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Shopify Basic Plan Limitations

If you are on the Shopify Basic plan, please note that third-party apps cannot be used to retrieve shipping rates. Instead, you will need to manually configure your own shipping rates.

However, you can still use our plugin to send shipments and print waybills directly from the "Orders" page. For WordPress users, the plugin retrieves shipping rates automatically and at no additional cost.

Legal Restrictions on Meeting with Customers

As a courier service, we are legally prohibited from attending meetings that relate to customer websites. This policy ensures that we remain compliant with industry regulations while focusing on delivering our core services effectively.





For website-related discussions or technical assistance, we highly recommend consulting with a web developer. They will be able to assist with any specific requirements you have for your website. If you don't already have a web developer, we recommend referring to the section titled "Looking for a Web Developer" after the FAQ section in this document.

Email Support

Although we are unable to attend meetings, we are committed to providing high-quality support via email. This method allows us to document all communications, ensuring you receive accurate, detailed responses that are tailored to your specific needs.

By focusing on email support, we can allocate our resources efficiently and provide you with timely assistance. We appreciate your understanding and encourage you to reach out via email for any technical inquiries or support.

Compatibility Check (31/03/2025)

Shopify Update - Developer's Response:

In response to the recent Shopify newsletter regarding updates, our development team has reviewed the changes outlined in the March 2025 update. They have confirmed the following:

Legacy POS Extensions - Deprecated (February 28):

This update has been addressed for PUDO and will not affect TCG.

Shopify Updates: The following updates will not impact the PUDO or TCG plugins, as these features are not utilised by either plugin:

Hydrogen (February 2025 release):

Contentstack now works with Liquid storefronts.

Creating solutions for Shopify Checkout and developing tailored solutions using POS UI extensions.





Shopify Plans Explained

Shopify offers several plans to accommodate different business needs. Each plan comes with its own set of features, including shipping options. It's important to select the right plan based on your store's requirements, especially when it comes to shipping functionality.

Changes to Carrier Calculated Shipping (CCS) Plan Eligibility

As of recent updates, Shopify has made changes to the eligibility for Carrier Calculated Shipping (CCS). CCS allows you to access real-time shipping rates from carriers directly in your checkout process. However, this feature is not available on all Shopify plans.

For full access to CCS, you'll need to be on the **Shopify Advanced Plan** or higher. Stores on the **Shopify Basic Plan** will not have access to CCS and will need to manually configure their shipping rates.

For more details on the eligibility changes and plan features, you can refer to the following articles:

Shopify Changes to Carrier Calculated Shipping (CCS) Plan Eligibility

Shopify Pricing and Plans

Third-party calculated shipping rates

Compare all plan features Basic Shopify Advanced Pricing Pay Monthly \$25 USD/mo \$65 USD/mo \$399 USD/mo Pay Yearly \$19 USD/mo \$49 USD/mo \$299 USD/mo Features

Enabling Third-Party Calculated Shipping Rates

For the "Add Carrier Rates to Shopify on Save" feature to function correctly, you must have Third-Party Calculated Shipping enabled in your Shopify store.

Add Carrier Rates to Shopify on save



Important Note:

If you don't have a flat rate configured, the plugin may fail to save your settings. On the **Shopify Basic Plan**, where carrier rates are not enabled, saving settings will trigger an info message after saving, rather than causing the save screen to hang.

Setup Steps

Please follow the setup steps outlined below to ensure proper configuration. If you encounter any issues or errors during setup, our contact details are provided at the end of this document, along with the information we'll need to assist you. You can download the plugin/Shopify app here:

The Courier Guy - Shopify App





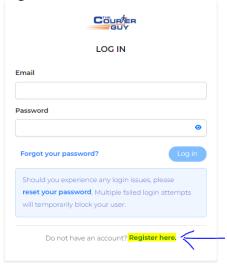
International Support

Please note that the plugin is designed to **only support South Africa**. Additionally, you will need to have your Shopify store's address set to South Africa for the plugin to install successfully. If your store address is located outside of South Africa, the plugin will not install.

Registering a Live or Sandbox (Test) Account

To start using the plugin, you can register a new live account here:

Register for a Live Account



Default Shipping Rate and Custom Rates

The **default rate** is the national one-rate. If you require a different shipping rate, please reach out to the sales team. You can contact them at:

Email: sales@thecourierguy.co.za

Alternatively, you can create a **test/sandbox account** to test rates.

Testing Environment (Sandbox)

If you are using a test account, make sure to update the plugin with your **test "account number"** and **"API Key"**, and then save the changes.

To create a free sandbox (test) account, visit the following site:

Create a Sandbox Account

Important Notes for Sandbox:

Prices provided are **test prices** and are not valid for real shipments. These prices will not increase even if you add 100 items; they are for testing purposes only and will display demo pricing.

You can use the **ECO rate/service** for all test shipments, regardless of whether they are local, national, or regional. The sandbox environment will not return prices for international addresses.

You'll know you are in the sandbox environment if you see the following logo, which will also appear on the generated waybills:



API Key Access / Bearer Token

Access Key ID and Access Key have been discontinued and are no longer required.

Access Token is required to authenticate the API and access services.





How to Create the API Key (Access / Bearer Token)

To create your API key (Bearer token), follow these steps:

Navigate to Settings:

In your account, go to the **Settings** section in the left navigation panel.

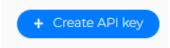


Go to the API Keys Section:

Under Settings, select the API Keys section to view the page.

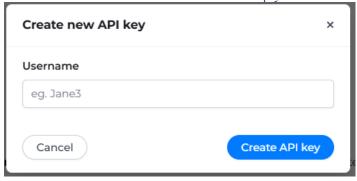
Create a New API Key:

Click the button that looks like the one below to generate a new API key:



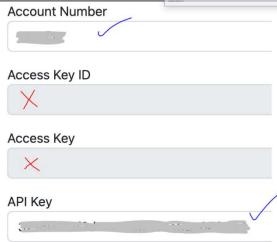
Leave Username Blank:

You can leave the username field blank and simply click on the Create API Key button to generate your new key.



