

Manual Shipping Plugin for Hikashop by Brainforge.UK

6.0 Product Category Selection

This feature can be used to include or exclude the shipping method from orders which include products from selected categories.

The screenshot shows the configuration page for the 'Hikashop Brainforge Manual shipping plugin'. The interface is divided into two main sections: 'Plugin' and 'Specific configuration'.

Plugin Section:

- Buttons: Save, Save & Close, Close.
- Message: Plugin successfully saved.
- Tabs: Plugin, Options, Features.
- Options:
 - Show in payment methods: No (selected), Yes.
 - Product category selection: No (selected), Yes.
 - Product selection: No (selected).
 - Product field: Empty text input.

Specific configuration Section:

- Include categories: Men (selected), Computers (selected).
- Include subcategories: Yes, No (selected).
- Exclude categories: Women (selected), Kids (selected).
- Exclude subcategories: Yes, No (selected).

Using the Hikashop demo categories and products this illustration will enable a shipping method for orders which meet the following criteria.

Contains products from *either* Men Shoes or Computers criteria.

AND

Does not contain products from *either* Women or Children shoes criteria.

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6.0.1 Product Categories and Product Variants

Product categories are assigned to the parent product and, by default, in Hikashop it is not possible to assign individual product variants to other categories.

This can create difficulties if you have a product category, for say large or dangerous products banned by Royal Mail. This product category selection feature works fine until you have a product variant which is too large for Royal Mail, all the other variants for that product maybe within limits.

There are number of potential ways, when setting up a new shop, of handling that. However, for convenience this plugin provides a mechanism for assigning additional categories to a product variant using a Hikashop custom product field named – *product_category4bfmanual*.

On the product administration form enter the numeric *category_id* value of the additional category you want to add to the variant. If necessary you can add more than one as a comma separated field.

If you have a need you can also use this to add an additional category to the parent product. The variant additional category (if defined) will override the additional category of the parent.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Table	Column name	Label	Field type	Required	Order	Front-end	Back-end Form	Back-end Listing	Published
<input type="checkbox"/>	product	product_category4bfmanual	Additional Category for BFManual Shipping	Text	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Field : product_category4bfmanual

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MAIN INFORMATION

Label: Additional Category for BFManual Shipping

Table: product

Column name: product_category4bfmanual

Field type: Text

Published: Yes No

RESTRICTIONS

Categories: []

Including sub categories: Yes No

Products: []

Display limited to: You need to publish at least one other field of the same table first

Access level: None all Custom

MAIN ATTRIBUTES

Required: Yes No

Custom Error Message: []

Regular expression check: /^[0-9,]*\$/

Attributes: []

Placeholder: category_id

On product administration page this appears in the custom fields block (on both parents & variants).

Additional Category for BFManual Shipping

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Depending on your usage you might find it more convenient to use a Custom Field Type of *category* (not available in Hikashop 4.0) instead of the Text Field Type. Such a *category* field type will enable you to select the additional category by name instead of entering a numeric value. If this is of interest please contact us for information.

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6.1 Product Category Selection (Complex Example)

The product category selection feature can be enabled in the extensions Plug-ins administrator page. This can be used to restrict a particular shipping method to orders with(out) products in a particular category.

Consider an example of shipping methods for a bicycle shop using two product categories. The shipping price in each case is determined by the number of products in each as follows:



Bicycle Accessories Ordered	Bicycles Ordered	Shipping Cost
1	0	£1.00
2	0	£1.10
3	0	£1.20
10	0	£1.90
0	1	£10.00
0	2	£20.00
1	1	£10.00
2	2	£20.00
10	1	£10.00
10	2	£20.00

This can be configured in the Hikashop shipping plugin configuration pages using two instances of the Brainforge Manual Shipping Plugin as shown below:

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Bicycle Accessory Shipping Method

Price	<input type="text" value="0.90000"/>
	£ GBP
Percentage	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
Product tax category	None
Use price per product	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Price per product	<input type="text" value="0.1"/>
Override shipping address	No
Override tax zone	

Specific configuration

Include categories	<input type="text" value="Bicycle Accessories"/>
Include subcategories	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Exclude categories	<input type="text" value="Bicycles"/>
Exclude subcategories	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

This shipping method is only available if the order contains a Bicycle Accessory but is not available if the order also contains a bicycle.

Bicycle Shipping Method

Price	<input type="text" value="0"/>
	£ GBP
Percentage	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
Product tax category	None
Use price per product	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Price per product	<input type="text" value="10"/>
Override shipping address	No
Override tax zone	

Specific configuration

Include categories	<input type="text" value="Bicycles"/>
Include subcategories	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Exclude categories	<input type="text"/>
Exclude subcategories	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

This shipping method is only available if the order contains a bicycle.