You can use this feature, when you want to skip shipping charge when the order amount is less than what you specified.

Quantity specific Shipping method - If less than

0

Here you can enter maximum cart quantity for which the shipping method should be visible. For example, you can specify this like 5. In this case, the shipping method will only be visible to customer if the cart has less than and equal to 5 quantity in it. For cart having more than 5 quantity it will not be visible. You can use this feature, when you want to skip shipping charge when the cart quantity is higher than what you specified.

Quantity specific Shipping method - If greater than

0

Here you can enter minimum cart quantity after which the shipping method should be visible. For example, you can specify this like 5. In this case, the shipping method will only be visible to customer if the cart quantity is greater than and equal to 5. For cart having less than 5 quantity it will not be visible. You can use this feature, when you want to skip shipping charge when the cart quantity is less than what you specified.

Weight specific Shipping method - If less than

0

Here you can enter maximum cart/product weight for which the shipping method should be visible. For example, you can specify this like 500. In this case, the shipping method will only be visible to customer if the cart weight total is less than and equal to 500. For cart having greater than 500 weight it will not be visible. You can use this feature, when you want to skip shipping charge when the cart total weight is higher than what you specified.

Weight specific Shipping method - If greater than

0

Here you can enter minimum cart weight after which the shipping method should be visible. For example, you can specify this like 500. In this case, the shipping method will only be visible to customer if the cart total weight is greater than and equal to 500. For cart having less than 500 weight it will not be visible. You can use this feature, when you want to skip shipping charge when the cart total weight is less than what you specified.

Should the shipping amount be taxable?

YES

If Tax Status is "Yes" then tax rate will apply on Shipping Cost as well. You can Manage your Tax rate by [Click here](#)

- **Flat Rate Shipping Coupon:** Using this feature you can restrict the shipping method only to be visible if the specified coupon is used on the current order.

**For example,** let us say you want to offer a discounted shipping rate for your email campaign. You can create this method like "Cyber Monday 2016 shipping \$5". And this will be only visible if customer uses the coupon you shared on your email campaign "CyberMonday2016". You can achieve this using this feature.

- **Order amount specific Shipping method - If less than or If greater than**

**a. Order amount specific Shipping method - If less than:**

Here you can enter maximum order amount to for which the shipping method should be visible.

**For example,** you can specify this like 500. In this case, the shipping method will only be visible to customer if the order amount is less than and equal to 500. For orders more than 500 it will not be visible. You can use this feature, when you want to skip shipping charge when the order amount is higher than what you specified.

**b. Order amount specific Shipping method - If greater than**

Here you can enter minimum order amount after which the shipping method should be visible.

**For example,** you can specify this like 500. In this case, the shipping method will only be visible to customer if the order amount is greater than and equal to 500. For orders smaller than 500 it will not be visible. You can use this feature, when you want to skip shipping charge when the order amount is less than what you specified.

- **Weight specific Shipping method - If less than or If greater than**

Weight specific Shipping method - If less than

150

Please enter Maximum cart total product weight.

Weight specific Shipping method - If greater than

0

Please enter Minimum cart total product weight.

**a. Weight specific Shipping method - If less than**

Here you can enter maximum cart/product weight for which the shipping method should be visible.

**For example,** you can specify this like 500. In this case, the shipping method will only be visible to customer if the cart weight total is less than and equal to 500. For cart having greater than 500 weights it will not be visible. You can use this feature, when you want to skip shipping charge when the cart total weight is higher than what you specified.

**b. Weight specific Shipping method - If greater than**

Here you can enter minimum cart weight after which the shipping method should be visible.

**For example,** you can specify this like 500. In this case, the shipping method will only be visible to customer if the cart total weight is greater than and equal to 500. For cart having less than 500 weight it will not be visible. You can use this feature, when you want to skip shipping charge when the cart total weight is less than what you specified.

- **Quantity specific Shipping method - If less than OR If greater than**

Quantity specific Shipping method - If less than

10

Please enter Maximum product cart Quantity.

Quantity specific Shipping method - If greater than

0

Please enter Minimum product cart Quantity.

