

Trigger Price Cheat Sheet

Trigger vs Limit Price · SL vs SL-M · Long & Short Inequality Rules · Error Prevention

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① TRIGGER PRICE vs LIMIT PRICE (STOP-LOSS PRICE)

Two fields — two completely different jobs

TRIGGER PRICE

= The **ACTIVATION Switch**

LTP touches this → order wakes up
Order stays **PASSIVE** until triggered

LIMIT PRICE (SL Price)

= Your **EXECUTION Floor/Ceiling**

Price inside the activated order
Only used in SL orders (not SL-M)

MEMORY AID: Trigger = Alarm that wakes the order. Limit = The price written on the order ticket.

② ORDER TYPES: SL (Stop-Loss Limit) vs SL-M (Stop-Loss Market)

Choose wrong and you may not get filled — or get a terrible price

SL (Stop-Loss Limit)

REQUIRES 2 FIELDS

- Trigger Price + Limit Price
- On trigger: limit order sent to exchange
- May NOT fill in fast/gap scenarios
- Best for: liquid stocks, range markets

SL-M (Stop-Loss Market)

REQUIRES 1 FIELD ONLY

- Trigger Price only (no limit field)
- On trigger: market order sent to exchange
- WILL fill — but at market price (slippage)
- Best for: volatile stocks, gap protection

GAP SCENARIO:

SL → trigger fires, limit may never fill if price gaps past limit (stays pending!) | SL-M → trigger fires, fills at gap-open price (slippage but exits!)

③ INEQUALITY RULES: LONG vs SHORT POSITIONS (Violating these = Order Rejection)

The #1 cause of 'trigger price can't be higher/lower than price' errors

LONG POSITION (Buy first, Sell SL)

Rule: Entry > Trigger >= Limit Price

EXAMPLE:

Entry 100 Trigger 95 Limit 94.90

- Price hits 95 → sell limit 94.90 placed
- Fills at best bid >= 94.90
- SL-M: only enter Trigger 95

SHORT POSITION (Sell first, Buy SL)

Rule: Entry < Trigger <= Limit Price

EXAMPLE:

Entry 100 Trigger 105 Limit 105.10

- Price hits 105 → buy limit 105.10 placed
- Fills at best offer <= 105.10
- SL-M: only enter Trigger 105

ERROR FIX:

"Trigger price can't be higher/lower than price" = your trigger & limit are swapped. Recheck the inequality rule above for your trade direction.