

Zpattern user guide

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Trading system basic rules:

Long signal:

- ❖ Point 1: The high in an up trending currency market.
- ❖ Point 2: A downward correction in the uptrend, the lowest bar in the correction before the price moves back up to point 3.
- ❖ Point 3: The high in the move up from point 2, which is higher than point 1.
- ❖ Point 4: A downward correction from point 3 forming a higher low than point 1.
- ❖ Go long at the breakout below point 1 level.

Short signal:

- ❖ Point 1: The low in a down trending currency market.
- ❖ Point 2: An upward correction in the downtrend, the highest bar in the correction before the price falls back up to point 3.
- ❖ Point 3: The low in the move down from point 2, which is lower than point 1.
- ❖ Point 4: An upward correction from point 3 forming a lower high than point 1.
- ❖ Go short at the breakout above point 1 level.

Exits:

- ❖ By an opposite signal, stop loss or take profit levels.

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Before installing this expert advisor go to Tools → Options → Expert Advisors and make sure that “Allow DLL imports” is enabled and “Confirm DLL function calls” is disabled.

Entry and Exit Conditions

ManualLevel: Manually defined price level that triggers an entry. ZigZag is not used for a pattern.

ZigZagType: 1 means default Metatrader ZigZag is used, 2 means GannZigZag is used, 3 means ZigZag points are calculated by the EA. In case 3, MinSwingBars, MaxSwingBars options define the minimum and maximum allowed bars between neighbouring points.

ClosedCandle: True means a candle should close beyond point 1 level, false means bid should reach that level.

Buffer: Distance between breakout level and point 1 level.

BufferType: Type of buffer. 0 means pips, 1 means ATR based and buffer value is a multiplier of ATR, 2 means buffer value is a multiplier of the distance between point 1 and point 2, 3 means buffer value is a multiplier of the distance between point 2 and point 3, 4 means buffer value is a multiplier of the distance between point 3 and point 4. The same types apply to all similar settings as well.

ExitOnOppositeSignal: The entire order or any remaining partial lots are closed when an opposite entry signal, defined by the entry settings, occurs.

ReverseSignals: A long signal opens a short order, closes a long order and vice versa.

IndicatorMode: No trades are opened but the Z pattern is drawn and signals are given by alert and email.

Order Settings

TradesPerDirection: Maximum allowed number of simultaneously open trades of the same direction. It can be up to 99.

TradesPerSession: Maximum number of trades that can be opened during each trading session. If there are no trading sessions, it refers to the whole day. 0 disables this option.

TradesPerPattern: Maximum number of trades that can be opened during each pattern. 0 means unlimited trades.

MagicNumber: Magic number of the trade. If more than one chart of the same pair is opened the magic numbers should be different. Different pairs can have the same magic number.

TradeComment: Comment of the trade as shown at the Metatrader terminal.

PointSL: The stop loss is relative to point 1, 2, 3 or 4 levels plus spread for shorts. Set it to a number from 1 to 4. 0 means this option is ignored.

SwingSL: False means the stop loss value is relative to entry price. True means the stop loss is relative to the nearest swing plus spread for shorts. All stop loss and take profit settings are hidden from the broker.

MinimumSLPips: If SwingSL is selected, minimum stop loss should be at least the defined pips. SwingSL is valid only if MinimumSLPips is greater than zero.

MaximumSLPips: If stop loss is greater than the defined pips, it is reduced to MaximumSLPips. 0 disables this option.

StopLoss: Value of stop loss.

StopLossType: Type of stop loss. 0 means pips, 1 means ATR based and StopLoss value is a multiplier of ATR. The same types apply to the following settings as well.

VisibleSL: Stop loss visible to brokers used in case of disconnection. It is a multiplier of hidden stop loss value.

We can have up to four take profit levels and each of them can have a different type.

TakeProfit1: Value of the first take profit.

TakeProfit1Type: Type of the first take profit.

TakeProfit2: Value of the second take profit.

TakeProfit2Type: Type of the second take profit.

TakeProfit3: Value of the third take profit.

TakeProfit3Type: Type of the third take profit.

TakeProfit4: Value of the fourth take profit.

TakeProfit4Type: Type of the fourth take profit.

VisibleTP: Take profit visible to brokers used in case of disconnection. It is a multiplier of hidden take profit value.

BreakEven: The stop loss moves to the entry price after price is in profit for the defined value.

BreakEvenType: Type of break even.

LockProfit: The stop loss moves to the entry price plus the defined value after price reaches BreakEven level.

LockProfitType: Type of LockProfit.

TrailingStop: Value of trailing stop loss. Stop loss is continuously modified so that its distance from current price is always the defined value. 0 disables this option.

TrailingStopType: Type of trailing stop loss.

TrailingStart: Trailing stop is activated when price goes above the entry price for longs or below the entry price for shorts , for the defined value.

TrailingStartType: Type of TrailingStart.

TrailingStep: The trailing stop loss is modified when price exceeds the level at which the previous trailing stop modification occurred, for the defined value.