**a. Quantity specific Shipping method - If less**

Here you can enter maximum cart quantity for which the shipping method should be visible.

**For example,** you can specify this like 5. In this case, the shipping method will only be visible to customer if the cart has less than and equal to 5 quantity in it. For cart having more than 5 quantities it will not be visible. You can use this feature, when you want to skip shipping charge when the cart quantity is higher than what you specified.

**B.Quantity specific Shipping method - If greater than**

Here you can enter minimum cart quantity after which the shipping method should be visible.

**For example,** you can specify this like 5. In this case, the shipping method will only be visible to customer if the cart quantity is greater than 5. For cart having less than and equal to 5 quantity it will not be visible. You can use this feature, when you want to skip shipping charge when the cart quantity is less than what you specified.

- **Should the shipping amount be taxable?**

If Tax Status is "Yes" then tax rate will apply on Shipping Cost as well. You can Manage your Tax rate by

- **Flat Rate Shipping Method apply Forcefully**

For special request from customers. We have introduced new feature into our plugin. By using this functionality, you can able to apply shipping method forcefully.

This feature is only available for **default "Extra Shipping"** shipping method. We have provided a select Class interface in 'Extra Shipping' method. Where you can choose one Shipping class.

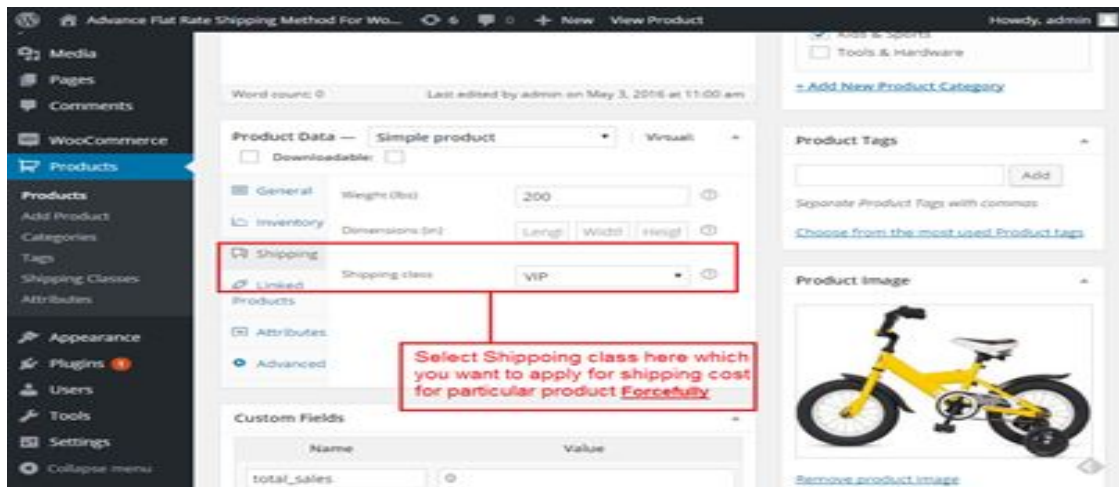


If you would like to apply forcefully shipping method then you have to create "Shipping Class" then use that Shipping Class to all these products for those you would like to add Shipping rate when these products are into the cart.

