Discogs Integration for WooCommerce

Complete User Manual

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Import, sync, and manage your Discogs.com marketplace from WooCommerce.

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1. Introduction

Discogs Integration for WooCommerce connects your WooCommerce store to your Discogs.com seller inventory. It lets you import listings as WooCommerce products, keep stock and pricing in sync, automatically fetch marketplace orders, and manage everything from a single dashboard inside your WordPress admin — with reliability features (rate-limit awareness, request timeouts, automatic retries) built in throughout, so large catalogs sync smoothly without manual babysitting.

Key Features

- One-click and bulk import of Discogs listings into WooCommerce, with sorting and adjustable page sizes up to 300 items at once
- A full-catalog "Show Only Not Imported" scan that checks your entire Discogs inventory — not just the current page — against WooCommerce
- Customizable title, description, and SKU templates with placeholders
- Automatic category assignment based on genre, style, or format, with manual override rules
- Scheduled automation: new listing import, inventory sync, order fetching, image repair, and a daily full-catalog snapshot export
- Full order sync from Discogs into WooCommerce, with duplicate protection and no confusing customer emails for orders that already happened on Discogs
- A dedicated Sync Status dashboard that reconciles your entire catalog against Discogs in one pass — correcting stock, availability, and automatically cleaning up any duplicate products along the way
- Secure, license-based updates delivered directly from Ax-Easy

2. Installation & Upgrading

New Installation

1. Log in to your WordPress admin dashboard.
2. Go to **Plugins > Add New > Upload Plugin**.
3. Choose the **axeasy-discogs-integration.zip** file and click **Install Now**.
4. Click **Activate Plugin**.
5. A new menu item, **Ax-Easy Discogs**, will appear in your admin sidebar.

Upgrading from Discogs Integration (CedCommerce)

IMPORTANT If you are replacing the older "Discogs Integration for WooCommerce" plugin by CedCommerce, your settings and imported products are preserved automatically. No manual data transfer is required.

1. Deactivate the old CedCommerce-branded plugin (do not delete it yet).
2. Install and activate this Ax-Easy plugin as described above.
3. On first load, the plugin automatically detects your previous configuration — connected accounts, import templates, category rules, price markups, and scheduler settings — and copies them across to the new format.
4. All previously imported products remain untouched and continue to be recognized, whether they were tagged by the old plugin's method or the new one. Existing Discogs orders remain linked to their WooCommerce orders.
5. Once you have confirmed everything works as expected, you may safely delete the old plugin files.

3. Connecting Your Discogs Account

Before importing any products, you need to connect your Discogs seller account. You will need a Discogs username and a personal access token.

1. Go to **Ax-Easy Discogs > Account Details**.
2. Generate a personal access token at discogs.com under Settings > Developers, if you do not already have one.
3. Enter your Discogs username and access token into the connection form.
4. Click **Connect Account**. The plugin verifies your credentials with Discogs before saving them.
5. Once connected, your shop appears in the accounts list and becomes available for import and syncing.

4. Global Settings

The Global Settings page lets you define default values used when uploading product data. Each field can use either a fixed default value, or be mapped to an existing WooCommerce product meta key or attribute.

TIP	Use the meta key mapping option if you already store custom product data (such as weight, condition, or custom identifiers) in specific meta fields, so the plugin can reuse that data automatically.

5. Import Mapping (Templates)

Import Mapping controls how Discogs listing and release data is transformed into your WooCommerce product title, description, short description, and SKU. Templates use placeholders that are replaced automatically during import.

Available Placeholders

Style, Genre, Artist, Title, Catalog Number, Released ID, Format, Format Description, Sleeve Condition, Condition, Released Year, Ships From, Labels, Tracklist, Comments, Notes, Barcodes and other Identifiers, Companies, SKU, External ID, Weight, Original Price, Discogs Price, and more.

Category Source

Choose whether product categories are generated from the Discogs **genre**, **style**, or **format** field. This is a global default; you can override it for specific cases using Category Rules (see Section 7).

6. Importing Products

The Import page displays your live Discogs inventory. From here you can browse, sort, preview, and import listings individually or in bulk.

Sorting and Page Size

Use the **Sort by** dropdown to order your inventory by Date Listed, Price, Title, Artist, Label, Catalog Number, Format, Condition, or Status, in ascending or descending order. The **Per page** selector lets you display 50, 100, 200, or 300 items at once. Sorting and page size choices are remembered as you navigate between pages.

Single Import

Click the **Import** button next to any listing to bring that single item into WooCommerce immediately. Already-imported items are marked accordingly.