TrailingStepType: Type of TrailingStep.

CloseProfitableAfterMinutes: At the defined minutes after its opening, a profitable trade are closed.

CloseLosingAfterMinutes: At the defined minutes after its opening, an unprofitable trade are closed.

Slippage: Maximum allowed slippage of orders.

MaxSpread: No orders are opened when spread is greater than the defined pips. 0 disables this option.

CloseIfProfit: True means that if an opposite or exit signal occurs, only profitable or breakeven trades are closed.

Hedge: True means that a long and short order can be simultaneously open.

MinOrdersDistance: Each trade should be opened in a distance from the most recent open trade. This distance should be at least the defined value. 0 disables this option.

MinOrdersDistanceType: Type of MinOrdersDistance.

NewHighLow: 1 means each new trade should be opened lower for shorts or higher for longs, 2 means each new trade should be opened higher for shorts or lower for longs, from the most recent open trade of the same direction. 0 disables this option.

CandleTimeFrame: Only one order per direction can be opened during a candle. By setting the candle timeframe we indirectly define the time till the next order. 0 means the chart timeframe and we can set the timeframe name as shown in the Periodicity toolbar of Metatrader 4.

SendEmail: 0 means no email, 1 an email is sent only when an order is opened, 2 an email is sent only when an order is closed, 3 an email is sent in both cases.

ScreenShots: Screenshots are saved in the files folder at the opening and closing of an order. 0 means no screenshots, 1 means a screenshot is saved only when an order is opened, 2 means a screenshot is saved only when an order is closed, 3 means a screenshot is saved in both cases.

Alerts: 0 means no alerts, 1 alerts only when an order is opened, 2 alerts only when an order is closed, 3 alerts in both cases.

AlertSound: Play the defined sound file with an alert. The sound file should be placed in the sounds directory of Metatrader. Set it to blank for no sound.

LongColour: Arrow colour of long orders.

ShortColour: Arrow colour of short orders.

Trading Hours Settings

All hour based settings are in hhmmhhmm format and refer to GMT. The first four digits define the start time and the last four digits the end time. Up to three trading sessions can be used. Set it to "00002400" to trade all day.

AutoGMTOffset: Difference between server time and GMT, defined automatically by the EA. It can't be used during backtests.

ManualGMTOffset: Difference between server time and GMT, defined manually.

DSTOffset: If ManualGMTOffset is used, Daylight Saving Time correction is automatically applied according to the European Union rules.

TradingSession1: Trading hours restrictions for the first trading session.

TradingSession2: Trading hours restrictions for the second trading session.

TradingSession3: Trading hours restrictions for the third trading session.

MondayOpenHour: For each week, new orders are only opened after this hour of Monday. It is in hhmm format. Set it to blank to disable this option.

FridayCloseHour: Hour of Friday when all orders are closed and no new ones are opened to avoid the weekend gap. It is in hhmm format. Set it to blank to disable this option.

FridayCloseTrades: At FridayCloseHour open trades are closed. 0 means no trades are closed, 1 means only profitable trades are closed, 2 means only losing trades are closed, 3 means all trades are closed.

NewsFilter: No new trades are opened during news period.

MinutesBeforeNews: The NewsFilter is active for the defined number of minutes before news.

MinutesAfterNews: The NewsFilter is active for the defined number of minutes after news.

Money Management Settings

Lots: The lot size if money management is not used.

Partial exits can occur in up to four stages.

PartialClose1: Percent of the initial lots that is closed when the first exit occurs.

PartialClose2: Percent of the initial lots that is closed when the second exit occurs.

PartialClose3: Percent of the initial lots that is closed when the third exit occurs. If there are any remaining lots, they are closed by the fourth exit.

An indicator based partial exit can happen only once, no matter which indicator caused it.

MoneyManagement: True means that the lot size is defined by the money management.

EquityPercent: Lot size is a percent of account equity. 0 disables this option.

StopLossRisk: Percent of account balance to risk for each trade, if it hits stop loss. 0 disables this option. Only one of EquityPercent or StopLossRisk can be used.

LotPercent: The lot size of the orders after the first one can be increased or decreased by the defined percent of the lots of the first trade. A positive number means the lot size is increased and a negative number means it is decreased. 0 disables this option.

StartProgression: Lot change starts at the defined number of trades that have been opened. It is independently calculated for long or short trades. If certain orders of the progression have been closed this has no effect as they are still taken into account.

MaxProgression: Lot change ends at the defined number of trades that have been opened. After that the trades take the lot size of the MaxProgression trade. It is independently calculated for long or short trades. If certain orders of the progression have been closed this has no effect as they are still taken into account.

CloseAllProfit: All open orders are closed when their total profit reaches the defined percent of account balance. 0 disables this option.

CloseAllLoss: All open orders are closed when their total loss reaches the defined percent of account balance. 0 disables this option.

CloseOneDirection: Long or short orders are taken into account separately to calculate the profit or loss for the CloseAllProfit and CloseAllLoss options.