Account Number

The Account Number is the same as the Account Code associated with your account.



How to Set Up and Use "The Courier Guy" for Shopify Important Note:





To use **The Courier Guy** with Shopify, you must be on either the **Advanced** or **Plus** plan in order to access **Third-Party Calculated Shipping Rates**. You can find more details about Shopify plans here: Shopify Pricing

Part 1: Adding "The Courier Guy" to Shopify as an App

Step 1:

Log in to your Shopify store's backend.

Step 2:

Navigate to the **The Courier Guy Shopify App** page and click the **"Add App"** button.

Step 3:

Click the "Install App" button at the bottom-right of the screen to begin the installation process.

Step 4:

Once the app is installed, proceed to **Part 2** to configure the app.

Part 2: Configuring "The Courier Guy" App on Shopify

Step 1:

Log in to your Shopify store's backend admin area.

Step 2:

Navigate to the left side of the screen and click on "Apps".

Step 3:

In the search bar, type "The Courier Guy" and click on the app when it appears.

Step 4:

Complete the following fields:

4a - General Settings

Shopify Store:

Enter your store's URL, typically in the format [businessname].myshopify.com.

Company Name:

Enter your business or company name.

TCG Account Number:

Input your **account number** (also known as your **account code**) found under the "Account" menu when logged into your **The Courier Guy** account.

Ship Logic Key ID:

This field is not required.

Ship Logic Key:

This field is not required.

API Kev

The API key is created by logging into your **The Courier Guy** account, then navigating to **Settings** \rightarrow **API Key** tab.

Click on the blue "+ Create API Key" button to generate your API key.

Taxable:

Set whether TCG shipping should be **taxable** or not.

Tax Rate:

If **Taxable** is set to "Yes," enter the applicable tax rate.

Insure Goods:

Choose "Yes" or "No" to decide if you want to include shipping insurance for your shipments.

Generic Waybill:

If you prefer to have generic descriptions (rather than product names) on the waybills, set this to "Yes".

Free Shipping:

To enable free shipping for orders above a certain value, set this to "Yes".

(This feature is not available with the Shopify Basic plan)

Free Shipping Amount:

If Free Shipping is enabled, enter the minimum order amount (in your store's currency) for customers to qualify for





free shipping. For example, if you set this to 1500, then orders over R1500 will receive free shipping. Do not include currency symbols, like "R".

4b - Address

Enter your collection address information:

Street Address:

Enter the street address (number and street name only, no suburbs or cities).

Suburb:

Enter the suburb for the collection address.

City:

Enter the city for the collection address.

Province:

Enter the province for the collection address.

Country:

Enter the country for the collection address.

Postal Code:

Enter the postal code for the collection address.

Contact Name:

Enter the contact name for the waybill.

Email:

Enter the contact email for the waybill.

Phone:

Enter the contact phone number for the waybill.

4c - Package Sizes

Default Package Length:

Enter the **length** of the package (or multiple packages) for the waybill. The value should be in **cm**, with no characters (e.g., **50** for 50 cm).

Width:

Enter the width of the package in cm, with no characters (e.g., 50 for 50 cm).

Height:

Enter the **height** of the package in **cm**, with no characters (e.g., **50** for 50 cm).

Maximum Weight:

Enter the **maximum weight** allowed per package in **KG**. For example, if your maximum weight is **15 kg**, The Courier Guy will calculate the number of boxes required based on this weight.

Note: For large items, the maximum weight per box is 40 kg. If a product exceeds this, the plugin will automatically use additional boxes.

Step 5:

Once you've filled in all the required fields, click the "Save Settings" button to apply your changes.

Part 3: Adding "The Courier Guy" App as a Shipping Rate on Shopify (Requires Shopify Advanced)

Step 1:

From your Shopify backend, click on "Settings" located at the bottom-left of the dashboard.

Step 2:

Next, click on "Shipping and delivery".

Step 3:

Scroll to the **Shipping** block. Under **General shipping rates**, click the "Manage" button next to "General".

Step 4:

In the "Shipping from" block, click the "Add rate" button.

Step 5:

Select the "Use carrier or app to calculate rates" radio button. Then, in the dropdown, choose "The Courier Guy (rates provided by app)". If it's not already selected, you can choose it here.

(Please note: This option requires the Shopify Advanced or Plus plan).





If this feature isn't enabled, you'll need to set up your own rates. You can still use the plugin to create shipments directly from your orders page.

For guidance on setting up your own rates, scroll down to the section titled "Setting up your own shipping rates", where I have provided an example of the ecomms rate.

Step 6:

Choose the services you want to offer your customers, such as **Local Overnight Parcel**, **Local Same-Day Express**, etc. We recommend offering the **LOX**, **ECO**, and **ECOR** services to cover South Africa.

Step 7:

If you wish to apply an additional fee to the shipping charges, you can set this under the "Handling fee" section. You can either add a percentage increase or a flat fee increase (but not both). Once you've made your selections, click the "Done" button.

Step 8:

Click the "Save" button at the bottom or top of the page to save your changes.

Congratulations! Your customers will now see The Courier Guy as a shipping option during checkout.





What You Need to Know

Services and Calculations Explained

If you're on the **Shopify Basic plan**, you'll likely set up a **standard shipping rate** in Shopify. However, when you create a shipment with **The Courier Guy**, the following services will apply based on the "collection" and "delivery" address. It's important to understand how these services are divided and calculated.

Services are categorised into three areas: Local, National, and Regional.

Local Services

For **local deliveries**, developers typically offer:

LOF (Local Overnight Flyer)

LOX (Local Overnight Parcel)

Note: For shipments over 30 kg, only the ECO service is available for local deliveries.

National Services

For national deliveries, the cheapest service is typically ECO (Economy).

Regional Services

For regional deliveries, the cheapest option is ECOR (Economy Regional).

Note: Both ECO and ECOR are calculated using the same formula, and the price is the same for both.

