Execution Watchdog

User Manual — Supplement

New and changed behaviour for version 1.2.8. Read this alongside the full User Manual — it does not replace it.

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Amends User Manual document version 2.1 (written for Execution Watchdog 1.2.5, indicator v2.0.0).

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How to Use This Supplement

Each part below is headed with the section of the main manual it amends. Where a feature is entirely new and has no home in the existing manual, it appears as a new section with a letter suffix — Section 7A, for example, sits between Section 7 and Section 8.

Nothing in the main manual has been made wrong by this release. Everything it describes still works the way it says. This document covers what has been added and the small number of behaviours that changed.

What changed, at a glance

Area	What is new	Manual section
Execution strategy	ATS (AutoTrail 1-Step) — a trailing-stop model for E-minis, with mid-flight switching to and from Standard non-trailing fixed stop	New — 7A
Position control	REVERSE button — flips the whole position in one click	New — 7A
Execution Pro bar	FREE | LOCKED and SIREN pills; alert sounds can now be silenced	5
Stop and target	They stop moving on their own once the trade is open. You own them.	6, 7A
Journal	Net P&L including real commission; reversals logged inside one trade	8, 9, 10
Live Chart	Drag the stop or target on the chart; pan, zoom and volume	13
Settings	NinjaTrader commission plan	17

Before you start This release pairs Execution Watchdog 1.2.8 with indicator JTMWatchdog v2.0.3. The installer updates both. If the app reports a version mismatch, re-run the installer and restart NinjaTrader before trading.

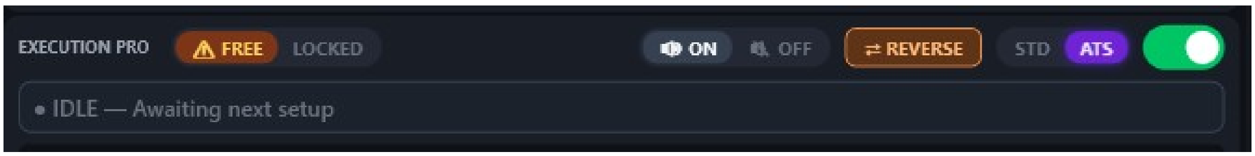
New Section 7A — Execution Strategy: Standard and ATS

Until now every Execution Watchdog trade used one execution model: a stop and a profit target placed from your scenario, which the manual calls the Standard bracket. This release adds a second model and lets you move between them without closing the trade.

The STD | ATS switch

On the EXECUTION PRO bar you will find a two-part switch reading STD | ATS. STD is the Standard bracket described in the main manual. ATS is the new AutoTrail 1-Step model.

The app is in charge of this switch, not NinjaTrader. When you click it, the app asks the indicator to change strategy and the pill only lights up once the engine confirms. That means the switch can never claim a strategy the engine is not actually running — including after a reconnect or an indicator reload.



What ATS does

ATS is a trailing-stop model with no profit target. The trail is the exit.

- 3 contracts, E-mini only. Micro contracts show ATS greyed out — the block is visible before you click, not after.
- The opening stop is 100 ticks.
- There is no profit target. Do not wait for one.
- At +180 ticks of profit the trail arms and the stop begins following price 100 ticks behind.
- The trail only ever improves. It tightens as price moves your way and never loosens when price pulls back.

The status bar shows the trail live — direction, contracts, where the stop currently sits and how many ticks you have locked in.

> **Free Mode turns on automatically** Selecting ATS enables Free Mode if it is not already on. ATS manages your stop by design, so the Stop Widening Termination safeguard stands down for that trade. This is deliberate, and the app tells you when it happens.

