

Livewire TradePanel

Complete User Guide

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Professional order entry and trade management
for NinjaTrader 8 futures traders.

Featuring native ATM-aware scale-in, premium bracket
info cards, phantom trading, animated kill switch,
and one-click execution.

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1. Getting Started

Installation

Import the LivewireTradePanel indicator into NinjaTrader 8:

- Open NinjaTrader 8 and go to Control Center > Tools > Import > NinjaScript Add-On
- Select the LivewireTradePanel .zip file
- Click OK to import. The indicator will compile automatically

Adding to a Chart

- Right-click your chart and select Indicators
- Find LivewireTradePanel in the list and add it
- Click OK. The panel appears in the right sidebar

The panel automatically connects to your selected account and reads ATM templates from the native NinjaTrader selector. An always-visible Active Account label shows which account will receive your orders, independent of NT8's Chart Trader dropdown.

Bar Type Compatibility

LivewireTradePanel works on all bar types including Heikin Ashi, Renko, Range, and Tick charts. All price calculations use the real market data feed rather than bar-type-specific values, ensuring accurate P&L and trailing stop behavior regardless of chart type.

2. Panel Layout

The panel is organized from top to bottom:

Section	Purpose
Header	Livewire bolt logo, branding, and PHANTOM toggle button
Active Account label	Always-visible source of truth for the attached account
Session P&L	Real-time P&L from NT8 account engine, trade count, win rate
Buy Mkt / Sell Mkt	One-click market order entry
Buy Limit / Sell Limit	Click-to-place limit orders on chart
Buy Stop / Sell Stop	Click-to-place stop orders on chart
Close 1/2 / Close 3/4	Percentage-based partial position close
Flat / Panic	Flatten position / emergency close everything
Buy High / Sell Low	Breakout entries on previous bar high/low
B/E / Reverse	Move stop to breakeven / flip position direction
Runner	Close all but 1 / move stop to B/E+2 / keep furthest TP
Account / Qty / ATM	Native NinjaTrader selectors
Config / Session / Phantom	Tab buttons for settings panels

3. Order Entry

Market Orders

Click Buy Mkt or Sell Mkt for immediate execution at the current market price. The order is submitted with the selected ATM strategy attached (if one is selected). Hovering over these buttons shows a live bracket preview on the chart.

All order types work with or without an ATM template. Without an ATM, the position opens with no brackets and you manage it manually using the panel buttons.

Limit Orders

Click Buy Limit or Sell Limit to enter click-to-place mode. Your cursor changes to a crosshair. Click anywhere on the chart to place the limit order at that price.

Stop Orders

Click Buy Stop or Sell Stop to enter click-to-place mode. Buy Stop must be placed above the current market price (breakout long), Sell Stop below (breakout short).

Buy High / Sell Low

Dynamic breakout entries on the previous bar's high or low. When activated, the panel places a bare StopMarket order at the breakout level plus manual bracket orders (no ATM), so bracket modifications never conflict with an ATM engine. The entry, TP, and SL lines are visible on the chart with full bracket info cards.

4. Bracket Management

Dragging TP/SL Lines

LivewireTradePanel uses a click-move-click drag system:

- First click on a bracket line grabs it
- Move your mouse up or down. The line follows your cursor in real-time
- A price tag appears on the right axis showing the exact target price
- Second click commits the move. The order is modified on the exchange

Bracket drag only activates in the main chart area. Clicks on the price axis, NinjaTrader's X cancel buttons, and native order labels pass through to NinjaTrader automatically. The panel only manages the cursor when your mouse is near a bracket line, so NT's native price-axis zoom and Ctrl+Pan work normally even while you're in a trade.

ATM Template Integration

The panel reads ATM templates directly from NinjaTrader's native ATM selector. When you select an ATM and enter a trade, the ATM engine places brackets automatically. You can then adjust those brackets, take partials, scale in, or activate a runner.