Bulk Import

1. Select the checkboxes next to the listings you want to import, or use the "select all" checkbox.
2. Choose **Import** from the Bulk Actions dropdown.
3. Click **Apply**. Selected listings are imported in batches, with a live progress bar showing exactly how many have been completed.

Hide Already Imported / Select All Not Imported

On the current page, click **Hide Already Imported** to instantly declutter the view down to only what still needs importing. **Select All Not Imported** then checks every visible not-yet-imported item in one click, ready for bulk import.

Show Only Not Imported (Scan Full Catalog)

Unlike the page-level "Hide Already Imported" toggle, this option scans your **entire** Discogs inventory — every page, not just the one currently on screen — and builds a filtered list containing only items that have not yet been imported. A progress bar tracks the scan as it moves through your catalog. Once complete, you browse and bulk-import from this filtered list with its own pagination, so nothing already in your store gets in the way.

TIP For very large catalogs, run a scan occasionally rather than every session — the result is cached for a short period, and a "Rescan Full Catalog" button is always available while browsing the filtered view.

Price Markup

You can apply a fixed markup amount to all imported prices from this shop. Enter the amount and click **Save** — it will be applied automatically to every future import.

Excluding Listings (External Provider Items)

Sometimes a Discogs store contains items that must **not** appear on your website — for example stock listed on behalf of an external provider. Use the **Exclusions** panel above the Import table:

1. **One by one:** click **Exclude** under a listing, or tick several listings and choose **Exclude Selected** from Bulk Actions. Excluded rows show an **Excluded** badge and an **Include again** link.
2. **By keyword rule:** type one keyword per line (for example the provider's name or code) and tick where to look — Location, External ID and/or Comments of the Discogs listing. Every listing containing a keyword is excluded automatically, including future ones.

WHAT EXCLUSION COVERS

Excluded listings are skipped by single and bulk import, auto-import, Show Only Not Imported, Inventory Reconciliation, the daily snapshot comparison, the sold-item sync and Push to Discogs. If an excluded listing was already imported earlier, its product is simply no longer synced — it is not deleted.

7. Category Rules

Category Rules let you override the default category assignment for specific combinations of genre, style, format, sleeve condition, or media condition. When a rule matches, its assigned WooCommerce category takes priority over the automatic genre/style/format mapping.

EXAMPLE You could create a rule that assigns all listings with format "Cassette" directly to a "Cassettes" category, regardless of their genre.

8. Automated Scheduler

The Scheduler page lets you automate recurring tasks so you do not need to perform them manually. If a scheduled task fails (e.g. Discogs is rate-limiting or temporarily unreachable), the reason is written to the debug log rather than failing silently.

Auto Import Products — Automatically imports new listings from Discogs on your chosen interval.

Inventory Status Sync — Sets out-of-stock WooCommerce products to Draft status on Discogs.

Auto Fetch Orders — Automatically imports new Discogs marketplace orders into WooCommerce.

Image Repair — Detects and fixes broken product images by re-fetching them from Discogs.

Daily Inventory Snapshot — Builds a JSON export of your full Discogs catalog in the background, for the local comparison tools on the Sync Status tab (see Section 10).

Reliable Scheduler (independent of WP-Cron)

WordPress only runs scheduled tasks when somebody visits the site, so on quiet or heavily cached sites they can be late or never run. The **Reliable Scheduler** card on the Scheduler tab makes every task run on exactly the interval you chose, regardless of WP-Cron. Each option has a **?** tooltip.

1. **Copy your private address** from the card. It looks like `https://yoursite.com/?axeasy_discogs_cron=...`. Keep it private; use **Generate New Address** if it ever leaks.
2. **Make a real timer call it every minute.** In cPanel (or your host's Cron Jobs) add a job set to every minute: `curl -fsS "ADDRESS" > /dev/null`. Without server access, a free service such as cron-job.org can open the address every minute.
3. **Check it.** The card shows a green "External timer active" badge, and a table with each task's interval, last run and next due time. **Run Now** and **Run All Due Tasks Now** let you test immediately.

Calling every minute is safe: nothing runs unless a task is really due. Every task keeps its own last-run time, so even if WP-Cron, your timer and an open admin page all fire together, a task still runs only once per interval. The plugin also re-creates any missing WP-Cron events by itself, and while a plugin page is open in your browser it checks once a minute as an extra safety net. If you use page caching, exclude addresses containing `axeasy_discogs_cron` from the cache.

Maintenance

The Scheduler page also includes a maintenance tool to permanently delete all trashed products in one click, useful for periodic cleanup.

9. Managing Orders

The Orders page lists all WooCommerce orders that originated from your Discogs marketplace sales. Click **Fetch Orders Now** to manually check for new orders at any time, in addition to the automatic scheduled fetch. Fetching runs with a live progress bar, paging through your order history and reporting exactly how many orders are new versus already synced — each order is matched by its unique Discogs ID, so nothing is ever imported twice.