Main Areas Served (National)

The following cities and areas are served with ECO and OVN services:

Johannesburg

Pretoria

Bloemfontein

Cape Town

Durban

Port Elizabeth

East London

George

Kimberley

Ladysmith

Nelspruit

Polokwane

Potchefstroom

Welkom

Witbank

Weight Calculations

When submitting the weight of your products for a quote, **The Courier Guy** will calculate both the **actual weight** and the **volumetric weight**. The highest value of these two will determine the **charged weight**.

Actual Weight: The true weight of the package.

Volumetric Weight: The size of the package, calculated to determine its space in transport.





Charged Weight: The greater of the two (actual weight or volumetric weight) will be used to calculate shipping charges.

Actual Weight	Charged Weight
2 kg	2 kg

For National and Regional areas the Volumetric Factor used to calculate is 4000 (formula = number of items x L x W x H /4000) must be in cm and Kg

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Service level code	Service level name	Service level description	Volumetric factor	Weight from	Weight to	Weight unlimited
ECO	Economy	Expect delivery between 3 - 4 Days	4000	25		TRUE
ECOR	Economy Regional	Expect delivery between 3 - 5 Days	4000	10	25	FALSE
ECOR	Economy Regional	Expect delivery between 3 - 5 Days	4000	15	25	FALSE
ECO	Economy	Expect delivery between 3 - 4 Days	4000	10	25	FALSE
ECO	Economy	Expect delivery between 3 - 4 days.	4000	0	5	FALSE
ECO	Economy	Expect delivery between 3 - 4 days.	4000	5	10	FALSE
ECO	Economy	Expect delivery between 3 - 4 days.	4000	0	15	FALSE
ECO	Economy	Expect delivery between 3 - 4 days.	4000	15	25	FALSE
ECO	Economy	Expect delivery between 3 - 4 days.	4000	0		TRUE
ECOB	Economy Bulk Kiosk	Expect delivery between 3 - 4 days.	4000	100		TRUE
ECOR	Economy Regional	Expect delivery between 3 - 5 days.	4000	0	5	FALSE
ECOR	Economy Regional	Expect delivery between 3 - 5 days.	4000	5	10	FALSE
ECOR	Economy Regional	Expect delivery between 3 - 5 days.	4000	0	15	FALSE
ECOR	Economy Regional	Expect delivery between 3 - 5 days.	4000	25		TRUE
ECORB	Economy Regional Bulk Kiosk	Expect delivery between 3 - 5 days.	4000	100		TRUE
ECOR	Economy Regional	Expect delivery between 3 - 5 days.	4000	0		TRUE
ECO	Economy	Expect delivery between 3 - 4 Days	4000	5	15	FALSE
ECOR	Economy Regional	Expect delivery between 3 - 5 Days	4000	5	15	FALSE





ECO	Economy	Expect delivery between 3 - 4 days.	4000	40		TRUE	
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For local the calculation is normally per item so 1 parcel works out cheaper, 2 parcels would be double the price (LOF is cheapest, LOX the next best price available)

For overnight regional and international areas the Volumetric Factor used to calculate is 5000 (formula = number of items x Lx Wx H/5000) must be in cm and Kg

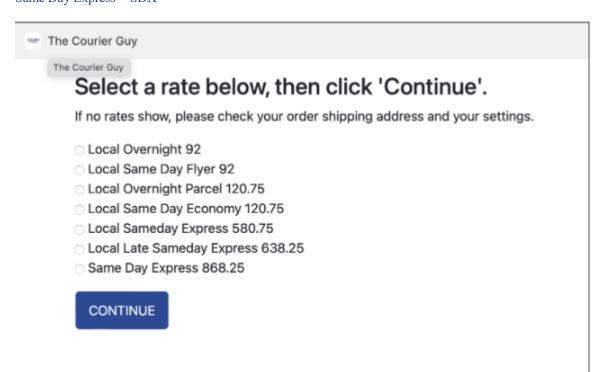
Service level code	Service level name	Service level description	Volumetric factor	Weight from	Weight to	Weight unlimited
OVNR	Overnight Regional	Expect delivery between 2 - 3 Days	5000	0		TRUE
RIN	International Road		5000	0		TRUE
LLX	Local Late Same day Express	Collection same day after 15:00, but before 17:00, delivery after 90 minutes.	5000	0	40	FALSE
INN	International	Contact your nearest hub for transit times.	5000	0	30	FALSE
LOF	Local Overnight Flyer	Collection must be booked by 14:00, and ready by 14:30, to be delivered during the next business day.	5000	0	15	FALSE
LOX	Local Overnight Parcel	Collection must be booked by 14:00, and ready by 14:30, to be delivered during the next business day.	5000	0	40	FALSE
LSE	Local Same Day Economy	Collection must be booked by 10:30, and ready by 11:00, to be delivered by 17:00 the same day.	5000	0	40	FALSE
LSF	Local Same Day Flyer	Collection must be booked by 10:30, and ready by 11:00, to be delivered by 17:00 the same day.	5000	0	15	FALSE
LSX	Local Same day Express	Collection same day after 8:00 but before 15:00, delivery within 90 minutes.	5000	0	40	FALSE
OVNR	Overnight Regional	Expect delivery between 2 - 3 days.	5000	0		TRUE
OVN	Overnight	Expect delivery between 1 - 2 days.	5000	0		TRUE
LOX	Local Overnight Parcel Ecomms	Collection must be booked by 14:00, and ready by 14:30, to be	5000	0		TRUE





		delivered during the next business day.			
LSE	Local Same Day Economy Ecomms	Collection must be booked by 10:30, and ready by 11:00, to be delivered by 17:00 the same day.	5000	0	TRUE

Local delivery example
Local Overnight = LOF
Local Same Day Flyer = LSF
Local Overnight Parcel = LOX
Local Same Day Economy = LSE
Local Same Day Express = LSX
Same Day Express = SDX



National delivery example Economy = ECO Overnight = OVN Same Day Express = SDX





elow, then click 'Continue'. Check your order shipping address and your settings.
check your order shipping address and your settings.
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You can use the plugin to exclude rates, we recommend you keep 3 services to cover South Africa Example
Local = LOX
National = ECO

Regional = ECOR

Exclude Rates			
× The Courier Guy AIR: Fuel charge	× The Courier Guy ECOB: Fuel charge	× The Courier Guy ECORB: Fuel charge	× The Courier Guy INN: Fuel charge
× The Courier Guy LLS: Fuel charge	× The Courier Guy LLX: Fuel charge	The Courier Guy LSE: Fuel charge × T	he Courier Guy LSF: Fuel charge
× The Courier Guy LSX: Fuel charge	× The Courier Guy NFS: Fuel charge	× The Courier Guy OVN: Fuel charge ×	The Courier Guy OVNR: Fuel charge
× The Courier Guy RIN: Fuel charge	× The Courier Guy SDX: Fuel charge	× The Courier Guy SPX: Fuel charge	

How to Add Weight to Shopify Products

To ensure your products are accurately weighed for shipping with **The Courier Guy**, you need to add the weight in Shopify. Here's how:

Set the Product as Physical

First, make sure your product is marked as a physical item in Shopify. This allows the weight field to appear.