Scale-In Behavior (Add Button)

The Add button routes your scale-in through NT8's native Chart Trader submission path, so the ATM engine recognizes the new contracts as part of the active trade. Per NT8's rules, any leftover quantity after target distribution is allocated to the first target. If you want a different distribution after adding, right-click the overfull target and choose Separate 1 Contract — NT's native redistribution feature is fully supported in non-phantom mode.

5. Position Management

All position management buttons read directly from your NinjaTrader account in real-time.

They never rely on cached state, ensuring reliability after scale-ins, external fills, or ATM bracket changes.

Button	Action
Flatten	Cancels all working orders and closes the position at market. Always reads the real account position
Panic	Emergency version of Flatten. Cancels everything for this instrument, closes position, resets all tracking
Close 1/2	Closes 50% of your position at market. Adjusts bracket quantities. Keeps at least 1 contract
Close 3/4	Closes 75% of your position at market. Same bracket adjustment as Close 1/2
B/E	Moves stop to breakeven (account average price + 1 tick). Correct after scale-ins
Reverse	Flattens current position and immediately enters in the opposite direction
Add	Adds contracts via NT's native submission so the ATM handles bracket adjustment natively
Runner	Closes all but 1 contract, moves stop to B/E + 2 ticks, keeps furthest target

P&L Accuracy:

The floating P&L reads directly from NinjaTrader's `Position.GetUnrealizedProfitLoss()` — the exact same calculation NinjaTrader uses in its own displays.

6. Kill Switch

The Kill Switch is a discipline enforcement tool that automatically flattens your position and locks all trading buttons when a threshold is hit. Enable it in the Config tab.

Trigger	What It Does
Profit Target	Locks trading when daily P&L reaches your target (e.g., +\$500)
Loss Limit	Flattens and locks when daily P&L hits your loss limit (e.g., -\$300)
Max Trades	Locks after a set number of trades per session
Consecutive Losses	Tilt detection. Locks after N losses in a row

What Happens When Kill Switch Fires

- All working orders are cancelled instantly
- Position is flattened at market
- All buttons grayed out and disabled
- Animated banner appears on chart showing trigger type and amount
- Trading locked until daily auto-reset at 3:55 PM CT or manual reset

7. Phantom Trading

Phantom Mode lets you practice trading with zero risk. No real orders are ever placed. The entire panel transforms to a purple color scheme so you always know you're in phantom mode.

Activating Phantom Mode

- Click the PHANTOM button in the panel header (top right)
- Or open the Phantom tab and click Activate Phantom Mode

What Changes in Phantom Mode

- All buttons turn purple
- Active Account label shows PHANTOM instead of your real account
- P&L header switches to phantom session stats
- Chart shows purple entry, TP, and SL lines with solid rendering
- All management buttons (B/E, Close 1/2, Runner) work on the phantom position

Safety boundary: right-click order entry is fully blocked in phantom mode.

The panel intercepts MouseDown, MouseUp, and ContextMenuOpening events, so even if you right-click the chart and try to place a limit or stop order, nothing is submitted. Phantom mode cannot leak a real order to your account.

Phantom mode uses the same ATM template distances as live trading. Fill simulation uses the current bid/ask price. All bracket management works identically to live trading.

8. Config Tab

Setting	Description
Streamer Mode	Hides P&L and sensitive numbers. Bracket info cards hide the detail row
Trade Preview	Toggle hover preview on/off. Shows bracket preview when hovering entry buttons
Shaded Zones	Toggle green/red shaded zones while in a trade. Zones update after scale-ins
Trailing Stop	Off, Tick, High/Low, ATR, PSAR, or SuperTrend. Only applies to manually-managed brackets
Tick Offset	Number of ticks offset for Tick trailing stop mode
Bar Lookback	Number of bars for High/Low trailing mode
Time Filter	Restrict trading to specific hours (e.g., 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM CT)
Kill Switch	Enable/disable and configure all four trigger types

Note:

Auto-breakeven has been removed from the panel config. ATM templates handle breakeven natively through NinjaTrader's ATM Advanced Options.

