

# Manual Shipping Plugin for Hikashop by Brainforge.UK

## 1.0 Overview and Optional Features

This is an enhanced version of the manual shipping plug-in distributed with Hikashop.

Use the standard Joomla functionality to install and enable the plug-in.

In the Joomla extension plug-in manager the following parameters are available:

- Basic Options            Configure in the normal manner for Hikashop shipping plug-ins.  
Some optional features may not be available until you enable them.  
Some optional features require commercial versions of Hikashop.
- Additional Features    Check available features and enable as required.  
Hover over the feature label for additional guidance on usage.
  1. Product installation (requires *product\_installation* custom product field)
  2. Product delivery (requires *product\_delivery* custom product field)
  3. Delivery dates (requires other Hikashop plug-ins)
  4. Delivery times
  5. Delivery slots (requires other Hikashop plug-ins)
  6. Postcode Format – E.G. UK (requires *address\_post\_code* custom address field)
  7. Postcode Prefix (may not be needed if Postcode Format feature used)
  8. Country Selection (often used with Postcode Prefix feature)
  9. Calculation of carrier price based on size and weight (e.g. Royal Mail)
  10. Product category selection.
  11. Shipping quotation price support (requires other plugins by BrainForgeUK).
  12. In shipping methods administration listing you can filter the output by postcode and / or warehouse.

Some features are not available with the free Hikashop Starter edition.

If required [click here to purchase Hikashop](#).

### 1.0.1 Time-zone Handling

Some features of this plug-in, together with the related *Delivery Date* and *Delivery Slot* plug-ins, rely on the PHP system time-zone as defined in the server php.ini file. The Joomla user / customer time-zone is not used.

When shipping to a destination in a different time-zone the date / time at the distribution centre when the order is placed determines the available delivery dates / slots.

If shipping to multiple time-zones and your rules are more complicated you might require a free format custom order field where the customer can enter specific instructions.

If your distribution centre and all your customers are in the same time-zone make sure both the Joomla time-zone and PHP system time-zone are identical.

For instance for *Perth Australia* you require ...

```
https://.../administrator/index.php?option=com_admin&view=sysinfo  
PHP Information : date.timezone : Local Value : Australia/Perth
```

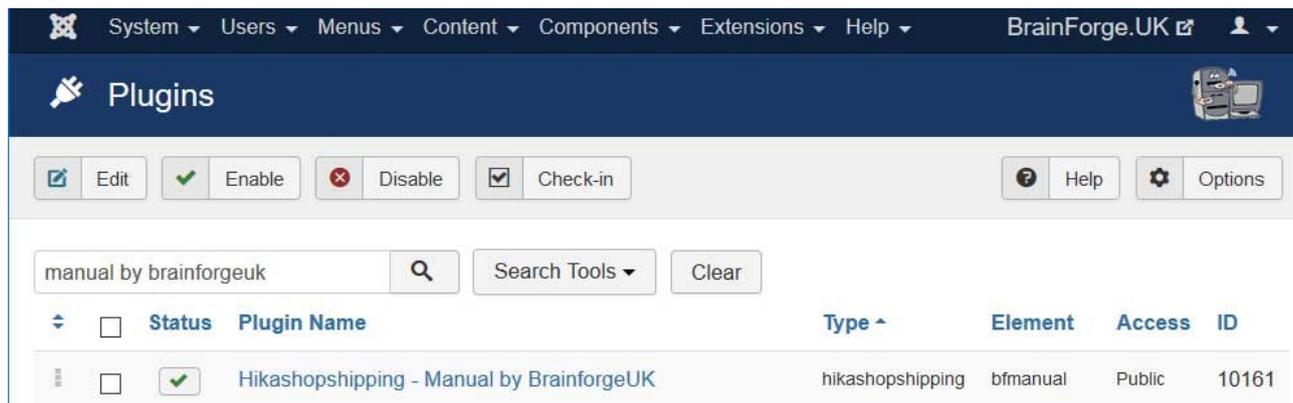
```
https://.../administrator/index.php?option=com_config  
Server : Website Time Zone : Australia/Perth
```

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## 1.1 Plugin Configuration

The plugin is configured through the Joomla administrator screens in the normal manner using:

[https://your-domain.../administrator/index.php?option=com\\_plugins&view=plugins&filter\[search\]=manual%20by%20brainforgeuk](https://your-domain.../administrator/index.php?option=com_plugins&view=plugins&filter[search]=manual%20by%20brainforgeuk)



The plugin configuration is divided into 3 sections.