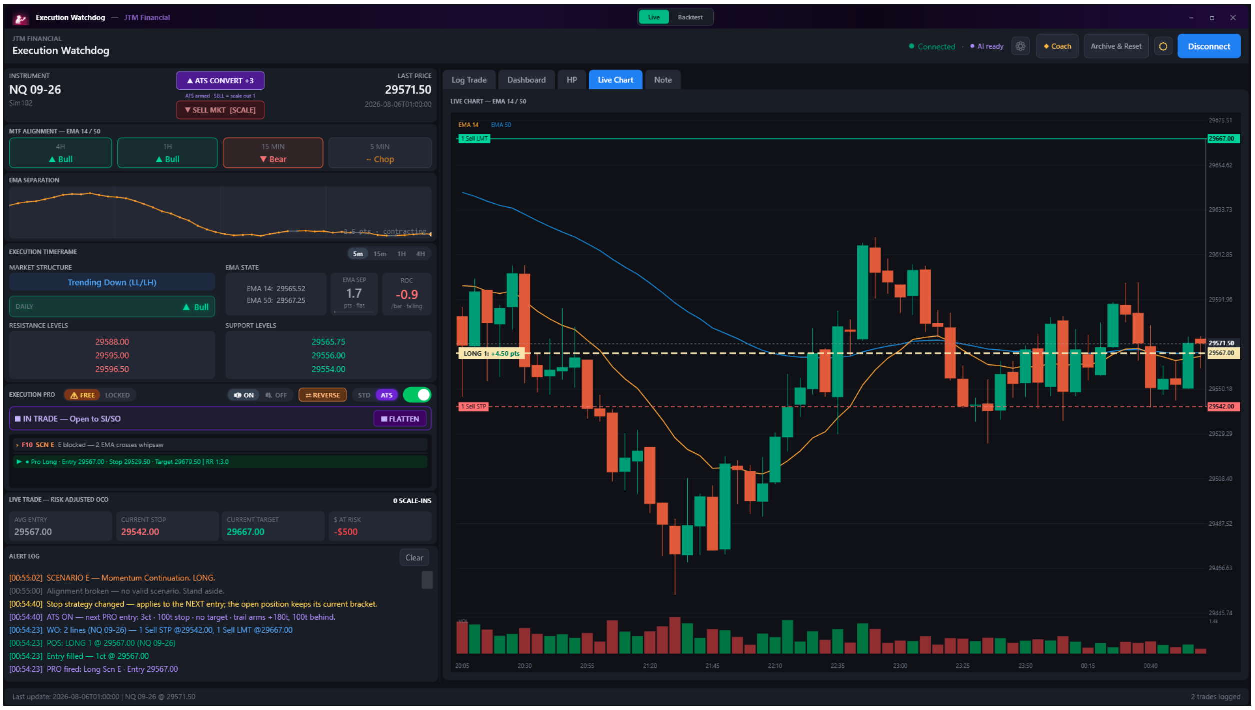
Switching strategy in the middle of a trade

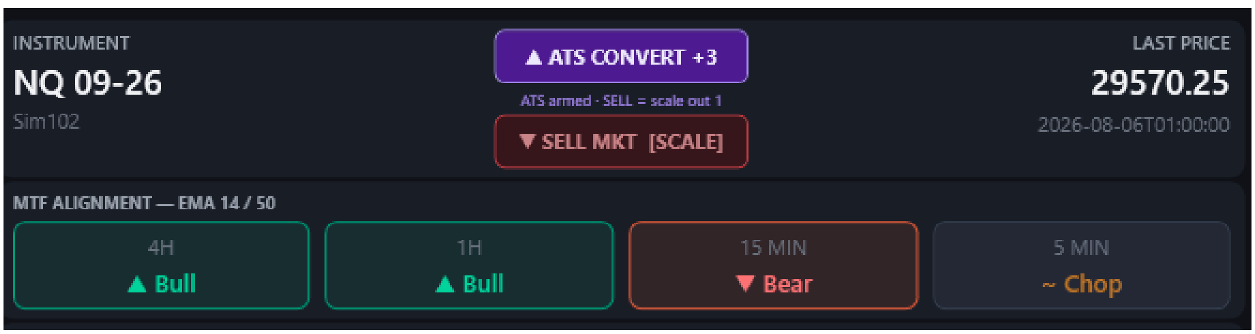
You are not locked into the model you started with.

