

MASTER METHODOLOGY ENCYCLOPEDIA

Crossovers Scanner

Volume 1 · Classical Crossovers · CR-001 to CR-040

Forty foundational crossover methodologies covering moving averages, indicator zero-line and signal-line crosses, price-relative-to-MA crosses, and volume-weighted crossovers. Each methodology presented in the standard eight-section encyclopedia template with markets, formula, parameters, interpretation, signal criteria, anonymised historical example, common mistakes, and recommended timeframes.

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ABOUT THIS VOLUME

Crossovers Volume 1

This is the first volume of the Crossovers Scanner category, the sixth scanner in the Master Methodology Encyclopedia. Earlier scanners — Intraday, Candlestick, Range Breakout, Bullish, Bearish — are complete across twenty-five volumes. This volume opens the Crossovers track.

SCOPE

- **Section A — Moving Average Crossovers (CR-001 to CR-010).** SMA/EMA pairs, HMA, DEMA/TEMA, VWAP, AVWAP, Weinstein 30-week.
- **Section B — Indicator Crossovers (CR-011 to CR-020).** MACD signal/zero, RSI 50, RSI 70/30 re-cross, Stochastic, ADX/DI, TSI, AO, CCI, Aroon.
- **Section C — Price/MA Crossovers (CR-021 to CR-030).** Price relative to 20/50/200 EMA-or-SMA and Ichimoku Kijun.
- **Section D — Volume-Weighted Crossovers (CR-031 to CR-040).** VWMA/SMA, OBV, A/D, CMF, MFI, Force, Klinger, VolOsc, EOM, VPT.

COMPLIANCE

Every methodology in this volume is presented as education, not advice. All examples are anonymised, use a 30-day minimum data lag, and avoid specific securities. No methodology in this volume is presented as a real-time signal, recommendation, or model portfolio. See [compliance/whitepaper.pdf](#) for the full posture.

HOW TO READ

Each methodology is presented in a uniform eight-section template. The order is fixed across all volumes (Markets → Diagram → Formula → Formula Note → Parameters → Interpretation → Signal → Example → Mistakes → Timeframes). After reading three or four methodologies, the structure becomes invisible and you can compare methodologies by jumping directly to the section you need.

produced a 1:2 risk-reward setup. (Anonymised, 30-day data lag.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.
- Calling tops based on a Golden Cross — the regime indicator is not a top-or-bottom call.
- Using a Golden Cross alone as a long-only filter on small-caps where the SMAs are dominated by noise.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Daily and weekly. Below daily, the SMA200 is intraday-noisy and the Golden Cross loses its regime meaning.

- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.
- Shorting at the Death Cross level itself — typically the worst entry of the new regime.
- Treating Death Cross as final — single-cross V-shaped reversals are common in volatile markets.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Daily and weekly. Same restrictions as the Golden Cross apply on intraday timeframes.

- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Useful from 1H upward; daily is the canonical Foundation timeframe.

CR-004 · Triple Screen MA Stack (10/20/50)

Moving Average Crossovers
Foundation – Trend confirmation

1 · MARKETS

All liquid markets, especially equities.

2 · DIAGRAM

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Price ██████████
10-EMA ████████
20-EMA ████████ (stacking up = healthy uptrend)
50-EMA ████████
Stack inverts → trend doubt
    
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3 · FORMULA

Stack-up: $EMA_{10} > EMA_{20} > EMA_{50}$ for N consecutive bars

Stack-down: $EMA_{10} < EMA_{20} < EMA_{50}$ for N consecutive bars

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Adapted from Alexander Elder's Triple Screen system. Rather than a single crossover, this methodology evaluates whether all three MAs are correctly stacked. A persistent stack is a stronger continuation signal than any single crossover.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
MA family	EMA	SMA/EMA/WMA	MA type
Periods	10/20/50	8/21/55	Period set
Persistence	5 bars	3–10 bars	Minimum bars stacked
Stack-tightness	Loose	Loose/Tight	Whether MAs may be very close

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Persistent stack-up = trend is healthy and continuation has structural support.
- Stack tightening (MAs converging) = trend is losing momentum; warning, not signal.
- Stack inversion at any MA pair = first warning of regime change.
- Re-stack (after a brief inversion) often produces high-quality continuation entries.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- Stack persists ≥ 5 bars; price pulls back to EMA20 and rejects.
- Volume on the bounce is at or above 20-day average.
- Entry: bounce candle close above EMA10; stop: below EMA50.
- Target: at least 1:1.5 R based on prior swing high.

8 · EXAMPLE

On a hypothetical FX pair, a 10/20/50 stack persisted for 14 daily bars during a Stage-2 trend. A pullback into EMA20 produced a hammer at the level; entry on close above the hammer high. (Anonymised.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.

- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

1H and above; daily and weekly are the highest-conviction timeframes.

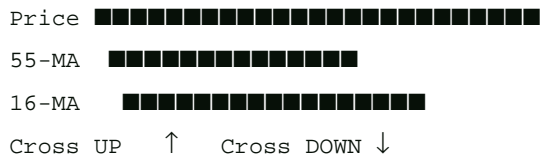
CR-005 · Hull MA Cross (16/55)

Moving Average Crossovers
Foundation – Reduced lag

1 · MARKETS

All liquid markets.

2 · DIAGRAM



3 · FORMULA

WMA(N) = weighted moving average; recent prices weighted higher

HMA(N) = $WMA(2 \times WMA(N/2) - WMA(N), \sqrt{N})$

Signal: HMA16 crossing HMA55

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Alan Hull's HMA reduces lag relative to traditional EMAs by combining two weighted MAs and applying a square-root re-smoothing. Trade-off: faster cross detection but slightly more whipsaws in chop.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
Fast HMA	16	9–21	Period
Slow HMA	55	34–89	Period (Fibonacci common)
Source	Close	Close/HL2	Price source
Confirmation	1 bar	1–3	Bars after cross

6 · INTERPRETATION

- HMA crosses tend to precede EMA crosses by 1–3 bars due to reduced lag.
- Whipsaw rate is comparable to EMA on trending markets and slightly higher in chop.
- Pair with a slower trend filter (e.g., SMA200) to suppress whipsaws.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- HMA16 closes above HMA55 with confirmation bar.
- Trend filter (SMA200) does not contradict.
- Volume confirmation present.
- Stop: structural; target: 1.5R+

8 · EXAMPLE

A hypothetical commodity ETF formed an HMA cross-up three bars before the equivalent EMA cross. (Anonymised.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.

- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Daily and 4H most common.

CR-006 · VWAP Cross (intraday)

Moving Average Crossovers
Foundation – Intraday institutional

1 · MARKETS

NSE cash equities, index futures, US equities. Intraday only.