9. Session Tab

Metric	Description
Profit Factor	Gross profit divided by gross loss
Expectancy	Average P&L per trade
Avg Win / Avg Loss	Average winning trade vs average losing trade
Best / Worst Trade	Largest single win and loss
Streak	Current win/loss streak
Max Drawdown	Largest peak-to-trough decline
Time of Day P&L	Hourly bar chart showing most profitable hours
Insights	Behavioral patterns and suggestions

Session data persists across chart reloads within the same NinjaTrader session. Per-account session files save to disk so P&L and trade history survive indicator restarts. Data resets at the daily session boundary or when NinjaTrader restarts.

10. Chart Visuals

Bracket Info Cards

Each TP and SL line displays a premium info card with a dark translucent background and white border (matching the floating P&L style):

- Row 1: Label (TP1, SL) in accent color + Price in bright white
- Row 2: P&L and ticks in accent color + R:R badge pill + qty badge pill
- 4px solid color accent stripe on the left edge (green for TP, red for SL)
- Cards positioned on the right side, clear of NinjaTrader's native controls

Floating P&L

Centered between entry and current price. Reads directly from NinjaTrader's position engine for exact accuracy. Dark translucent background with white border. Green text when profitable, red when losing.

Price Axis Tags

When dragging a TP or SL line, a colored price tag appears on the right axis showing the exact price you're moving to. Solid colored fill with a left-pointing arrow notch.

Shaded Zones

Green and red semi-transparent zones between entry and TP/SL lines. Update automatically when entry price changes (e.g., after adding contracts). Toggle in Config tab.

11. Keyboard & Mouse

Click-to-Place System

- Click the Limit or Stop button to enter placement mode
- Click on the chart at your desired price level
- The order is placed and bracket preview appears
- Click the button again to cancel without placing

Click-Move-Click Drag

- Click near a bracket line to grab it
- Move mouse to new position. Price axis tag shows exact price
- Click again to commit the move
- Drag only activates in the main chart area, not the price axis

Native Right-Click Features

In non-phantom mode, right-click is fully passed through to NinjaTrader's native chart menu. You can:

- Right-click a TP with multiple contracts → Separate 1 Contract (redistribution after Add)
- Right-click on chart → Buy Limit / Sell Limit / Stop orders at the right-click price
- Right-click on order lines → native order management (modify, cancel, etc.)

Price Axis Interaction

The price axis (right side of chart) is fully controlled by NinjaTrader:

- Click and drag up/down to scale the price axis
- Double-click to reset to auto-scale
- Right-click for axis properties
- Click the X button on an order line to cancel that specific order

The panel detects clicks on NinjaTrader's native controls and passes them through. Your bracket drag will never interfere with NinjaTrader's built-in functionality, and NT's cursor for price-axis zoom and Ctrl+Pan is never clobbered.

12. Troubleshooting

Issue	Solution
Panel doesn't appear	Make sure you're connected to a live or sim data feed. The panel requires a real-time connection
Buttons are grayed out	Check if the Kill Switch is engaged, or verify the Active Account label shows your account. If the label shows NO ACCOUNT ATTACHED, select one in Chart Trader
ATM not attaching	Make sure an ATM template is selected in the dropdown below the account selector
Bracket lines not draggable	Bracket drag only works in the main chart area. Clicks near the price axis pass through to NinjaTrader
Scale-in stacks all qty on TP1	This is NinjaTrader's native rule for distributing new contracts. Right-click the overfull TP and choose Separate 1 Contract to redistribute
Chart zoom / Ctrl+Pan not working	The panel only manages the cursor when your mouse is near a bracket line, so NT's native controls work normally. If they fail, reload the indicator
P&L doesn't match	The panel reads P&L directly from NinjaTrader's position engine. Try reloading the indicator
Blank account dropdown in playback	NT8 Playback shows a blank dropdown but the Active Account label always shows the real attached account. This is a cosmetic NT8 quirk — trading works normally