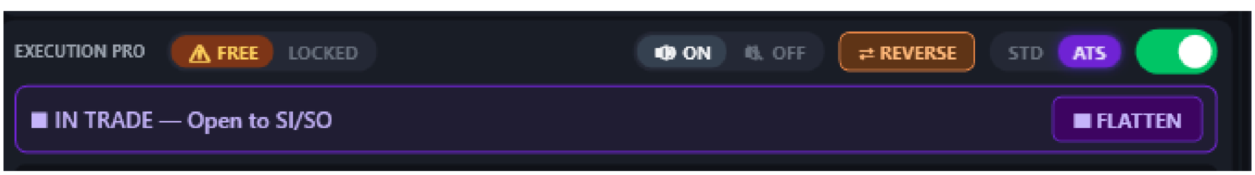
Standard to ATS. While a Standard trade is open, turn the switch to ATS. The same-direction button changes to ATS CONVERT +3. Press it and the app adds 3 contracts, blends them with what you already hold, cancels the profit target and hands the whole position to the trail. The new stop is placed 100 ticks from the blended entry but never wider than the stop you already had, so converting can only tighten your risk.

ATS to Standard. While an ATS trade is open, turn the switch to STD. The same-direction button changes to STD CONVERT. Press it and the app adds a contract, works out a stop that holds a $500 risk cap across the whole blended position, and places a profit target 400 ticks from the blended entry. From then on it behaves as a Standard trade.

You can switch back and forth as often as the trade calls for it. Each conversion is recorded in the journal as a scale-in, so your contract counts stay honest.







> **The opposite button never changes** Whatever strategy is running and whatever size you hold, the opposite-direction button is always a 1-contract scale-out. It is the one button whose meaning never shifts under you.

The REVERSE button

REVERSE flips your entire position in one click. If you are long 4, you end up short 4. It keeps whatever strategy is live: a Standard trade reverses into an opposite Standard bracket, an ATS trade into an opposite ATS trail.

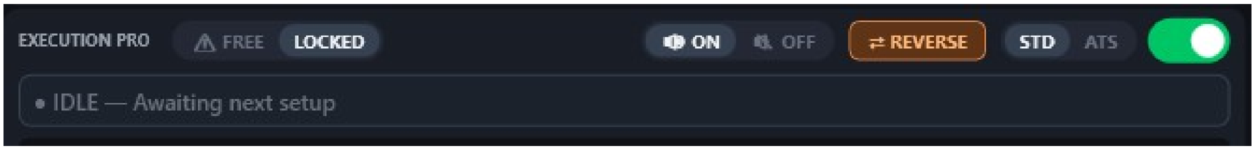
The order of operations matters and is worth understanding. The app cancels your working bracket first, then flattens, then enters the other way. Cancelling first is not tidiness — a stop that was protecting a long becomes, on a short, an order sitting on the wrong side of the market. It would stop being protection and start being an entry.

REVERSE works on minis and micros. It is refused if you are flat, and refused while a flatten is already in progress.

> **Reversing does not end your trade in the journal** See Section 8 below. A reverse is recorded as a scale-out and a scale-in inside one open trade, so you can reverse as many times as an idea needs and still log it as a single decision.

Section 5 — The Interface: What Is New

The EXECUTION PRO bar has been rebuilt. Reading left to right, it now carries the title, the FREE | LOCKED switch, then the SIREN switch, the REVERSE button, the STD | ATS switch and the arm toggle.



FREE | LOCKED

This replaces the old Free Mode button and does the same job under a clearer name. LOCKED is the Discipline Lock: Execution Watchdog refuses no-setup entries and holds you to a valid scenario. FREE relaxes that, allowing entries with no setup at a 100-tick stop and 1:4 reward, with the journalling penalty the main manual describes.