2 · DIAGRAM

Price ■■■■■■■■
 VWAP ■■■■■■■■■■ (intraday institutional anchor)
 Cross above = bullish intraday; below = bearish

3 · FORMULA

$VWAP(t) = \frac{\sum (Price(i) \times Volume(i))}{\sum Volume(i)}$ for i in current session

Signal: $Close(t) > VWAP(t)$ AND $Close(t-1) \leq VWAP(t-1)$

4 · FORMULA NOTE

VWAP is the volume-weighted price for the current trading session. It anchors intraday institutional execution. Many large funds buy below VWAP (to demonstrate execution quality) and sell above. This makes VWAP a meaningful intraday support/resistance level.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
Anchor	Session open	Open/Pivot	Where VWAP starts
Source	HLC/3	Typical/HL2	Price source for VWAP
Bands	1 std-dev	0.5–2.0	Standard deviation bands around VWAP
Confirmation	Close	Close/Wick	Cross definition

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Price above VWAP = bullish intraday bias for new entries.
- Price below VWAP = bearish intraday bias.
- Crosses tend to occur near round-number levels and intraday pivots.
- Bands (1σ, 2σ) provide additional intraday levels.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- Price closes above VWAP after testing it from below.
- Volume on the cross bar elevated vs intraday average.
- Stop: VWAP + small buffer below the cross.
- Target: 1σ band; secondary target 2σ band.

8 · EXAMPLE

On a hypothetical NSE-listed equity, a 10:30 IST cross above VWAP coincided with a higher-low intraday structure. Entry on confirmation bar; stop below VWAP minus 0.25 ATR. (Anonymised.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.

- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.
- Trading VWAP crosses in the first 15 minutes when VWAP is statistically unstable.
- Using session VWAP as if it were anchored VWAP (different concepts; covered in CR-007).

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Intraday only; 1m to 1H. Daily and above lose VWAP's session-anchored meaning.

CR-007 · Anchored VWAP Cross

Moving Average Crossovers
Stage 2 – Structural

1 · MARKETS

All liquid markets with reliable volume data.

2 · DIAGRAM

Pivot ■■■■■■■■■■
 AVWAP ■■■■■■■■■■ (anchored at structural pivot)
 Price ■■■■■■■■
 Cross signals regime relative to that pivot

3 · FORMULA

$AVWAP(t, pivot) = \frac{\sum(Price \times Volume)}{\sum Volume}$ from pivot bar to t

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Anchored VWAP (popularised by Brian Shannon) is VWAP started at a structural pivot — a recent swing high, a breakout, an earnings event, an IPO. Unlike session VWAP, AVWAP persists across many sessions and represents the volume-weighted average price held by participants who entered since the anchor.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
Anchor type	Swing low	Swing/Earnings/Breakout	What anchors AVWAP
Anchor date	Specific bar	User-selected	Calendar date or bar of anchor
Source	HLC/3	Typical/HL2/Close	Price source
Cross type	Close	Close/Wick	How cross is defined

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Price above AVWAP from a swing low → buyers since the low are net positive.
- Price below AVWAP from a swing high → sellers since the high are net positive.
- Crosses are statistically meaningful entry points: they signal regime change relative to that pivot.
- Multiple AVWAPs from different anchors stack into a level map.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- Price closes above AVWAP from the most recent swing-low anchor.
- Volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Stop: AVWAP minus 0.5 ATR.
- Target: previous swing high or 1.5R minimum.

8 · EXAMPLE

A hypothetical mid-cap equity formed a swing low; AVWAP anchored at that bar. Twelve bars later, price crossed back above the AVWAP on a 1.7x volume bar, marking the start of the next up-leg. (Anonymised.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.

- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.
- Anchoring AVWAP at arbitrary points instead of structural pivots.
- Stacking too many AVWAPs and confusing the level map.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

All; AVWAP scales naturally.

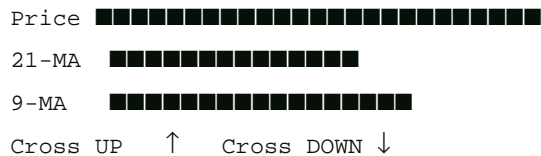
CR-008 · DEMA Cross (Double EMA, 9/21)

Moving Average Crossovers
Stage 2 – Reduced lag

1 · MARKETS

All liquid.

2 · DIAGRAM



3 · FORMULA

$$DEMA(N) = 2 \times EMA(N) - EMA(EMA(N))$$

Signal: $DEMA9(t) > DEMA21(t)$ AND $DEMA9(t-1) \leq DEMA21(t-1)$

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Patrick Mulloy's DEMA reduces lag relative to a single EMA by subtracting the second-pass EMA's lag. Effective for trend-turn detection in trending markets; whipsaws in chop.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
Fast	9	5–13	Period
Slow	21	17–34	Period
Source	Close	Close/HL2	Source
Confirmation	1 bar	1–3	Persistence

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Crosses lead EMA crosses by 1–3 bars typically.
- Use with regime filter to suppress whipsaws.
- Most useful in markets that trend cleanly.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- DEMA9 above DEMA21 with confirmation bar.
- Volume support; trend filter aligned.
- Stop: structural; target: $\geq 1.5R$.

8 · EXAMPLE

On a hypothetical FX major, a DEMA cross-up preceded the corresponding EMA cross by two bars during a clean trend continuation. (Anonymised.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

1H and above.

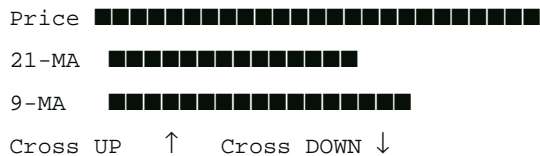
CR-009 · TEMA Cross (Triple EMA, 9/21)

Moving Average Crossovers
Stage 2 – Aggressive momentum

1 · MARKETS

All liquid; best in clean trends.

2 · DIAGRAM



3 · FORMULA

$$\text{TEMA}(N) = 3 \times \text{EMA}(N) - 3 \times \text{EMA}(\text{EMA}(N)) + \text{EMA}(\text{EMA}(\text{EMA}(N)))$$

Signal: TEMA9 vs TEMA21 cross

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Mulloy's TEMA pushes lag reduction further than DEMA. Faster cross-detection at the cost of more whipsaws in chop. Aggressive momentum traders use it on liquid trending markets.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
Fast	9	5–13	Period
Slow	21	17–34	Period
Source	Close	Close/HL2	Source
Confirmation	1 bar	1–3	Persistence

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Even faster than DEMA; expect 2–4 bar lead vs EMA.
- Most reliable in clean directional markets.
- Whipsaw frequency higher than EMA/DEMA in chop.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- TEMA9 above TEMA21 with confirmation.
- Pair with regime filter and volume.
- Stop: structural; target: $\geq 1.5R$.

8 · EXAMPLE

Hypothetical commodity, daily; TEMA9/21 cross occurred two bars before DEMA cross at start of multi-week trend. (Anonymised.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

1H and above.

CR-010 · Weinstein 30-Week MA Cross

Moving Average Crossovers
Stage 2 – Stage-based investing

1 · MARKETS

Equities (Weinstein's framework was equity-specific).