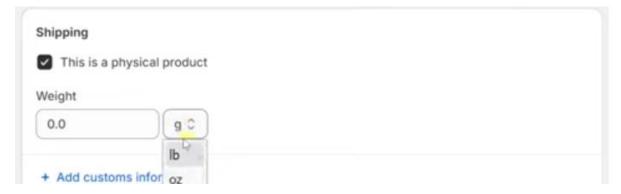
Shipping	
This is a ph	ysical product
Customers wor	't enter shipping details at checkout. Learn how to set up your store for <u>digital</u> vices.

Add the Weight in Grams

You should enter the weight of your product in **grams**. This is important because **The Courier Guy** will pull this weight value as "**Mass (grams)**" when calculating shipping costs.







You can watch a tutorial on this process here:

How to Add Weight to Shopify Products

Incorrect Quotes for Shopify Advanced Users

Step 1:

Begin by creating a quote on **The Courier Guy** portal. This will serve as a comparison for the results you will test using the plugin below.

Step 2:

Clear your settings to ensure no factors are affecting the test. This includes:

Exclude rates

Percentage mark-up

Price rate override

Confirm whether VAT is enabled or disabled

Remove any label override settings

Important: Do not skip this step. Ensure you have not set the "price rate override".

Step 3:

Replicate the checkout process and proceed to the payment page without actually making the payment.

Step 4:

Go to the **Orders** page and find the order you just tested.

Step 5:

Edit the order and select the "Send order to The Courier Guy" action.

Step 6:

Log in to The Courier Guy and cancel the shipment. The cost of the shipment will be reversed.

Step 7:

Right-click on the shipment to cancel it.

Check the Following on the Waybill:

Dimensions: What dimensions are submitted by the plugin? Compare these to the quote you received in Step 1.

Number of Items or Parcels: How many items or parcels are listed?

Service Selected: Confirm the service selected (e.g., ECO, ECOR, LOF, LOX). **Address:** Confirm the address is correct, and check for any surcharges applied.

Information Required for Further Investigation:

To troubleshoot the incorrect quote, please provide the following:

Shopify Plan: Are you using the **Shopify Advanced** or **Basic** plan, and is **CCS (Carrier Calculated Shipping)** enabled? If you're on the basic plan, the plugin will not impact your shipping prices. In this case, you will need to speak to your web developer.

Product Shipping Dimensions: What are the shipping dimensions of each product? **Ship as Single Parcel:** Have you set any product to be shipped as a single parcel? If not:



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What target dimensions do you have in the plugin setup for flyer, medium, or large size box? Test Quote: Please send us the test quote from Step 1 to show what you expect the pricing to be.

Cancelled Shipment: Please send us the cancelled shipment from Step 6 to compare with the plugin's results.

How the Plugin Retrieves a Quote and Packs Products When Submitting Your Shipment

The plugin does not calculate shipping rates directly. Instead, it attempts to pack your products into predefined dimensions (flyer, medium, or large size) unless you enable the "Ship as Single Parcel" option. If this option is enabled, the product will not be packed, and the shipping dimensions for the item will be used directly. Example:

Let's say you have 5 keyrings and 2 flat-screen TVs on the checkout page. You would likely want the plugin to submit a **flyer** for the 5 keyrings and treat the 2 flat-screen TVs as separate parcels by enabling the "**Ship as Single Parcel**" setting for the TVs.

Example Breakdown:

- 1 x Flyer: $30 \text{cm} \times 40 \text{cm} \times 8 \text{cm}$, weight = 2 kg (2000 grams)
- 1 x Custom Parcel: $100 \text{cm} \times 10 \text{cm} \times 72 \text{cm}$, weight = 10 kg (10,000 grams)
- 1 x Custom Parcel: $100 \text{cm} \times 10 \text{cm} \times 72 \text{cm}$, weight = 10 kg (10,000 grams)

In this case, the "Ship as Single Parcel" setting would be used for the flat-screen TVs, which are large items that do not need to be packed.

Enabling "Ship as Single Parcel"

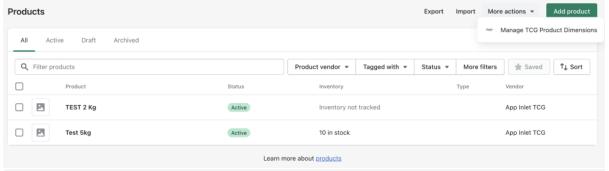
For larger items that should not be packed and need to be shipped as-is, you can enable the "Ship as Single Parcel" setting.

To enable this:

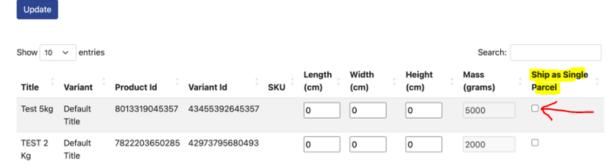
Navigate to **Products** in your Shopify admin area.

Under More Actions, click on Manage TCG Product Dimensions.

Tick the checkbox for "Ship as Single Parcel".



Manage The Courier Guy Product Dimensions



This will exclude the product from the packing formula used by the plugin and instead submit the product's shipping dimensions directly for a quote.



We would love to handle your package.



What happens with "Ship as Single Parcel"?