Each imported order links back to its corresponding WooCommerce order for full management — fulfilment, invoicing, and customer communication all work exactly as they would for any other order in your store.

10. Discogs Store Sync Status

This dedicated tab brings together the tools for verifying and correcting sync between your live Discogs marketplace and this WooCommerce store, plus visibility into the automated scheduler itself.

Inventory Reconciliation

Scans your entire live "for sale" catalog on Discogs and corrects stock quantity and in/out-of-stock status on every already-imported product to match. Anything previously imported that no longer appears in that scan at all — sold, drafted, or removed on Discogs — is automatically marked out of stock here too.

Along the way, if a Discogs listing ends up with more than one WooCommerce product (a duplicate — most commonly created by an older import), the extra copy is automatically moved to Trash (never permanently deleted), keeping whichever copy has order history, is in stock, or was created first. This check happens as part of the same scan, so there is no separate duplicate-cleanup step to run.

TIP

Run this before making bulk pricing or category changes, so your store reflects reality first. The final summary reports exactly how many products were checked, how many quantities were corrected, how many are no longer available on Discogs, and how many duplicates were cleaned up.

Daily Inventory Snapshot

Builds a JSON file listing your entire "for sale" Discogs catalog, newest first, once a day in the background. Comparing this finished snapshot against WooCommerce is a separate, purely local step — it never has to wait on Discogs, so it always completes quickly no matter how large your catalog is. The last-built date, item count, and a direct download link are shown on this tab.

Build Snapshot Now always forces a fresh export regardless of the schedule. **Compare Snapshot to WooCommerce** reports what is missing (present in the snapshot, not yet imported) and what is stale (imported before, no longer present in the snapshot at all). Confirming marks stale products out of stock immediately, then imports the missing ones using the same rate-limited bulk import used elsewhere.

WHY THIS ALSO SPEEDS THINGS UP

The snapshot itself only actually rebuilds about once every 24 hours no matter how often the schedule checks in — checking more frequently just lets a large catalog finish exporting sooner on the day it is due, rather than being limited to one page per check.

Order History Reset

Discogs orders exist in WooCommerce purely for logistics — stock levels and packing — not as a real point of sale. This tool lets you permanently clear all currently-synced Discogs orders and set a cutoff date, so future order fetches only ever look at orders from that date forward. It defaults to the date this plugin was installed. Since Discogs returns orders newest-first, a fetch stops paginating entirely once it reaches your cutoff, so

routine order fetches finish much faster afterward.

Scheduler (WP-Cron) Health

WordPress's built-in scheduler only fires when a page load happens to reach PHP — it is not a real system-level timer. This panel shows each automated task's next scheduled run and flags anything overdue by more than two hours, along with guidance for setting up a real system cron job if the site's traffic or caching setup is preventing WordPress's pseudo-cron from firing reliably.

Shared Rate-Limit Awareness

Discogs allows a limited number of requests per minute for the whole connected account — not per individual action. If any feature (a scheduled task, a manual import, a catalog scan) gets rate-limited, that information is shared automatically across the entire plugin: everything else pauses briefly rather than continuing to make requests that would fail the same way. An indicator on this page shows how many seconds remain before things resume automatically.

11. Push to Discogs (WooCommerce > Discogs)

Until now stock flowed mainly from Discogs to your website. The **Push to Discogs** tab sends changes the other way, so a record sold on your website no longer stays on sale on Discogs. Everything on this tab is **off until you enable it**, and every option has a **?** icon — hover over it (or focus it with the keyboard) for a plain-language explanation.

How it works

1. A product changes in WooCommerce (a website sale, a stock edit, a price edit).
2. The product is added to a small **push queue**. Nothing is sent during checkout, so your shop never slows down.
3. A scheduled task (or the **Send Queue Now** button) takes products from the queue at a safe pace and reads the live Discogs listing.
4. Only if the listing really differs is it updated. Identical listings are left alone, which also keeps Discogs rate limits safe.

The three options

1. Push quantity & sold-out status — the Discogs quantity follows your WooCommerce stock. When stock reaches 0 the Discogs listing becomes **Draft**, so nobody can buy it there. This is the main protection against selling the same record twice. (Recommended.)

2. Relist when back in stock — a Draft listing goes back to **For Sale** when its product has stock again (restock, cancelled or refunded order). Listings that Discogs has marked Sold or deleted cannot be relisted and are left alone.

3. Push price changes — a new WooCommerce price is sent to Discogs. Your Import price markup is subtracted first, so the Discogs price remains your original one. Your store currency must match your Discogs seller currency; if it does not, leave this off.