2 · DIAGRAM

Stage 1 (base) → Stage 2 (advance) → Stage 3 (top) → Stage 4 (decline)

30-week MA ■■■■■■■■■■

Cross above 30-week MA on volume = Stage 1→2 trigger

Cross below 30-week MA = Stage 3→4 confirmation

3 · FORMULA

$MA_{30W} = SMA(\text{Weekly close}, 30 \text{ weeks})$

Stage transition signals: Close > MA30W with volume → Stage 1→2

Close < MA30W with volume → Stage 3→4

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Stan Weinstein's stage-analysis framework treats the 30-week MA as the institutional benchmark for stage transitions. Stage 2 (the only stage Weinstein recommends being long) requires the price above a flattening-then-rising 30-week MA, with volume confirmation.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
MA period	30 weeks	26–34 weeks	Period
Volume mult	1.5x	1.2x–2x	Volume confirmation threshold
MA slope	Flat→rising	Flat or rising	Slope requirement
Confirmation	2 weeks	1–4 weeks	Persistence

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Weekly chart, 30-MA — the institutional regime gauge.
- Stage 2 = long-only zone per Weinstein.
- Stage 4 = short-or-cash zone.
- Avoid Stage 1 (basing) and Stage 3 (topping).

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- Weekly close above flat-or-rising 30-MA with 1.5x volume.
- Confirms within next two weeks.
- Stop: weekly close back below 30-MA.
- Target: prior major swing high or 2–3R.

8 · EXAMPLE

A hypothetical large-cap equity completed a 14-month base; weekly close cleared the 30-MA on 2x average volume, marking the Stage 1→2 transition. Subsequent advance respected the rising 30-MA for 18 weeks. (Anonymised.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.

- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.
- Trading Stage 1 prematurely — Weinstein's framework explicitly excludes basing.
- Ignoring the weekly volume confirmation requirement.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Weekly only — that is the entire framework.

CR-011 · MACD Signal Line Cross

Indicator Crossovers
Foundation – Momentum

1 · MARKETS

All liquid.

2 · DIAGRAM

MACD line ■■■■
 Signal ■■■■■■■■ (Cross-up: MACD above signal)
 Histogram ■■■■■■■■

3 · FORMULA

MACD = EMA12(Close) - EMA26(Close)

Signal = EMA9(MACD)

Histogram = MACD - Signal

Crossover: MACD(t) > Signal(t) AND MACD(t-1) ≤ Signal(t-1)

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Gerald Appel's MACD signal-line cross is the most-cited indicator crossover in retail TA. High false-signal rate without confirmation; pair with trend filter and volume.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
Fast EMA	12	8–14	Period
Slow EMA	26	21–34	Period
Signal EMA	9	7–12	Period
Source	Close	Close/HL2	Price

6 · INTERPRETATION

- MACD above signal = short-term momentum positive.
- MACD above zero AND above signal = aligned bullish momentum.
- Divergences (price new high, MACD lower high) — warning, not signal.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- MACD crosses above signal line with both above zero.
- Pair with trend filter (price above SMA50/200).
- Volume confirmation on cross bar.
- Stop: structural swing low.

8 · EXAMPLE

A hypothetical large-cap equity in confirmed uptrend produced a MACD cross-up on a pullback to EMA20. Entry on cross confirmation bar; stop below pullback. (Anonymised.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.

- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.
- Trading MACD crosses with no zero-line context.
- Ignoring the MACD's lag — it confirms moves; it does not predict turns.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

All; daily is canonical.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Daily and weekly.

CR-013 · RSI 50 Cross

Indicator Crossovers
Foundation – Bias

1 · MARKETS

All liquid.

2 · DIAGRAM

RSI 70 ■■■■■■
 RSI 50 ■■■■■■ (median; bias line)
 RSI 30 ■■■■■■

3 · FORMULA

$$RSI(N) = 100 - 100 / (1 + RS)$$

$$RS = AvgGain(N) / AvgLoss(N)$$

Crossover: $RSI(t) > 50$ AND $RSI(t-1) \leq 50$

4 · FORMULA NOTE

J. Welles Wilder's RSI 50 cross is a momentum-bias filter. Above 50 = average gains > average losses over lookback. Most useful as a bias filter rather than entry signal.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
Period	14	9–21	Lookback
Cross level	50	45–55	Bias threshold
Source	Close	Close/HL2	Source
Confirmation	1 bar	1–3	Persistence

6 · INTERPRETATION

- RSI > 50 = momentum bias bullish.
- RSI < 50 = momentum bias bearish.
- Crosses through 50 are bias regime changes.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- RSI crosses above 50 with confirmation.
- Pair with trend filter.
- Volume support.

8 · EXAMPLE

Hypothetical commodity ETF; RSI crossed 50 from below at the start of a 20-bar trend. The cross provided early bias confirmation. (Anonymised.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Daily and 4H most common.

CR-014 · RSI 70/30 Threshold Re-Cross

Indicator Crossovers
Foundation – Mean reversion

1 · MARKETS

Range-bound and mean-reverting markets primarily.

2 · DIAGRAM

RSI 70 ■■■■■■ (overbought re-cross down → bearish)
 RSI 50 ■■■■■■
 RSI 30 ■■■■■■ (oversold re-cross up → bullish)

3 · FORMULA

Bullish: $RSI(t) > 30$ AND $RSI(t-1) \leq 30$

Bearish: $RSI(t) < 70$ AND $RSI(t-1) \geq 70$

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Wilder's original RSI signal: the re-cross from extreme territory is the trigger, not the entry into extreme territory. RSI can stay overbought/oversold for many bars in trending markets.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
Period	14	9–21	Lookback
Levels	70/30	65/35 or 80/20	Threshold pair
Source	Close	Close/HL2	Source
Mode	Re-cross	Touch or re-cross	Trigger style

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Overbought ≠ short signal in a trend.
- Oversold ≠ long signal in a downtrend.
- Re-cross is the actual signal; the touch is just context.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- RSI re-crosses 30 from below in a range-bound market.
- Volume confirmation.
- Stop: range low; target: range mid or high.

8 · EXAMPLE

A hypothetical FX pair in a range respected RSI 30 and 70 levels for several oscillations; RSI re-cross from below 30 led to range traversal. (Anonymised.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.
- Using 70/30 in clean trends — RSI rides 70+ for many bars in strong uptrends.
- Confusing the level entry with the level re-cross.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Daily; 4H useful in range-bound regimes.

CR-015 · Stochastic %K/%D Cross

Indicator Crossovers
Foundation – Range momentum

1 · MARKETS

Range-bound markets primarily.

2 · DIAGRAM

%K (fast) ■■■■■■■■■■
%D (slow) ■■■■■■■■■■ (signal smoothing)

3 · FORMULA

$$\%K = 100 \times (\text{Close} - \text{Low}(N)) / (\text{High}(N) - \text{Low}(N))$$

$$\%D = \text{SMA3}(\%K)$$

Cross: $\%K(t) > \%D(t)$ AND $\%K(t-1) \leq \%D(t-1)$

4 · FORMULA NOTE

George Lane's stochastic measures where the close sits within the recent N-bar range. %K/%D cross provides momentum-shift detection, particularly useful in range markets.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
%K period	14	9–21	Lookback
%D smoothing	3	2–5	SMA on %K
Cross levels	Below 20 / above 80	Variable	Where the cross occurs matters
Source	Close	Close/HL2	Source

6 · INTERPRETATION

- %K crossing %D below 20 = potential bullish reversal in range.
- %K crossing %D above 80 = potential bearish reversal in range.
- Mid-range crosses are noise.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- %K crosses %D in oversold zone (below 20).
- Pair with range structure.
- Stop: below range low.