The switch follows the engine. If something else turns Free Mode on — selecting ATS does exactly this — the pill moves on its own without you touching it.

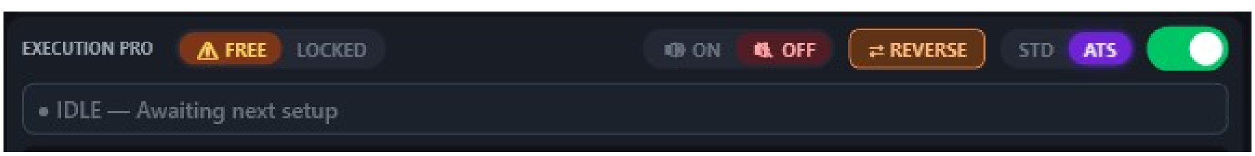
SIREN — silencing alerts

A new switch reading 🔊 ON | 🔇 OFF controls every sound Execution Watchdog makes: the flag siren and the scenario and filter alerts. Turning it OFF silences all of them.

Your choice is remembered between sessions, and switching it is written to the Alert Log so a silent session is on the record.

Reading the bar at a glance

Colour on this bar means one thing: you have deliberately overridden a default. FREE lights amber, a muted siren lights rose, ATS lights violet. Anything sitting at its normal setting stays quiet grey. Glance at the bar and the coloured pills are exactly the list of things you have changed.



Section 6 — The Live Market Panel: What Is New

Stop and target belong to you

This is the most important behavioural change in the release, and it is worth reading twice.

Execution Watchdog now sets your stop and target at three moments only:

- When you open a trade from flat.
- When you convert between ATS and Standard.
- When you reverse.

At every other moment they are yours. Scale in and the bracket grows to cover the new contracts at the price already on the book. Scale out and it shrinks. Neither moves the price. If you drag your stop somewhere, it stays there.

During an ATS trade you may still push the stop further from price if you want to give the trade room. The trail keeps its own record of the best level it has locked and takes the stop back over on the next improving tick, so widening it buys you time rather than surrendering the trail.

> **This applies when Free Mode is on** With Free Mode off, the dollar-cap recompute described in the main manual is unchanged: the app still adjusts your stop on scale-ins and scale-outs to hold the scenario risk cap.

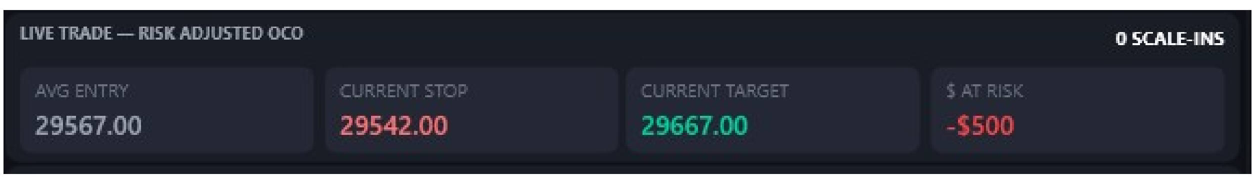
One consequence: an automatic stop move that used to happen on Scenario F trades — jumping the stop to entry plus 40 ticks at +200 ticks of profit — has been removed. Execution Watchdog now performs no automatic stop movement on a Standard trade at all. The ATS trail is the only system that moves a stop on its own, and only when you have chosen it.

$ AT RISK reads correctly when you are protected

When your stop has moved past your average entry the trade can no longer lose. The $ AT RISK figure now shows that as a positive locked-in amount rather than reporting a risk you no longer carry.

LIVE TRADE — RISK ADJUSTED OCO

CURRENT STOP and CURRENT TARGET are read from NinjaTrader's live order book rather than from the app's own record. What you see is what NinjaTrader is actually holding. If the app and NinjaTrader ever disagree, this panel is the one to believe.



Section 8 — Logging a Trade: What Is New

P&L is now net of commission and fees

The journal used to report gross P&L. It now reports net, so your figures match NinjaTrader.