Schedule and queue controls

Choose how often the queue is sent in the background (every 5 or 10 minutes is a good choice). The **Push Queue** card shows how many products are waiting, how many updates were sent, how many were already identical, and how many Discogs rejected (with the last reason). Three buttons control it:

1. **Send Queue Now** — sends everything waiting, with a progress bar. If Discogs asks for a pause it waits (with a countdown) and continues by itself.

2 **Queue All Products (Full Mirror)** — adds every imported product so each is compared with its Discogs listing. Products that already match are not touched.

3 **Clear Queue** — empties the waiting list; nothing changes on Discogs.

Getting a 100% mirror

1 Open **Discogs Store Sync Status** and run the **Inventory Reconciliation**, so WooCommerce matches what is really for sale on Discogs.

2 Open **Push to Discogs**, enable the options you want and click **Save Settings**.

3 Click **Queue All Products (Full Mirror)**, then **Send Queue Now**.

4 From then on every change in WooCommerce is sent automatically on your schedule.

GOOD TO KNOW

Excluded listings are never touched. Changes the plugin itself makes from Discogs (imports, reconciliation, Discogs orders) are never echoed back, so the two directions cannot loop. Products created only in WooCommerce are not published to Discogs.

12. License Activation & Updates

This plugin uses the Ax-Easy License Server to manage activations and deliver automatic updates.

1. Go to **Ax-Easy Discogs > License**.
2. Enter the license key you received when purchasing the plugin.
3. Click **Activate License**. The key is verified against your domain automatically.
4. Once active, WordPress will notify you when a new plugin version is available, and updates can be installed the same way as any other WordPress plugin.

NOTE A license is tied to a specific domain. If you move the plugin to a new site, deactivate the license on the old domain first, then activate it on the new one.

13. Troubleshooting

My scheduled tasks do not run on time.

WP-Cron only fires when someone visits the site. On the Scheduler tab, use the Reliable Scheduler card: copy the private address and set a cPanel Cron Job (every minute) or cron-job.org to call it. Tasks then run exactly on the interval you chose.

Can my website push stock changes to Discogs?

Yes. Open the Push to Discogs tab, enable the options you want and click Save. Then use Queue All Products and Send Queue Now once to bring both sides into agreement; after that changes are sent automatically on your schedule.

A Discogs listing stays for sale after the record sold on my website.

Make sure Push quantity & sold-out status is enabled and a schedule is set (or click Send Queue Now). The listing becomes Draft as soon as the queue reaches that product.

How do I stop some Discogs items from appearing on my website?

On the Import page use Exclude on a listing, or add a keyword rule (Location, External ID or Comments) in the Exclusions panel.

Products are not importing.

Verify your Discogs account is connected correctly on the Account Details page, and that your access token has not expired or been revoked on Discogs.com.

Prices look incorrect after import.

Check whether a Price Markup value has been set on the Import page for this shop; the markup is added on top of the original Discogs price.

Categories are not what I expected.

Review your Category Source setting on the Import Mapping page, and check whether a Category Rule is overriding the automatic assignment.

Orders are not appearing.

Confirm the Auto Fetch Orders scheduler is enabled, or click Fetch Orders Now on the Orders page to trigger a manual check.

License will not activate.

Make sure the license key was copied exactly as provided, with no extra spaces, and that the domain matches the one registered for that license.

I see a duplicate product for the same Discogs listing.

Run Inventory Reconciliation on the Discogs Store Sync Status tab — it now detects and automatically resolves duplicates as part of its normal scan, keeping whichever copy has order history, is in stock, or was created first, and moving the rest to Trash (never a permanent delete).

A scan or import seems to freeze with no progress.

Every request now times out after 45 seconds and automatically retries with a countdown rather than waiting indefinitely, so a genuine freeze should resolve itself within about a minute. If it still does not recover, reload the page and try again — progress on multi-page scans is preserved between attempts.

The scheduled tasks (auto import, auto fetch orders) don't seem to run.

Check the Scheduler (WP-Cron) Health panel on the Discogs Store Sync Status tab — it shows whether each task is overdue. WordPress's scheduler only fires when a page load reaches PHP, so low-traffic sites or aggressive full-page caching can delay it significantly; the panel includes steps for setting up a real system cron job if needed.

I don't see any WooCommerce emails for Discogs orders — is that a bug?

No — this is intentional. Orders imported from Discogs represent sales that already happened on the marketplace, so WooCommerce order emails (new order, processing, completed, etc.) are deliberately suppressed for them to avoid confusing customers or duplicating notifications they already received from Discogs.

14. Support

For questions, bug reports, or license inquiries, please contact Ax-Easy directly.

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