8 · EXAMPLE

Hypothetical equity; range-bound for 20 bars; %K/%D cross at 18 led to range traversal. (Anonymised.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Range markets; daily and 4H.

CR-016 · ADX/DI+ DI- Cross

Indicator Crossovers
Stage 2 – Directional movement

1 · MARKETS

All liquid; best in trending markets.

2 · DIAGRAM

DI+ ■■■■■■■■■ (when DI+ > DI- = bullish directional bias)
 DI- ■■■■■■■■■
 ADX ■■■■■■■ (trend strength filter; usually >20 required)

3 · FORMULA

DI+ and DI- = Wilder's directional indicators

ADX = smoothed average of $|DI+ - DI-| / (DI+ + DI-)$

Cross: $DI+(t) > DI-(t)$ AND $DI+(t-1) \leq DI-(t-1)$ WITH $ADX > 20$

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Wilder's directional movement system is one of the most rigorous trend-direction methodologies in TA. ADX is the trend-strength filter (irrespective of direction); DI_{\pm} crosses provide direction.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
Period	14	9–21	Wilder period
ADX threshold	20	18–25	Trend strength gate
DI difference	≥ 3	2–5	Min separation between DI+ and DI-
Source	HLC	HLC	Standard

6 · INTERPRETATION

- $DI+ > DI-$ = uptrend direction; $ADX > 20$ = trend has strength.
- Without $ADX > 20$, the DI cross is in chop and unreliable.
- ADX falling = trend weakening regardless of direction.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- DI+ crosses above DI- with $ADX > 20$ and rising.
- Volume confirmation.
- Stop: structural; target: 1.5R+.

8 · EXAMPLE

Hypothetical equity emerged from a 30-bar consolidation; DI+ crossed DI- as ADX rose from 18 to 24 over four bars. (Anonymised.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.
- Trading DI crosses without the ADX filter.

- Treating high ADX as a signal — it is a confirmation gate, not a signal.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Daily primary; weekly for longer-horizon.

CR-017 · TSI Signal Line Cross

Indicator Crossovers
Stage 2 – Smoothed momentum

1 · MARKETS

All liquid.

2 · DIAGRAM

TSI line ■■■■■■■■■■ (double-smoothed price momentum)
Signal ■■■■■■■

3 · FORMULA

$$TSI = 100 \times (EMA_r(EMA_s(\Delta)) / EMA_r(EMA_s(|\Delta|)))$$

$$\Delta = Close(t) - Close(t-1)$$

$$Signal = EMA(TSI, signal-period)$$

4 · FORMULA NOTE

William Blau's True Strength Index is a double-smoothed momentum oscillator, reducing whipsaws relative to single-smoothed measures.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
Slow EMA	25	21–34	First smoothing
Fast EMA	13	8–13	Second smoothing
Signal	7	5–9	Signal EMA
Source	Close	Close	Standard

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Double-smoothing reduces whipsaw vs MACD.
- Slower than MACD; more reliable cross signals.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- TSI crosses above signal in upper half of range.
- Trend filter aligned.
- Volume support.

8 · EXAMPLE

Hypothetical FX pair; TSI cross-up coincided with EMA stack-up for high-conviction entry. (Anonymised.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Daily and 4H.

CR-018 · Awesome Oscillator Zero Cross

Indicator Crossovers
Stage 2 – Bill Williams chaos

1 · MARKETS

All liquid.

2 · DIAGRAM

AO bars (5-period – 34-period SMA of HL2)

■■■■■■■■■■ zero

3 · FORMULA

$AO = SMA5(HL2) - SMA34(HL2)$

Zero cross: $AO(t) > 0$ AND $AO(t-1) \leq 0$

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Bill Williams's Awesome Oscillator captures momentum as the gap between very short and intermediate median-price SMAs. Zero cross is its primary signal.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
Fast	5	3–8	Period
Slow	34	21–55	Period
Source	HL2	HL2/Typical	Median price
Confirmation	1 bar	1–3	Persistence

6 · INTERPRETATION

- AO above zero = short-term median > intermediate-term median.
- Bar colour change (added by some platforms) provides additional context.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- AO crosses zero with confirmation.
- Trend filter aligned.
- Volume support.

8 · EXAMPLE

Hypothetical commodity; AO zero cross preceded MACD signal-line cross by two bars. (Anonymised.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Daily and 4H.

CR-019 · CCI Zero Cross

Indicator Crossovers
Stage 2 – Cyclical

1 · MARKETS

Commodities (CCI's original use case), liquid equities.

2 · DIAGRAM

CCI +100 ■■■■■■ (overbought zone)
 CCI 0 ■■■■■■
 CCI -100 ■■■■■■ (oversold zone)

3 · FORMULA

$CCI = (Typical - SMA20(Typical)) / (0.015 \times MeanDeviation)$

Cross: $CCI(t) > 0$ AND $CCI(t-1) \leq 0$

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Donald Lambert's Commodity Channel Index measures deviation from typical price. Zero cross is one trigger; ± 100 levels are another. Originally designed for commodity cycles.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
Period	20	14–30	Lookback
Levels	± 100	$\pm 100/\pm 200$	Bands
Source	Typical	Typical	HLC/3
Confirmation	1 bar	1–3	Persistence

6 · INTERPRETATION

- CCI > 0 = above typical mean.
- CCI > +100 = unusual strength; > +200 = exceptional.
- Negative side mirrors.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- CCI crosses above zero with confirmation.
- Pair with trend filter.
- Volume support.

8 · EXAMPLE

Hypothetical commodity ETF; CCI crossed zero from -80 to +20 over three bars at start of new cycle. (Anonymised.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Daily.

CR-020 · Aroon Up/Down Cross

Indicator Crossovers
Stage 2 – Trend identification

1 · MARKETS

All liquid.

2 · DIAGRAM

Aroon Up 

Aroon Dn 

Cross signals start of new directional regime

3 · FORMULA

$AroonUp = 100 \times (\text{period} - \text{bars_since_high}) / \text{period}$

$AroonDn = 100 \times (\text{period} - \text{bars_since_low}) / \text{period}$

Cross: $AroonUp(t) > AroonDn(t)$ AND prior bar opposite

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Tushar Chande's Aroon (1995) measures time since the recent high vs time since the recent low. Crosses identify regime starts cleanly.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
Period	25	14–30	Lookback
Cross threshold	Aroon Up > Down	Variable	Cross
Strength	Both above 70	Variable	Trend strength gate
Source	HL	HL	Standard

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Aroon Up crossing above Down = uptrend starts.
- Both above 70 = strong directional regime.
- Both below 50 = no trend / consolidation.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- Cross with both indicators above 50.
- Trend filter aligned.
- Volume support.