When this option is selected, each product is treated as a separate parcel. For instance, if you have 3 products marked with this option, the plugin will submit them as 3 separate parcels for shipping.

Packing and Shipping Dimensions

If your item must be packed, ensure that the shipping dimensions are smaller than the chosen box size (flyer, medium, or large box) during checkout.

Important: The length, width, and height of your product **must** be at least 1 cm smaller than the dimensions of the box it will fit into. This ensures the item can fit inside the selected box during shipment.

Example: If you choose a box that's $30 \text{cm} \times 40 \text{cm} \times 8 \text{cm}$ (flyer size), your product should have dimensions slightly smaller than these to fit properly inside.

Dimensions for Checkout

Make sure that the **shipping dimensions** of your items are set in **centimetres** and **kilograms**. Without the correct units, the packing and shipping calculations may not work as expected.

Important Notes:

If your product **does not need to be packed** and should be shipped as is (e.g., large or unique items), you must tick the **"Ship as Single Parcel"** option. This will exclude the product from being packed and submit its shipping dimensions directly for a quote.

If the shipping price is unexpectedly high, double-check that you're using **centimetres (cm)**, not millimetres (mm). For reference:

100 mm = 10 cm

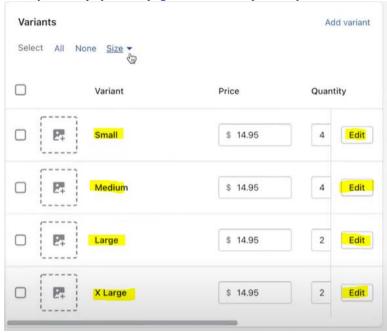
100 cm = 1 meter

By following these steps, you can ensure accurate shipping calculations and prevent any discrepancies in shipping costs. Shopify Products with Multiple Variants

If your Shopify product has multiple variants (e.g., different sizes, colours, etc.), you can set individual weights for each variant.

Adding Variants:

Go to your Shopify admin page and select the product you want to edit.

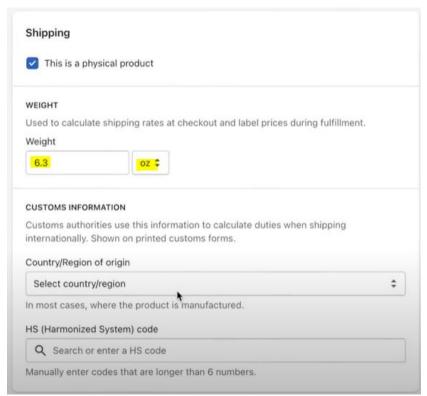


Under the Variants section, click Edit next to the variant you want to specify.

In the weight field, enter the weight of the variant in **grams**. This weight will then pull through to **The Courier Guy plugin shipping dimensions** during checkout.





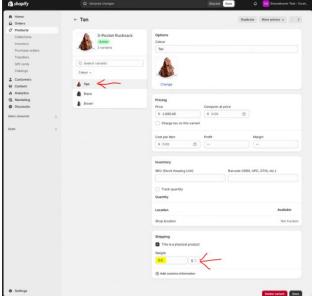


Important Notes:

Make sure the weight for each variant is specified in **grams** for it to be correctly transferred to the TCG plugin. **Set the product as a "physical product"** so the variant weights and dimensions can be pulled through properly to The Courier Guy plugin.

By entering the correct weight and setting the product as physical, the plugin will use these values to calculate shipping

dimensions and provide accurate quotes.







Managing Product Shipping Dimensions in Shopify with The Courier Guy Plugin

To configure **shipping dimensions** for individual products:

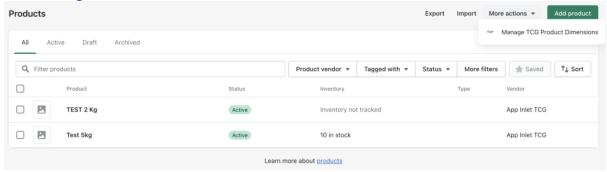
Step-by-Step:

Go to your Shopify Products page.

Click on a product to edit it.

At the top-right of the product page, click the "More actions" dropdown.

Select "Manage TCG Product Dimensions".



This will allow you to set:

Length (cm)

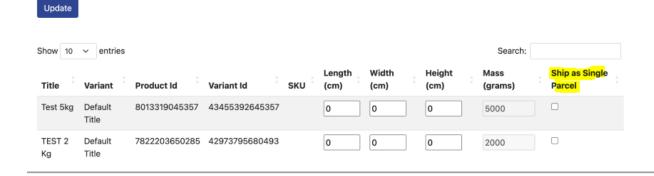
Width (cm)

Height (cm)

Weight (grams)

And optionally: Ship as Single Parcel

Manage The Courier Guy Product Dimensions



Example Test Setup:

Test Product 1 (small item, gets packed):

Dimensions: 5cm x 3cm x 1cm Weight: 1kg / 1000 grams

Do not tick "Ship as Single Parcel" - this product should be packed into a flyer during checkout.

Test Product 2 (large item, not packed): Dimensions: 100cm x 10cm x 72cm Weight: 10kg / 10,000 grams

Tick "Ship as Single Parcel" – this product ships in its original box and is **not** packed.

Weight Tip: Shopify stores product weight in grams, so:

5000 grams = 5 kg

Always ensure product weight is entered correctly for shipping calculations.





How It Works:

If "Ship as Single Parcel" is selected:

The plugin will submit the exact dimensions and weight you've entered for each unit.

Example: 3 units = 3 parcels in the shipping quote and waybill.

If "Ship as Single Parcel" is *not* selected:

The plugin will attempt to pack the item into one of the predefined parcel sizes: flyer, medium, or large. It submits a single combined parcel quote based on how the items fit together and the max weight per box. Ensure your product dimensions are smaller than the box size by at least 1 cm to fit properly during checkout.

Submitting a Shipment from the Shopify Orders Page (Using The Courier Guy Plugin)

To create a shipment using The Courier Guy from an existing order: Step-by-Step:

Go to your **Orders** page in the Shopify admin.



Find the order you want to ship and open it.