The same plugin can be used to create multiple Hikashop Shipping Methods.

<p><b>Edit Plugin Links</b> Enables link to this plugin configuration page from the Hikashop shipping method configuration screen. When disabled reduces clutter in the Hikashop shipping method configuration screen.</p> <p><b>Help Button</b> Displays help button in <i>Specific Configuration</i> section of Hikashop shipping method admin page.</p> <p><i>Help</i> is also available of the <i>Help</i> tab of this screen.</p> <p><b>Hikashop</b> Provides a direct link to the Hikashop shipping configuration screen.</p>	<p><b>Listing - Warehouse filter</b> When enabled Hikashop Shipping Methods in the administrator listing can be filtered by warehouse.</p> <p>By default methods can also be filtered by postcode.</p> <p><b>Debug Mode</b> A limited debug mode is available which shows information in the messages area of the checkout.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>On</b> shows debug for all customers.</li><li>• <b>Administrator</b> shows debug if customer has administrator rights.</li></ul>	<p>Enabling those features you require will display the associated options in the Hikashop shipping method configuration screen.</p>
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## 1.2 Hikashop Shipping Method Configuration

### 1.2.1 Specific Configuration

Between the *Generic Configuration* block and the *Restrictions* block there is a *Specific Configuration* block. The contents of this block varies according to which *Plugin Features* described above are selected.

With all features turned off as shown in the example above then the *Specific Configuration* block appears likes this (with optional delivery date and delivery slot plug-ins installed).

The screenshot displays the configuration interface for the Manual Shipping Plugin. It is divided into three main sections:

- Generic Configuration:** Contains three rows: 'Include virtual products price' with a 'YES' (highlighted in green) and 'NO' radio button; 'Override shipping address' with a dropdown menu set to 'No'; and 'Override tax zone' with a trash icon.
- Specific configuration:** A section with three blue links: 'Edit Parameters for Brainforge Manual shipping plugin', 'Edit Parameters for Brainforge Order Delivery Date plugin', and 'Edit Parameters for Brainforge Order Delivery Slot plugin'. A 'Help' link is centered below these.
- Restrictions:** A section with a checked checkbox and two rows: 'Zone' with a trash icon, and 'Currency' with a text input field containing 'Type or select s'.

The *Edit Parameters for...* links provide useful shortcuts to the *Extensions / Plugins* administration menu (as shown above).

Additional configurable fields appear in the *Specific Configuration* block according to which plugin features are enabled. For example:

This screenshot shows the configuration interface with an additional field in the *Specific configuration* block:

- Generic Configuration:** Same as the previous screenshot.
- Specific configuration:** Includes an 'Installation price type' dropdown menu set to 'Charge on Maintenance Visit', followed by the same three blue links and 'Help' link as the previous screenshot.
- Restrictions:** Same as the previous screenshot.

The configurable fields which can appear in the *Specific Configurable* block are described in separate documents.

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## 1.2 Hikashop Shipping Method Administration Listing

In this screen you can now filter the method listing according to postcode and / or warehouse. This can be very useful when you have a large number of shipping methods catering for many different destination postcode and originating warehouse combinations.

Note that the postcode filter does not check the Hikashop built-in minimum / maximum postcode restriction, only the postcode functionality specific to this plug-in is used.

The warehouse filter is applied to all installed Hikashop shipping plug-ins, if used, not just this one.

The screenshot displays the 'Shipping methods' administration page. At the top, there are action buttons: Copy, Publish, Unpublish, New, Help, and Dashboard. Below these are navigation tabs for System, Products, Customers, Orders, Display, and Documentation. A search bar is present with a filter icon, search icon, and clear icon. Below the search bar are two filter fields: 'Enter postcode' and 'Select warehouse'. There are also two dropdown menus: 'All plugins' and 'all'. The main content is a table with the following data:

#	<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Price	Restrictions	Type
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	N-Z1-P2	£ 69.00	Minimum weight: 1.001kg Maximum weight: 2kg Postcodes : MND OL SK Warehouses : Manchester	Hikashopshipping - Manual Shipping for Hikashop by BrainforgeUK