8 · EXAMPLE

Hypothetical large-cap; Aroon cross occurred at end of a five-week consolidation; both indicators above 70 within ten bars. (Anonymised.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Daily.

CR-021 · Price / 20-EMA Cross

Price-MA Crossovers
Foundation – Short-term

1 · MARKETS

All liquid markets.

2 · DIAGRAM

Price ■■■■ ■■■■■■■■
 20-MA ■■■■■■■■■■■■ (price above MA = bullish)
 Cross above MA: bullish; cross below: bearish

3 · FORMULA

Cross: $Close(t) > 20-MA(t)$ AND $Close(t-1) \leq 20-MA(t-1)$

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Standard short-term EMA reference.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
MA period	20	varies	Period
MA family	EMA/SMA	EMA/SMA/WMA	MA type
Source	Close	Close/HL2	Price source
Confirmation	Close-of-bar	1–3 bars	Persistence

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Price closing above the 20-MA = bullish bias for that timeframe.
- Re-cross below = bias change.
- Pair with trend regime to filter chop crosses.
- First cross after extended absence is the highest-quality.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- Price closes above 20-MA after period below.
- Volume confirmation.
- Trend filter aligned (where applicable).
- Stop: structural swing point.
- Target: $\geq 1.5R$.

8 · EXAMPLE

On a hypothetical equity in confirmed regime, price closed above the 20-MA after a multi-bar pullback. Volume confirmed; pullback retest held. (Anonymised, 30-day data lag.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Match timeframe to MA period: 1H–4H for short MAs, daily for medium, weekly for 200+.

CR-022 · Price / 50-EMA Cross

Price-MA Crossovers
Foundation – Medium

1 · MARKETS

All liquid markets.

2 · DIAGRAM

Price ■■■■ ■■■■■■■■
 50-MA ■■■■■■■■■■■■ (price above MA = bullish)
 Cross above MA: bullish; cross below: bearish

3 · FORMULA

Cross: $Close(t) > 50-MA(t)$ AND $Close(t-1) \leq 50-MA(t-1)$

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Medium-term institutional reference.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
MA period	50	varies	Period
MA family	EMA/SMA	EMA/SMA/WMA	MA type
Source	Close	Close/HL2	Price source
Confirmation	Close-of-bar	1–3 bars	Persistence

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Price closing above the 50-MA = bullish bias for that timeframe.
- Re-cross below = bias change.
- Pair with trend regime to filter chop crosses.
- First cross after extended absence is the highest-quality.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- Price closes above 50-MA after period below.
- Volume confirmation.
- Trend filter aligned (where applicable).
- Stop: structural swing point.
- Target: $\geq 1.5R$.

8 · EXAMPLE

On a hypothetical equity in confirmed regime, price closed above the 50-MA after a multi-bar pullback. Volume confirmed; pullback retest held. (Anonymised, 30-day data lag.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Match timeframe to MA period: 1H–4H for short MAs, daily for medium, weekly for 200+.

CR-023 · Price / 200-SMA Cross

Price-MA Crossovers
Foundation – Long-term

1 · MARKETS

All liquid markets.

2 · DIAGRAM

Price ■■■■ ■■■■■■
 200-MA ■■■■■■■■■■ (price above MA = bullish)
 Cross above MA: bullish; cross below: bearish

3 · FORMULA

Cross: $Close(t) > 200-MA(t)$ AND $Close(t-1) \leq 200-MA(t-1)$

4 · FORMULA NOTE

The most-watched institutional regime line.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
MA period	200	varies	Period
MA family	EMA/SMA	EMA/SMA/WMA	MA type
Source	Close	Close/HL2	Price source
Confirmation	Close-of-bar	1–3 bars	Persistence

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Price closing above the 200-MA = bullish bias for that timeframe.
- Re-cross below = bias change.
- Pair with trend regime to filter chop crosses.
- First cross after extended absence is the highest-quality.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- Price closes above 200-MA after period below.
- Volume confirmation.
- Trend filter aligned (where applicable).
- Stop: structural swing point.
- Target: $\geq 1.5R$.

8 · EXAMPLE

On a hypothetical equity in confirmed regime, price closed above the 200-MA after a multi-bar pullback. Volume confirmed; pullback retest held. (Anonymised, 30-day data lag.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Match timeframe to MA period: 1H–4H for short MAs, daily for medium, weekly for 200+.

CR-024 · Price / 10-EMA Cross

Price-MA Crossovers
Stage 2 – Active

1 · MARKETS

All liquid markets.

2 · DIAGRAM

Price ■■■■ ■■■■■■■■
 10-MA ■■■■■■■■■■■■ (price above MA = bullish)
 Cross above MA: bullish; cross below: bearish

3 · FORMULA

Cross: $Close(t) > 10-MA(t)$ AND $Close(t-1) \leq 10-MA(t-1)$

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Active short-term momentum filter.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
MA period	10	varies	Period
MA family	EMA/SMA	EMA/SMA/WMA	MA type
Source	Close	Close/HL2	Price source
Confirmation	Close-of-bar	1–3 bars	Persistence

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Price closing above the 10-MA = bullish bias for that timeframe.
- Re-cross below = bias change.
- Pair with trend regime to filter chop crosses.
- First cross after extended absence is the highest-quality.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- Price closes above 10-MA after period below.
- Volume confirmation.
- Trend filter aligned (where applicable).
- Stop: structural swing point.
- Target: $\geq 1.5R$.

8 · EXAMPLE

On a hypothetical equity in confirmed regime, price closed above the 10-MA after a multi-bar pullback. Volume confirmed; pullback retest held. (Anonymised, 30-day data lag.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Match timeframe to MA period: 1H–4H for short MAs, daily for medium, weekly for 200+.

CR-025 · Price / 100-SMA Cross

Price-MA Crossovers
Foundation – Bridge

1 · MARKETS

All liquid markets.

2 · DIAGRAM

Price ■■■■ ■■■■■■■■
 100-MA ■■■■■■■■■■■■ (price above MA = bullish)
 Cross above MA: bullish; cross below: bearish

3 · FORMULA

Cross: $Close(t) > 100-MA(t)$ AND $Close(t-1) \leq 100-MA(t-1)$

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Bridge between short and long; commonly watched.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
MA period	100	varies	Period
MA family	EMA/SMA	EMA/SMA/WMA	MA type
Source	Close	Close/HL2	Price source
Confirmation	Close-of-bar	1–3 bars	Persistence

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Price closing above the 100-MA = bullish bias for that timeframe.
- Re-cross below = bias change.
- Pair with trend regime to filter chop crosses.
- First cross after extended absence is the highest-quality.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- Price closes above 100-MA after period below.
- Volume confirmation.
- Trend filter aligned (where applicable).
- Stop: structural swing point.
- Target: $\geq 1.5R$.

8 · EXAMPLE

On a hypothetical equity in confirmed regime, price closed above the 100-MA after a multi-bar pullback. Volume confirmed; pullback retest held. (Anonymised, 30-day data lag.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Match timeframe to MA period: 1H–4H for short MAs, daily for medium, weekly for 200+.