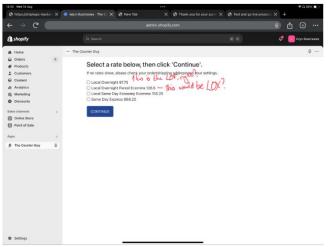
Click the "More actions" dropdown near the top-right.



Select one of the following options:
Create The Courier Guy Shipment
Get The Courier Guy Waybill
A popup will appear prompting you to select a shipping rate.
Shipping Service Notes:
Local Overnight (flyers only) = LOF
Local Overnight Parcel Ecomms = LOX







After selecting a rate and confirming details, the plugin will generate a waybill and send the shipment details to The Courier Guy system.

Order Notes and Weight Unit Settings

Tracking and Errors

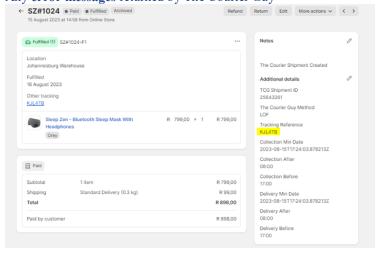
After creating a shipment:

Check the Order Notes section in Shopify.

This will display:

The tracking reference

Any **error messages** returned by The Courier Guy



Setting Your Shopify Weight Unit to Grams

To ensure the correct weight pulls through to The Courier Guy plugin:

Go to your Shopify Admin Panel.

Click on Settings.

Click on Store details.

Scroll down to the Standards and formats section.

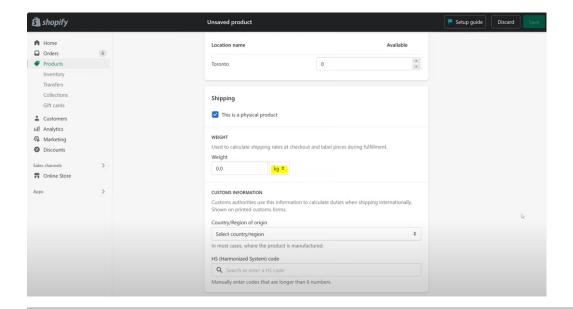
From the weight unit dropdown, select grams.

Click Save.

This ensures all product weights are correctly calculated and submitted.







"Ship as Single Parcel" Location and Example

Go to any product in Shopify.

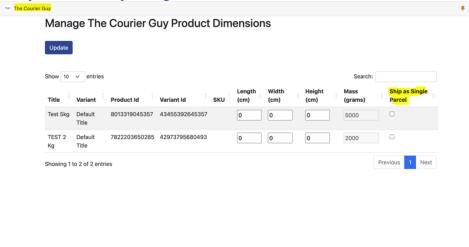
Click the **More actions** dropdown.

Select Manage TCG Product Dimensions.

Here you'll find:

Length, Width, Height, and Weight (in grams)

The option to tick "Ship as Single Parcel"



Example:

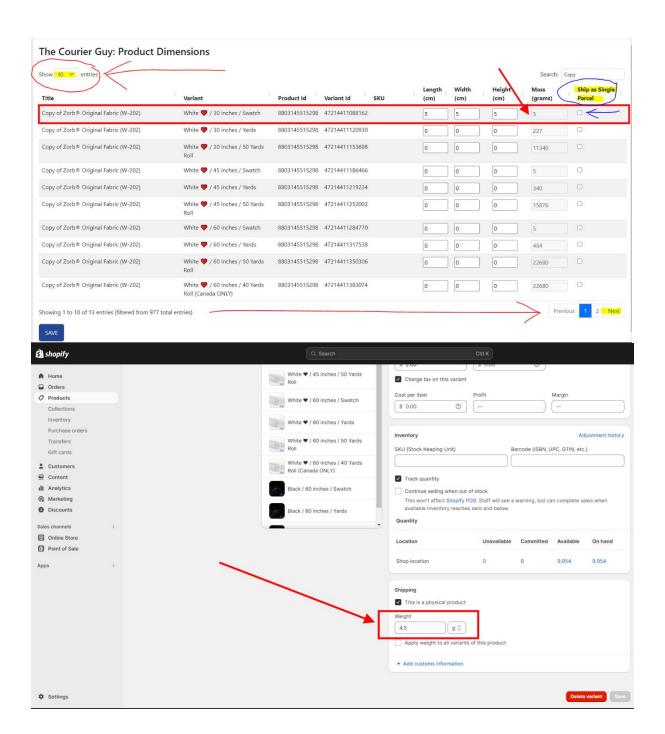
Dimensions: 100cm x 10cm x 72cm

Weight: 5000 grams (5 kg)

If "Ship as Single Parcel" is selected, this item will be submitted as-is, not packed.







How to Set Shopify Weight to Grams

To ensure The Courier Guy plugin calculates shipping correctly, you must set your default weight unit to **grams** in Shopify.

Steps:

Go to your Shopify Admin Panel.

Click on **Settings**.

Select Store details.



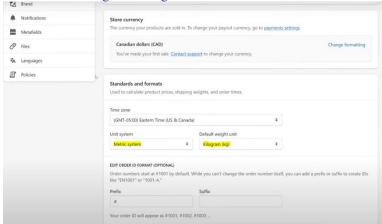




Scroll down to the Unit system section.

Choose Metric system.

Set the default weight unit to grams.



Click Save to apply the changes.

For a visual walkthrough, you can refer to the following video:

How to Set Shopify Weight to Grams - YouTube

Change Shopify Metafields to "cm"

#Shopify Measurement #Metafield Tutorial https://youtu.be/tgPaOycXM3w



Test Steps: Getting Quotes Using The Courier Guy Portal or Sandbox

Before you begin, decide whether you'll use the live environment or the sandbox (test) environment:

Option 1: Live Environment

URL: https://portal.thecourierguy.co.za/login

Important: Ensure your live account has at least **R500** credit for test shipments.

Refunds: Cancelled shipments will automatically refund your account.

Option 2: Sandbox Environment

URL: https://sandbox.shiplogic.com/login

Register here: https://sandbox.shiplogic.com/register
Use this if you have no funds on the live account.