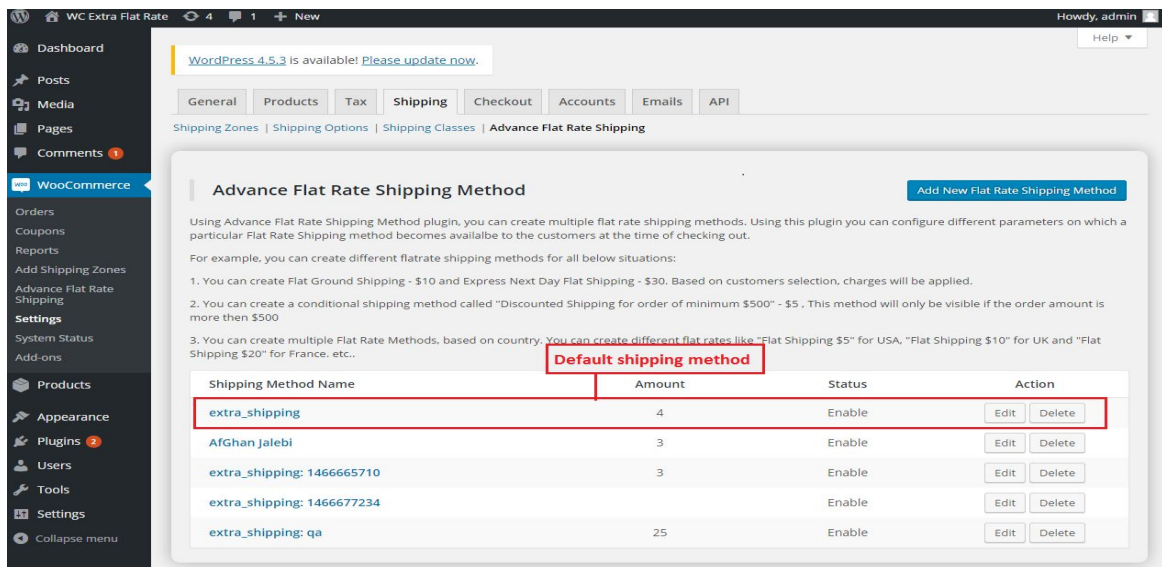
### How create forcefully fate rate shipping method

**Step 1:** Create custom Shipping class. (eg. VIP)

**Step 2:** Assign that custom shipping class to particular product." From Product edit page>> Shipping tab >>and select custom shipping class."



**Step 3:** Select default extra shipping method and choose shipping class from "select class" option.



Select Class

VIP

Select Class

First Class

VIP

Choose shipping class from "Select class" option.





**Step 4:** Add shipping class cost ( which is you create shipping class in first step)which you want to apply for shipping cost for particular product.

"VIP" Shipping Class Cost

25

Enter shipping class Cost/Amount which you want to apply for particular product.

### Cart

	PRODUCT	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
	 CYCLES	\$22.00	<input type="text" value="1"/>	\$22.00
	 Happy Ninja	\$5.00	<input type="text" value="1"/>	\$5.00
<input type="text" value="Coupon code"/>	<input type="button" value="Apply Coupon"/>			<input type="button" value="Update Cart"/>

### Cart Totals

SUBTOTAL	\$27.00
SHIPPING	<input type="radio"/> Product base ( 24 Hours ): \$10.00 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Product based (2 - 3 days): \$5.00 Happy Ninja x1 <a href="#">Calculate Shipping</a>
SHIPPING 2	Extra Shipping: \$10.00 CYCLES x1
TOTAL	\$42.00

You will see how Forcefully flat Rate Shipping Method display in front side.

[Proceed to Checkout](#)



**For Example:** When Customer purchases 'Cycle' product then i would like to apply shipping method forcefully. For Solution, I have created shipping class called 'VIP'. I have assign 'VIP' shipping class to Cycle product.

Also, in our plugin, there is a default shipping method called "Extra Shipping". In this Shipping method, I have provided option like "Select class". So you can choose shipping class. I have select 'VIP' shipping class in Extra shipping method. Also, you have to add cost for that shipping class in "Advance Flat rate shipping method Shipping Class Cost" section.

## 6. Shipping Class Base Shipping Method Rule

This option allows user to add extra cost based on shipping classes. It provides all shipping classes which are already used for product. It displays all shipping classes list with text box to add cost.

The shipping class cost will be added on the top of main cost. **For example** If you set \$10 as main cost and also add \$5 cost on particular shipping class “microwave crockery”. So, if user buys “microwave bowl set” and this product have “microwave crockery” shipping class then this shipping method is apply on cart but the cost is \$15 ( \$10 [main cost] + \$5 [Shipping class cost]).

You can enter a cost in two formats.

**For example:**

### 1) Cost = 10.00 :

If main cost \$10, if this shipping class apply at that time shipping method total cost apply on cart is (\$10 + \$10) = \$20.