CR-026 · Price / 21-EMA Cross

Price-MA Crossovers
Stage 2 – Minervini

1 · MARKETS

All liquid markets.

2 · DIAGRAM

Price ■■■■ ■■■■■■■■
 21-MA ■■■■■■■■■■■■ (price above MA = bullish)
 Cross above MA: bullish; cross below: bearish

3 · FORMULA

Cross: $Close(t) > 21-MA(t)$ AND $Close(t-1) \leq 21-MA(t-1)$

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Minervini's preferred short-term EMA.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
MA period	21	varies	Period
MA family	EMA/SMA	EMA/SMA/WMA	MA type
Source	Close	Close/HL2	Price source
Confirmation	Close-of-bar	1–3 bars	Persistence

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Price closing above the 21-MA = bullish bias for that timeframe.
- Re-cross below = bias change.
- Pair with trend regime to filter chop crosses.
- First cross after extended absence is the highest-quality.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- Price closes above 21-MA after period below.
- Volume confirmation.
- Trend filter aligned (where applicable).
- Stop: structural swing point.
- Target: $\geq 1.5R$.

8 · EXAMPLE

On a hypothetical equity in confirmed regime, price closed above the 21-MA after a multi-bar pullback. Volume confirmed; pullback retest held. (Anonymised, 30-day data lag.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Match timeframe to MA period: 1H–4H for short MAs, daily for medium, weekly for 200+.

CR-027 · Price / 150-SMA Cross

Price-MA Crossovers
Stage 2 – Minervini

1 · MARKETS

All liquid markets.

2 · DIAGRAM

Price ■■■■ ■■■■■■
 150-MA ■■■■■■■■■■ (price above MA = bullish)
 Cross above MA: bullish; cross below: bearish

3 · FORMULA

Cross: $Close(t) > 150-MA(t)$ AND $Close(t-1) \leq 150-MA(t-1)$

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Minervini's secondary stage filter.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
MA period	150	varies	Period
MA family	EMA/SMA	EMA/SMA/WMA	MA type
Source	Close	Close/HL2	Price source
Confirmation	Close-of-bar	1–3 bars	Persistence

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Price closing above the 150-MA = bullish bias for that timeframe.
- Re-cross below = bias change.
- Pair with trend regime to filter chop crosses.
- First cross after extended absence is the highest-quality.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- Price closes above 150-MA after period below.
- Volume confirmation.
- Trend filter aligned (where applicable).
- Stop: structural swing point.
- Target: $\geq 1.5R$.

8 · EXAMPLE

On a hypothetical equity in confirmed regime, price closed above the 150-MA after a multi-bar pullback. Volume confirmed; pullback retest held. (Anonymised, 30-day data lag.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Match timeframe to MA period: 1H–4H for short MAs, daily for medium, weekly for 200+.

CR-028 · Price / 30-Week MA Cross

Price-MA Crossovers
Stage 2 – Weinstein

1 · MARKETS

All liquid markets.

2 · DIAGRAM

Price ■■■■ ■■■■■■
 30W-MA ■■■■■■■■■■ (price above MA = bullish)
 Cross above MA: bullish; cross below: bearish

3 · FORMULA

Cross: $Close(t) > 30W-MA(t)$ AND $Close(t-1) \leq 30W-MA(t-1)$

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Weinstein's stage-3-to-4 confirmation.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
MA period	30W	varies	Period
MA family	EMA/SMA	EMA/SMA/WMA	MA type
Source	Close	Close/HL2	Price source
Confirmation	Close-of-bar	1–3 bars	Persistence

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Price closing above the 30W-MA = bullish bias for that timeframe.
- Re-cross below = bias change.
- Pair with trend regime to filter chop crosses.
- First cross after extended absence is the highest-quality.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- Price closes above 30W-MA after period below.
- Volume confirmation.
- Trend filter aligned (where applicable).
- Stop: structural swing point.
- Target: $\geq 1.5R$.

8 · EXAMPLE

On a hypothetical equity in confirmed regime, price closed above the 30W-MA after a multi-bar pullback. Volume confirmed; pullback retest held. (Anonymised, 30-day data lag.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Match timeframe to MA period: 1H–4H for short MAs, daily for medium, weekly for 200+.

CR-029 · Price / 8-EMA Cross

Price-MA Crossovers
Stage 3 – Aggressive

1 · MARKETS

All liquid markets.

2 · DIAGRAM

Price ■■■■ ■■■■■■■■
 8-MA ■■■■■■■■■■ (price above MA = bullish)
 Cross above MA: bullish; cross below: bearish

3 · FORMULA

Cross: $Close(t) > 8-MA(t)$ AND $Close(t-1) \leq 8-MA(t-1)$

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Very-short-term swing-trade EMA.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
MA period	8	varies	Period
MA family	EMA/SMA	EMA/SMA/WMA	MA type
Source	Close	Close/HL2	Price source
Confirmation	Close-of-bar	1–3 bars	Persistence

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Price closing above the 8-MA = bullish bias for that timeframe.
- Re-cross below = bias change.
- Pair with trend regime to filter chop crosses.
- First cross after extended absence is the highest-quality.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- Price closes above 8-MA after period below.
- Volume confirmation.
- Trend filter aligned (where applicable).
- Stop: structural swing point.
- Target: $\geq 1.5R$.

8 · EXAMPLE

On a hypothetical equity in confirmed regime, price closed above the 8-MA after a multi-bar pullback. Volume confirmed; pullback retest held. (Anonymised, 30-day data lag.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Match timeframe to MA period: 1H–4H for short MAs, daily for medium, weekly for 200+.

CR-030 · Price / Kijun-sen Cross

Price-MA Crossovers
Stage 2 – Ichimoku

1 · MARKETS

All liquid markets.

2 · DIAGRAM

Price ■■■■ ■■■■■■
 Kj-MA ■■■■■■■■■■ (price above MA = bullish)
 Cross above MA: bullish; cross below: bearish

3 · FORMULA

Cross: $Close(t) > Kj-MA(t)$ AND $Close(t-1) \leq Kj-MA(t-1)$

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Ichimoku's mid-line; price/Kijun cross is a primary Ichimoku trigger.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
MA period	Kj	varies	Period
MA family	EMA/SMA	EMA/SMA/WMA	MA type
Source	Close	Close/HL2	Price source
Confirmation	Close-of-bar	1–3 bars	Persistence

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Price closing above the Kj-MA = bullish bias for that timeframe.
- Re-cross below = bias change.
- Pair with trend regime to filter chop crosses.
- First cross after extended absence is the highest-quality.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- Price closes above Kj-MA after period below.
- Volume confirmation.
- Trend filter aligned (where applicable).
- Stop: structural swing point.
- Target: $\geq 1.5R$.

8 · EXAMPLE

On a hypothetical equity in confirmed regime, price closed above the Kj-MA after a multi-bar pullback. Volume confirmed; pullback retest held. (Anonymised, 30-day data lag.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Match timeframe to MA period: 1H–4H for short MAs, daily for medium, weekly for 200+.