Note: The prices returned here are test/demo values only, not real-time courier pricing.





Step-by-Step Instructions

1. Create 3 Test Quotes

You will test 3 different shipping scenarios to validate your setup:

Test Quote 1: Local Delivery

Service: LOF (Local Overnight Flyer) or LOX (Local Overnight Parcel)

Example: Johannesburg (JHB) to Johannesburg (JHB)

Dimensions: 1 x Flyer

 $30 \text{cm} \times 40 \text{cm} \times 8 \text{cm}$ Weight = 2 kg

Test Quote 2: National Delivery

Service: ECO (Economy)

Example: Johannesburg (JHB) to Cape Town (CPT)

Dimensions: 1 x Custom Parcel 100cm x 10cm x 72cm Weight = 10kg

Test Quote 3: Regional Delivery

Service: ECOR (Economy Regional)

Example: Johannesburg (JHB) to Kuruman or Kathu (Northern Cape)

Dimensions: 1 x Custom Parcel 100cm x 10cm x 72cm Weight = 10kg

2. Compare the Results

Once quotes are generated, compare the output between:

The Courier Guy plugin quotes

Quotes manually created in the portal or sandbox

Check for consistency in: Service type selected Dimensions submitted Weight (Actual vs Volumetric) Final pricing

Test Addresses

Possible services LOF, LOX, ECO, OVN (local or national)

Company name = The Courier Guy – Johannesburg Street address = 37 Malta Road Cosmo Business Park

Suburb = Kya Sand

City = Johannesburg Province = Gauteng Postal code = 2163





Company name = The Courier Guy – Cape Town Street address = King Air Industria, Pallotti Rd

Suburb = Matroosfontein City = Cape Town Province = Western Cape = 7490Postal code

Company name = The Courier Guy – Durban

Street address = 62 Goodwood Rd

= Westmead Suburb

City = Pinetown Province = KwaZulu-Natal

Postal code = 3610

Possible services = ECOR (Regional province) Company name = The Courier Guy – Kuruman

= 25C Hoofstraat Street address Suburb = Kuruman

City = Kuruman Province = Northern Cape

Postal code = 8460

Company name = The Courier Guy - Tzaneen

Street address = Lifestyle Centre Suburb = Aqua Park City = Tzaneen Province = Limpopo Postal code = 0850

Company name = The Courier Guy - Port Elizabeth

Street address = 59 Amatyre Road

Suburb = Coega

City = Gqeberha Province = Eastern Cape

= 6001 Postal code

To test high risk surcharge try the following address (only works with Shopify advanced)

Company name = Pimville SPCA Street address = Pimville SPCA Suburb = Pimville

City = Johannesburg Province = Gauteng Postal code = 1859

Resetting The Courier Guy Plugin Settings in Shopify

Follow these steps to ensure your plugin is set up correctly for accurate testing and live use:

- 1. Log into your Shopify Admin Dashboard
- 2. Clear the following plugin settings

Go to Apps > The Courier Guy Plugin Settings, and clear or disable the following options:





Exclude Rates

Percentage Mark-up

Price Rate Override

Label Override Settings

These should be left empty or disabled during initial setup and testing.

3. Use a full, valid shipping address

When testing, always use a complete and accurate delivery address:

Must be searchable on Google Maps

Must include a phone number and email address

Province must match the actual city/suburb for accuracy

4. Confirm your flyer settings

Go to the Plugin Settings

Set your Flyer Size to:

30cm x 40cm x 8cm

5. Disable automatic collection for now

Turn off the setting:

"Automatically Submit Collection Order"

It's best to manually create shipments from the **Orders page** until your integration is confirmed to be working correctly. This prevents unwanted collections and confusion when a driver arrives unexpectedly.

Automatically Submit Collection Order

No

This will determine whether the collection order is automatically submitted to The Courier Guy after checkout completion.

6. Save your settings

After making all changes:

Click Save to apply the new configuration.

Important

These plugin features only work with **Shopify Advanced** or **Plus** plans where **Carrier Calculated Shipping (CCS)** is enabled.

If you are using a **Basic** Shopify plan, the plugin **will not affect your shipping prices**—speak to your developer about alternate solutions.

Creating Test Products in Shopify for TCG Plugin Testing

Follow these steps to create two test products with accurate shipping dimensions:

1. Go to the Shopify Admin Dashboard

Click on **Products**

Click Add Product to create your first test item

2. Create Test Product 1 – Small Item (to be packed)

Product Title: Test Product 1 – Small Item

Check: "This is a physical product"

Weight: 500 grams (0.5kg)

Click More actions > Manage TCG Product Dimensions

Length: 5cm



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Leave "Ship as Single Parcel" unchecked

This small product will be packed into a flyer during shipping calculations.

3. Create Test Product 2 – Large Item (not to be packed)

Product Title: Test Product 2 – Large Item **Check:** "This is a physical product" **Weight:** 10000 grams (10kg)

Click More actions > Manage TCG Product Dimensions

Length: 100cm Width: 10cm Height: 72cm

Tick the box for "Ship as Single Parcel"

This large product will be shipped in its own packaging and excluded from the packing algorithm.

Manage The Courier Guy Product Dimensions



4. Save Your Changes

Click Save for each product after entering dimensions and parcel settings.

Testing Checkout with The Courier Guy Plugin

Step-by-Step Instructions

1. Go to Your Shopify Website (Storefront)

Navigate to your live storefront as a customer would.

2. Add Products to Your Cart

Add 5 x Test Product 1 (small item to be packed into a flyer)

Add 2 x Test Product 2 (large items marked as "Ship as Single Parcel")

This setup will simulate a mixed cart with items requiring both packing and individual parcel shipping.

3. Proceed to Checkout

Enter one of the **test delivery addresses** as follows:

Test Address Examples

Use the test addresses supplied above "Test address examples"

Local Delivery (LOF/LOX)

National Delivery (ECO)

Regional Delivery (ECOR)

Make sure the address is valid on Google Maps and includes:



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Full name Phone number Email address Correct province

4. Shipping Method Display Check

Continue to the shipping page to view rates returned by The Courier Guy plugin.