Where NinjaTrader reports the commission it charged on each fill, the app uses that real figure and agrees to the cent. Where it reports nothing — typically Playback with no commission template assigned — the app falls back to the published NinjaTrader schedule and labels the figure as estimated, so an estimate is never presented as a measurement.

- The deduction is shown under ACTUAL P&L.
- The journal and CSV export carry GrossPnL, Fees and FeeSource alongside the net figure.
- R-multiple is calculated on net P&L.
- Trades logged before this release keep their original gross figures. Nothing you have already reported changes retroactively.

> **If you trade a live account** Assign a commission template in NinjaTrader under Control Center → Accounts. Without one, the app warns you that fees are estimated and net P&L may not exactly match.

Exit price is the price you actually got

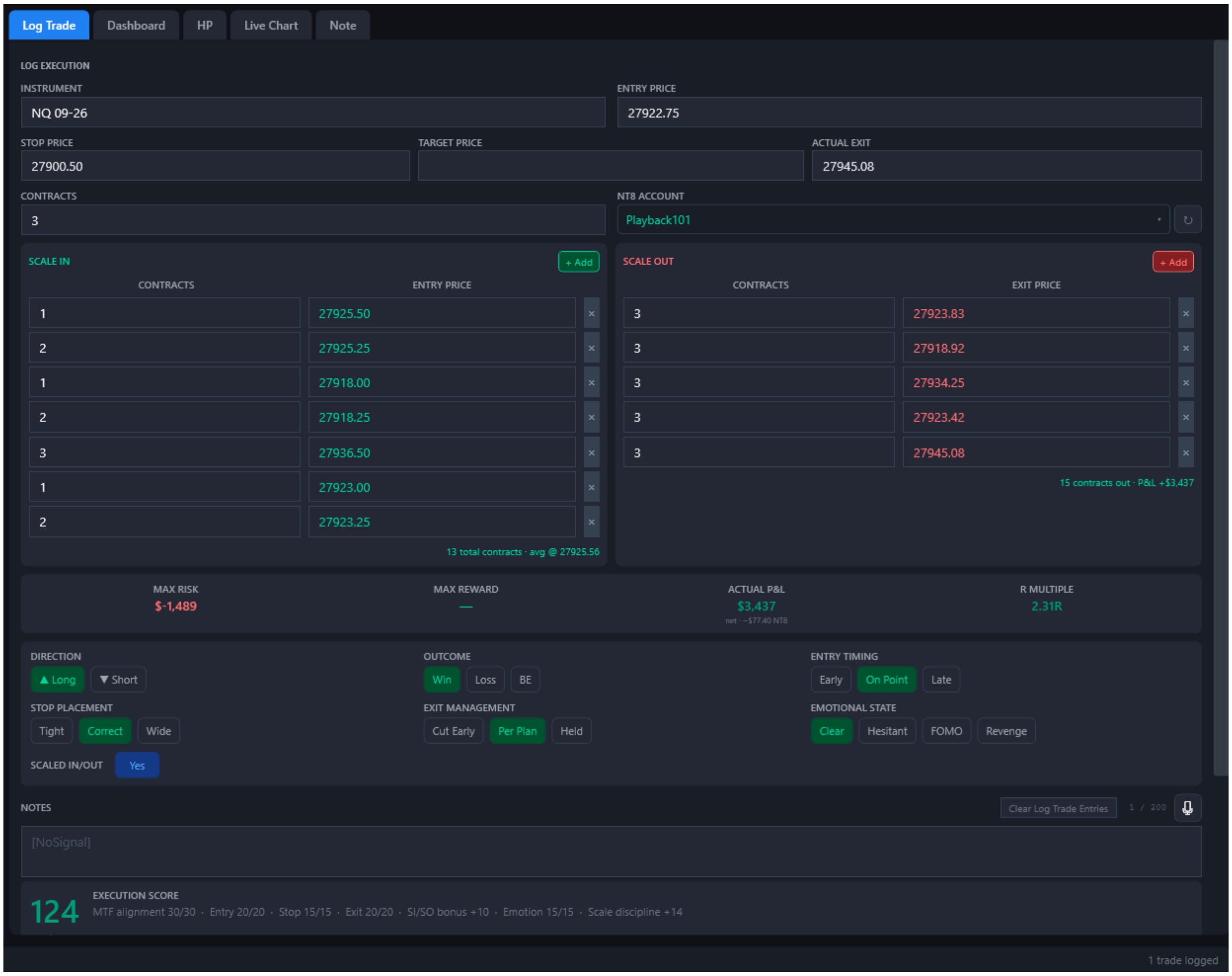
Where the journal used to assume a bracket exit filled at its own stop or target price, it now records the fill NinjaTrader reported. When the two differ by more than a couple of points — a gapped stop, a fast market — the app raises an alert naming both, so slippage becomes something you can see rather than something quietly smoothed away.