CR-031 · VWMA / SMA Cross

Volume-Weighted Crossovers
Stage 2 – Volume-aware momentum

1 · MARKETS

Liquid equities and futures with reliable volume.

2 · DIAGRAM

Price

VWMA ■■■■■■ (volume-weighted MA)

SMA ■■■■■■■■

VWMA above SMA = volume-weighted price above unweighted: heavy bars are higher

3 · FORMULA

$VWMA(N) = \frac{\sum(\text{Price} \times \text{Volume})}{\sum \text{Volume}}$ over last N bars

Signal: $VWMA(t) > SMA(t)$ AND $VWMA(t-1) \leq SMA(t-1)$

4 · FORMULA NOTE

VWMA above SMA tells you heavy-volume bars are at higher prices than light-volume bars. The cross captures volume-confirmation as a signal in its own right.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
Period	20	14–30	Lookback
MA family	VWMA vs SMA	SMA/EMA pair	Comparison
Source	Close	Close	Source
Confirmation	1 bar	1–3	Persistence

6 · INTERPRETATION

- VWMA > SMA = volume distribution skews bullish.
- Useful filter on top of price-only crossovers.
- Loses meaning on illiquid instruments.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- VWMA crosses above SMA with confirmation.
- Trend filter aligned.
- Stop: structural; target: 1.5R+

8 · EXAMPLE

Hypothetical equity emerged from base; VWMA crossed above SMA before EMA9/21 cross, providing earlier volume-aware confirmation. (Anonymised.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Daily.

CR-032 · OBV / OBV-MA Cross

Volume-Weighted Crossovers
Stage 2 – On-Balance Volume

1 · MARKETS

Liquid equities, futures, FX with reliable volume.

2 · DIAGRAM

Indicator 

Signal/zero 

Cross signals regime shift in volume flow

3 · FORMULA

$OBV(t) = OBV(t-1) \pm Volume(t)$ [sign by direction]; Cross: $OBV > SMA(OBV, 20)$

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Joseph Granville's OBV accumulates volume by direction. Crossing its own MA signals net accumulation/distribution shift.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
Period	20	14–30	Lookback
Smoothing	Default	Custom	Indicator-specific
Source	Close/Vol	Standard	Standard
Confirm	1 bar	1–3 bars	Persistence

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Above-zero (or above signal) = bullish volume-flow regime.
- Below = bearish volume-flow regime.
- Useful as confirmation layer on price-only crossovers.
- Lose meaning on illiquid instruments.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- Indicator crosses zero or signal in agreement with price action.
- Trend filter aligned.
- Volume present.
- Stop: structural; target: $\geq 1.5R$.

8 · EXAMPLE

Hypothetical liquid market; OBV / OBV-MA Cross produced cross-up confirmation alongside a price breakout-retest setup. (Anonymised, 30-day data lag.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.
- Treating OBV crosses as predictive — they are confirmatory only.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Daily and weekly.

CR-033 · A/D Line / A/D-MA Cross

Volume-Weighted Crossovers
Stage 2 – Accumulation/Distribution

1 · MARKETS

Liquid equities, futures, FX with reliable volume.

2 · DIAGRAM

Indicator

Signal/zero

Cross signals regime shift in volume flow

3 · FORMULA

$A/D = \sum ((Close - Low) - (High - Close)) / (High - Low) \times Volume$; Cross: $A/D > SMA(A/D, 20)$

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Marc Chaikin's A/D line refines OBV by weighting by close position within the bar. Crosses signal accumulation/distribution regime change.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
Period	20	14–30	Lookback
Smoothing	Default	Custom	Indicator-specific
Source	Close/Vol	Standard	Standard
Confirm	1 bar	1–3 bars	Persistence

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Above-zero (or above signal) = bullish volume-flow regime.
- Below = bearish volume-flow regime.
- Useful as confirmation layer on price-only crossovers.
- Lose meaning on illiquid instruments.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- Indicator crosses zero or signal in agreement with price action.
- Trend filter aligned.
- Volume present.
- Stop: structural; target: $\geq 1.5R$.

8 · EXAMPLE

Hypothetical liquid market; A/D Line / A/D-MA Cross produced cross-up confirmation alongside a price breakout-retest setup. (Anonymised, 30-day data lag.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.
- Confusing A/D with OBV — different math, different signals.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Daily and weekly.

CR-034 · Chaikin Money Flow / Zero Cross

Volume-Weighted Crossovers
Stage 2 – CMF

1 · MARKETS

Liquid equities, futures, FX with reliable volume.

2 · DIAGRAM

Indicator

Signal/zero

Cross signals regime shift in volume flow

3 · FORMULA

$CMF = \sum ((C-L) - (H-C)) / (H-L) \times V / \sum V$ over period; Cross: $CMF > 0$ AND $CMF(t-1) \leq 0$

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Marc Chaikin's CMF zero-line cross indicates net buying pressure (positive) vs selling pressure (negative).

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
Period	20	14–30	Lookback
Smoothing	Default	Custom	Indicator-specific
Source	Close/Vol	Standard	Standard
Confirm	1 bar	1–3 bars	Persistence

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Above-zero (or above signal) = bullish volume-flow regime.
- Below = bearish volume-flow regime.
- Useful as confirmation layer on price-only crossovers.
- Lose meaning on illiquid instruments.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- Indicator crosses zero or signal in agreement with price action.
- Trend filter aligned.
- Volume present.
- Stop: structural; target: $\geq 1.5R$.

8 · EXAMPLE

Hypothetical liquid market; Chaikin Money Flow / Zero Cross produced cross-up confirmation alongside a price breakout-retest setup. (Anonymised, 30-day data lag.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.
- Trading CMF in low-volume environments where the signal is dominated by a few outlier bars.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Daily and weekly.

CR-035 · MFI 50 Cross

Volume-Weighted Crossovers
Stage 2 – Money Flow Index

1 · MARKETS

Liquid equities, futures, FX with reliable volume.

2 · DIAGRAM

Indicator

Signal/zero

Cross signals regime shift in volume flow

3 · FORMULA

MFI = volume-weighted RSI; Cross: $MFI > 50$ AND $MFI(t-1) \leq 50$

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Quong & Soudack's Money Flow Index is RSI weighted by volume. The 50 cross is a volume-aware bias filter.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
Period	20	14–30	Lookback
Smoothing	Default	Custom	Indicator-specific
Source	Close/Vol	Standard	Standard
Confirm	1 bar	1–3 bars	Persistence

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Above-zero (or above signal) = bullish volume-flow regime.
- Below = bearish volume-flow regime.
- Useful as confirmation layer on price-only crossovers.
- Lose meaning on illiquid instruments.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- Indicator crosses zero or signal in agreement with price action.
- Trend filter aligned.
- Volume present.
- Stop: structural; target: $\geq 1.5R$.

8 · EXAMPLE

Hypothetical liquid market; MFI 50 Cross produced cross-up confirmation alongside a price breakout-retest setup. (Anonymised, 30-day data lag.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.
- Using MFI on illiquid instruments where volume noise dominates.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Daily and weekly.