### 2) Cost = 10.00\*[qty] Where, [qty]= number of products items,

For Example, If you want to add cost on shipping class based on product Quantity then you have to write cost \* qty. If you set \$5 cost based on quantity for shipping class “microwave crockery” then it will react as  $[5] * [qty]$ . Now main cost is \$10 and product qty is 3 then total costs apply is  $\{(\$10 \text{ [main cost]}) + ([\$5] \times [3] \text{ [Shipping class cost]})\} = \$25$ .

- **Calculation Type :**

**Shipping Class Base Shipping Method Rule**

**Shipping Class Costs**

These costs can optionally be added based on the [product shipping class](#).

"First Class" Shipping Class Cost:

*This amount will be added to the sub total of the order when customer selects this shipping method. You can enter direct amount or make it dynamic using parameters. Below are the parameters you can use: [qty] = number of items, [cost] = cost of items, [fee percent="10" min\_fee="20"] = Percentage based fee. Below are some of the examples: "10.00" - To charge flat 10.00 shipping charge "10.00 \* [qty]" - To charge 10.000 per quantity in the cart. It will be 50.00 if the cart has 5 qty. "fee percent="10" min\_fee="20" - This means charge 10 percent o sub total of order, minimum 20 charge will be applicable.*

Calculation Type:

- Per Class: Charge shipping for each shipping cl...
- Per Class: Charge shipping for each shipping class individually
- Per Order: Charge shipping for the most expensive shipping class

**Calculation type provide an option for calculation cost for shipping class if user apply cost for multiple shipping classes.**

[Save changes](#)

**a. Charge Shipping for each Shipping Class individually**

Charge shipping for each shipping class individually: If you chose this option then shipping class charges for each class individually.

**For Example**, if you set \$5 cost on “microwave crockery” shipping class and \$10 cost on “kids cloths” and select ‘Per Class’. User buys two products which have these classes. Then it will calculate per class cost as  $\$5 + \$10 = \$15$  as shipping class cost.

**b. Charge Shipping for the most expensive Shipping class:**

Charge shipping for the most expensive shipping class. If you chose this option then shipping class charges for per order based on most expensive hipping class in the group.

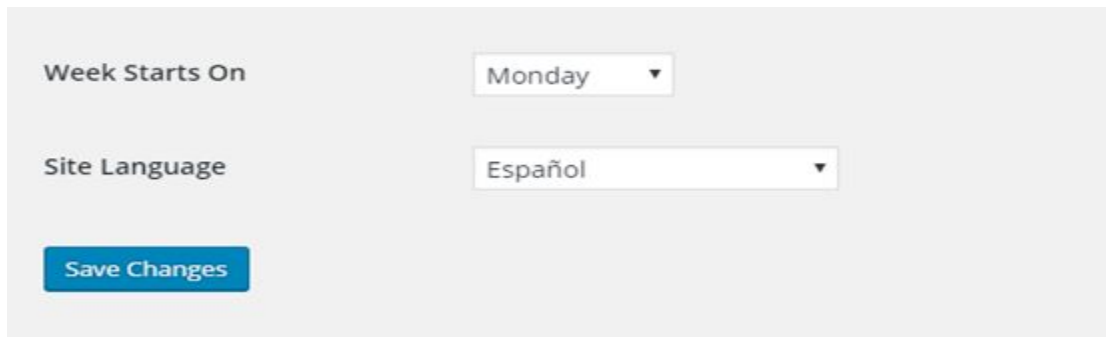
**For Example** if you set \$5 cost on “microwave crockery” shipping class and \$10 cost on “kids cloths” and select “Per order” and User buy two products which have these classes. Then it will calculate per order cost as \$10 as shipping class cost. [Because “kids cloths” shipping class is most expensive class on cart]

- **Localization**

Advance Flat Rate Shipping Method For WooCommerce will translate based off your WordPress language setting by default. The rest of the plugin was also developed with localization in mind and is ready for translation. Currently, **In our plugin will support English and Spanish language.** If you would like to add more language then please generate .mo file and load in our plugin.

**How to localization Language setting:**

1. Select Spanish Language from WordPess admin panel Settings: **Go to Settings >> General >> Site Language and select Espanol** language to translate this plugin into Spanish language.
2. After choose Espanol language our plugin will translate it into Spanish language. See attached screen shot.





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