Reversing inside a single trade

A reverse no longer closes your journal entry and starts a new one. Instead:

- The leg you closed is written to the SCALE OUT table at the price it closed.
- The leg you opened is written to the SCALE IN table at the price it opened.
- The trade stays open. It ends only on a flat that was not a reverse — a stop, a target, the ATS trail, or FLATTEN.

You can reverse as many times as an idea needs and still log it as one decision, which is usually how it felt at the time. The direction recorded is the one you opened with.



MAX RISK and MAX REWARD on a reversed trade

Reversing replaces your risk, it does not stack it — you only ever have one bracket working. So on a trade that has reversed, MAX RISK and MAX REWARD are the average of what each leg planned to risk, not the sum. If your first leg risked $510 and your second $498, MAX RISK reads $504.

Separately, both figures are now sized on the largest position you actually held at one time rather than every contract the trade ever opened. A trade that scaled in and out repeatedly used to report a risk figure several times larger than anything you carried. R-multiple is now divided by a number that means something.

Contract counts

Contract counts come from the quantity NinjaTrader actually filled, taken from the cumulative position rather than the last partial fill. A 3-contract order that fills in two parts is recorded as 3. Conversions and bracket closes now appear in the scale tables, so contracts in equals contracts out.

Sections 9 and 10 — Dashboard and Reports: What Is New

Both read from the journal, so the net P&L change above flows through automatically. Your dashboard statistics, the exported PDF report and the Coach review are now all based on net figures.

The reports also carry two new columns. ATS marks trades fired under the trailing model, and Fees shows what the trade cost you.

One journal detail worth knowing: an ATS trade that exits on the trail records its exit reason as ATS rather than StopHit. Once the trail has armed, being taken out of a winning trade is not a stop-out and should not read like one in your review. An ATS trade stopped out before the trail arms still records StopHit, correctly.

Section 13 — The Live Chart: What Is New

The Live Chart has changed more than any other part of the app. It is no longer a picture you look at — it is something you work in.

Moving your stop and target on the chart

Hover over your stop or target line and the cursor changes. Press, drag, release, and the app asks NinjaTrader to move that order.

While you drag, a dashed ghost line follows your mouse, snapped to a legal tick, with a badge showing the price, how many ticks you have moved and what that level is worth in dollars against your open position.

> **The line you see is always the truth** Your real order line does not move while you drag. It moves only once NinjaTrader confirms the change. That way the chart can never show you protection you do not actually have.

Every drag ends in a clear answer:

What you see	What it means
The line moves, and the Alert Log says so	NinjaTrader accepted the change and the order is at the new price
MODIFY REFUSED, with a reason	The change was rejected — most often because the price is on the wrong

What you see	What it means
	side of the market. Your order did not move
Link to NinjaTrader is not live	The app could not send the request at all
NOT confirmed — no response in 2s	The request went out but nothing came back. Assume the order did NOT move and check the NinjaTrader Orders tab

You can only drag Execution Watchdog's own stop and target. Orders the app did not place are not its to move, and entry orders are not draggable. Press Esc mid-drag to abandon it — nothing is sent.