CR-036 · Force Index Zero Cross

Volume-Weighted Crossovers
Stage 2 – Elder

1 · MARKETS

Liquid equities, futures, FX with reliable volume.

2 · DIAGRAM

Indicator

Signal/zero

Cross signals regime shift in volume flow

3 · FORMULA

Force Index = Volume × (Close - Close[1]); Cross: FI > 0 from below

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Alexander Elder's Force Index crosses zero when the volume-weighted price change flips direction.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
Period	20	14–30	Lookback
Smoothing	Default	Custom	Indicator-specific
Source	Close/Vol	Standard	Standard
Confirm	1 bar	1–3 bars	Persistence

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Above-zero (or above signal) = bullish volume-flow regime.
- Below = bearish volume-flow regime.
- Useful as confirmation layer on price-only crossovers.
- Lose meaning on illiquid instruments.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- Indicator crosses zero or signal in agreement with price action.
- Trend filter aligned.
- Volume present.
- Stop: structural; target: ≥1.5R.

8 · EXAMPLE

Hypothetical liquid market; Force Index Zero Cross produced cross-up confirmation alongside a price breakout-retest setup. (Anonymised, 30-day data lag.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.
- Looking only at the cross without checking the FI's smoothing period.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Daily and weekly.

CR-037 · Klinger Oscillator Signal Cross

Volume-Weighted Crossovers
Stage 3 – Volume-flow oscillator

1 · MARKETS

Liquid equities, futures, FX with reliable volume.

2 · DIAGRAM

Indicator

Signal/zero

Cross signals regime shift in volume flow

3 · FORMULA

$Klinger = EMA34(VolForce) - EMA55(VolForce); Signal = EMA13(Klinger); Cross$

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Stephen Klinger's volume-force oscillator. Signal-line cross is the primary trigger.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
Period	20	14–30	Lookback
Smoothing	Default	Custom	Indicator-specific
Source	Close/Vol	Standard	Standard
Confirm	1 bar	1–3 bars	Persistence

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Above-zero (or above signal) = bullish volume-flow regime.
- Below = bearish volume-flow regime.
- Useful as confirmation layer on price-only crossovers.
- Lose meaning on illiquid instruments.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- Indicator crosses zero or signal in agreement with price action.
- Trend filter aligned.
- Volume present.
- Stop: structural; target: $\geq 1.5R$.

8 · EXAMPLE

Hypothetical liquid market; Klinger Oscillator Signal Cross produced cross-up confirmation alongside a price breakout-retest setup. (Anonymised, 30-day data lag.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Daily and weekly.

CR-038 · Volume Oscillator Zero Cross

Volume-Weighted Crossovers
Stage 3 – Simple volume-flow

1 · MARKETS

Liquid equities, futures, FX with reliable volume.

2 · DIAGRAM

Indicator ■■■■■■■■

Signal/zero ■■■■■■■■■■

Cross signals regime shift in volume flow

3 · FORMULA

$VolOsc = (EMA_short(V) - EMA_long(V)) / EMA_long(V) \times 100$; Cross zero

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Simple volume-flow oscillator measuring expansion/contraction of recent volume vs longer-term volume.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
Period	20	14–30	Lookback
Smoothing	Default	Custom	Indicator-specific
Source	Close/Vol	Standard	Standard
Confirm	1 bar	1–3 bars	Persistence

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Above-zero (or above signal) = bullish volume-flow regime.
- Below = bearish volume-flow regime.
- Useful as confirmation layer on price-only crossovers.
- Lose meaning on illiquid instruments.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- Indicator crosses zero or signal in agreement with price action.
- Trend filter aligned.
- Volume present.
- Stop: structural; target: $\geq 1.5R$.

8 · EXAMPLE

Hypothetical liquid market; Volume Oscillator Zero Cross produced cross-up confirmation alongside a price breakout-retest setup. (Anonymised, 30-day data lag.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Daily and weekly.

CR-039 · Ease of Movement Zero Cross

Volume-Weighted Crossovers
Stage 3 – Arms

1 · MARKETS

Liquid equities, futures, FX with reliable volume.

2 · DIAGRAM

Indicator ■■■■■■■■

Signal/zero ■■■■■■■■■■

Cross signals regime shift in volume flow

3 · FORMULA

$EOM = ((H+L)/2 - (H[1]+L[1])/2) / ((V/scale)/(H-L));$ Cross zero

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Richard Arms's Ease of Movement combines volume and range to detect efficient moves.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
Period	20	14–30	Lookback
Smoothing	Default	Custom	Indicator-specific
Source	Close/Vol	Standard	Standard
Confirm	1 bar	1–3 bars	Persistence

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Above-zero (or above signal) = bullish volume-flow regime.
- Below = bearish volume-flow regime.
- Useful as confirmation layer on price-only crossovers.
- Lose meaning on illiquid instruments.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- Indicator crosses zero or signal in agreement with price action.
- Trend filter aligned.
- Volume present.
- Stop: structural; target: $\geq 1.5R$.

8 · EXAMPLE

Hypothetical liquid market; Ease of Movement Zero Cross produced cross-up confirmation alongside a price breakout-retest setup. (Anonymised, 30-day data lag.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Daily and weekly.

CR-040 · Volume-Price Trend (VPT) Signal Cross

Volume-Weighted Crossovers
Stage 3 – VPT

1 · MARKETS

Liquid equities, futures, FX with reliable volume.

2 · DIAGRAM

Indicator ■■■■■■■■

Signal/zero ■■■■■■■■■■

Cross signals regime shift in volume flow

3 · FORMULA

$VPT(t) = VPT(t-1) + V \times (C - C[1])/C[1]$; Cross: $VPT > SMA(VPT, 20)$

4 · FORMULA NOTE

Volume-Price Trend tracks cumulative volume weighted by relative price change. Signal-line cross flags accumulation regime change.

5 · PARAMETERS

Parameter	Default	Range	Notes
Period	20	14–30	Lookback
Smoothing	Default	Custom	Indicator-specific
Source	Close/Vol	Standard	Standard
Confirm	1 bar	1–3 bars	Persistence

6 · INTERPRETATION

- Above-zero (or above signal) = bullish volume-flow regime.
- Below = bearish volume-flow regime.
- Useful as confirmation layer on price-only crossovers.
- Lose meaning on illiquid instruments.

7 · SIGNAL CRITERIA & ENTRY RULES

- Indicator crosses zero or signal in agreement with price action.
- Trend filter aligned.
- Volume present.
- Stop: structural; target: $\geq 1.5R$.

8 · EXAMPLE

Hypothetical liquid market; Volume-Price Trend (VPT) Signal Cross produced cross-up confirmation alongside a price breakout-retest setup. (Anonymised, 30-day data lag.)

COMMON MISTAKES

- Treating the cross as a stand-alone entry signal with no regard for trend context.
- Using too-tight stops at the cross point — typical noise will trigger them.
- Position sizing identically across regimes — high-volatility crosses need smaller size.
- Ignoring volume confirmation on the cross bar.
- Backtesting only winners and dismissing losers as 'unusual'.

RECOMMENDED TIMEFRAMES

Daily and weekly.