Dragging your stop tells the app you have taken it over, exactly as dragging it on the NinjaTrader chart already did. From that point the app stops adjusting it for you.

Panning, zooming and history

- Drag left or right to move through time. A ⟳ Live button appears once you leave the live edge; click it to snap back.
- Use the mouse wheel to zoom between roughly 15 and 400 candles.
- Double-click to reset the view and return to live.
- Pan far enough back and older candles load automatically.

The chart also no longer rebuilds itself twice a second, so the flicker is gone and your pan position survives every update.

Volume

A volume histogram now sits beneath the candles in the same window, coloured to match each bar and scaled to the largest volume currently in view.

While an ATS trade is running

The chart header shows a spinning Execution Watchdog logo and the words ATS ACTIVE TRADE ON.

On any trade, if you are currently down, a red unrealized loss figure appears — net of the round-turn cost of getting out. When you are in profit, nothing is shown. The badge only ever means a loss, so it never has to be read twice.

Section 17 — Settings: What Is New

One new setting: NinjaTrader plan, with the options Lifetime, Monthly and Free.

This sets the rates used when Execution Watchdog has to estimate fees. It has no effect whenever NinjaTrader reports a real commission — the real figure always wins. For reference, on the Lifetime plan NQ and ES cost $2.18 per side and MNQ and MES $0.65 per side, all in.

Your choice is remembered between sessions, as is the SIREN switch described in Section 5.

Also Fixed in This Release

Three problems in this list could affect a live position. If you are running an older version, update.

What was wrong	What happens now
Under some conditions the protective bracket was submitted at twice the intended size. The entry was correct, so the position looked normal — but when one bracket leg fired it closed the position and the surplus leg stayed working, opening a new position in	The app refuses to place a second bracket on top of an existing one, counts orders that have been sent but not yet acknowledged as real protection, and repairs a bracket larger than the position before it can fire. Buy and Sell MKT also ignore a second click within 750 ms.

What was wrong	What happens now
the opposite direction.	
On some conversions the profit target was placed on the wrong side of the market, where it filled immediately and closed the whole position.	The app now refuses any target that is already through the market, places the stop alone and tells you.
A Standard trade could lose its profit target after a scale-in and continue with a stop only.	Fixed, with a safeguard that restores a target if a bracket resize ever arrives without one.
Changing instrument or timeframe collapsed the Live Chart until the app was restarted.	The chart rebuilds cleanly on either change.
A 3-contract trade could be journalled as 1 contract.	Contract counts come from the cumulative filled position.

Section 20 — Glossary: Additions

Term	Meaning
ATS (AutoTrail 1-Step)	A trailing-stop execution model for E-minis. 3 contracts, a 100-tick opening stop, no profit target. At +180 ticks the trail arms and follows price 100 ticks behind, improving only.
Discipline Lock	The rule that refuses entries without a valid setup. Shown as LOCKED on the Execution Pro bar. Free Mode relaxes it.
LOCKED	The Discipline Lock is active — the default and the disciplined setting.
FREE	Free Mode is on. No-setup entries are allowed, at a 100-tick stop and 1:4 reward, with a journalling penalty.
Conversion	Changing a live trade between the Standard bracket and ATS without closing it. Logged as a scale-in.
Reverse	Flipping the entire open position to the other side in one click, keeping the strategy that is running.
Reverse segment	One leg of a reversed trade. Recorded in the journal as a scale-out plus a scale-in inside a single open trade.
Peak exposure	The largest position you held at any one moment during a trade. MAX RISK and MAX REWARD are sized on this.
SWT (Stop Widening Termination)	A safeguard that closes a position if the working stop is widened well beyond where the app placed it. Stands down in Free Mode, and therefore during any ATS trade.