Do **not make payment**—this test is just to validate correct shipping rate calculations.

Once you're on the payment page, close the window or navigate away.

Submitting a Shipment from the Shopify Orders Page

1. Go to Your Shopify Admin Panel

Log into your Shopify store admin

Click on "Orders" from the left-hand menu

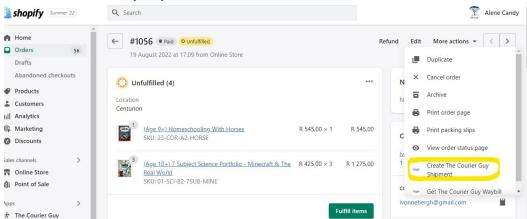
2. Select the Order to Ship

Choose the order that includes the test products and valid shipping information

3. Create The Courier Guy Shipment

At the top-right of the order screen, click on the "More actions" dropdown Select:

- → "Create The Courier Guy Shipment" or
- → "Get The Courier Guy Waybill"



This will initiate the process of requesting shipping rates and generating a waybill from The Courier Guy.

4. Choose a Shipping Rate

You'll see the available rate options such as:

LOF = Local Overnight Flyer (only available for small packed items)

LOX = Local Overnight Parcel (for parcels that don't fit in a flyer)

ECO = Economy National (for deliveries to major cities)

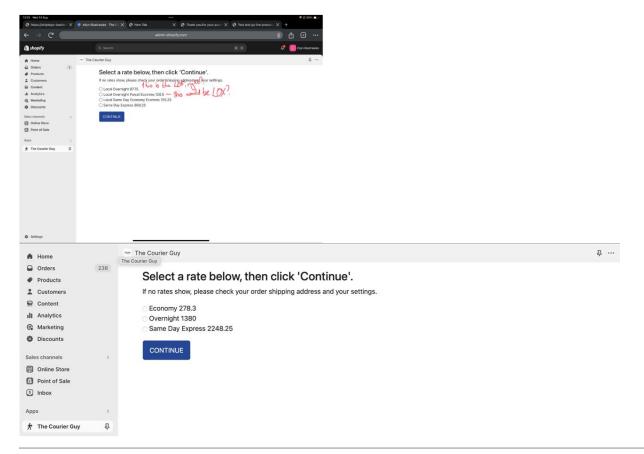
ECOR = Economy Regional (for smaller towns and regional areas)

Select the appropriate rate based on the delivery address and item size

Click Continue







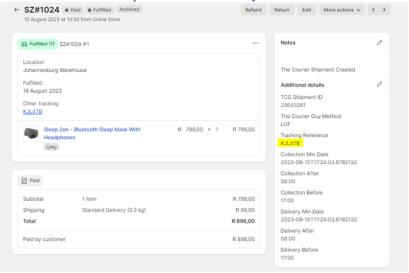
5. Check the Order Notes

Scroll down on the order page to the **Order Timeline / Notes** Look for:

A tracking reference

Any error messages from The Courier Guy plugin

Confirmation that the shipment was successfully created



If Successful:



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You'll see the tracking number and shipment details in the notes section.

This confirms the plugin submitted the parcel info correctly.

If Errors Occur:

Check for:

Missing dimensions or weight in the product

Address formatting issues (especially province mismatches)

Misconfigured plugin settings (e.g., price overrides, disabled rates)

Cancel Shipment

1. Log Into The Courier Guy Portal

Go to The Courier Guy Portal.

Log in with your account credentials.

2. Locate the Shipment

In the portal, navigate to the "Shipments" or "Waybills" section.

Find the test shipment you created earlier.

3. Cancel the Shipment

Right-click on the shipment and select "Cancel Shipment".

The **cost will automatically be reversed** in a few minutes after the cancellation.

- Open shipment

 Download waybill

 Manage POD files

 View tracking events

 View communication
 log

 View audit trail

 Track this shipment

 Duplicate this shipment
- 4. Verify the Waybill

Check the waybill details for the following:

Return this shipment

Cancel shipment

Dimensions submitted: Confirm the shipping dimensions listed match the ones you set (e.g., 1 x Flyer 30cm x 40cm x 8cm, 1 x Custom Parcel 100cm x 10cm x 72cm).

Items or parcels: Confirm how many items or parcels were processed.

Service selected: Verify that the correct service is listed (e.g., ECO, ECOR, LOF, LOX).





Address confirmation: Ensure the **collection and delivery addresses** are correct and match what was entered in Shopify.

Surcharges: Check for any additional surcharges, such as distance surcharges, weight surcharges, or packaging surcharges.

5. Requirements for Successful Shipment Creation

To ensure that the plugin creates a shipment successfully in the future, ensure the following:

Correct account number: Verify that your Courier Guy account number is correctly entered in the plugin settings.

New API Bearer Token: Ensure the API token is up-to-date and correctly configured.

Valid collection address: The collection address must be a valid, Google Maps-addressable location with contact information

Valid delivery address: Ensure the shipping address at checkout is a valid Google Maps address with proper contact information.

Products with weight: Ensure all products have **weight** set and are marked as **"Physical product"**. The plugin needs to know the weight and dimensions of the products to generate accurate shipping rates.

Shipping Dimensions: Ensure that the target dimensions (flyer, medium, and large sizes) are properly configured for packing in the plugin settings.

Carrier app rates: For Shopify Advanced, make sure carrier app rates are enabled and configured for use.

Final Check

Once the shipment is cancelled, ensure the product dimensions, weight, and service type match your expectations, and that the addresses are valid. This will help troubleshoot and ensure your future shipments are processed correctly.

Steps to Use the Sandbox Environment:

Register for a Sandbox Account

Go to the registration page for the Sandbox at: ShipLogic Sandbox Registration.

Fill in your details and complete the registration.

Login to the Sandbox Portal

Once registered, log in at: Sandbox ShipLogic Login.

Use the provided demo credentials to access the test environment.

Important Information about the Sandbox Environment:

Test Prices: The prices you receive in the sandbox environment are not valid and are only for testing purposes. If you add extra items to the test shipment, the test price will remain the same, regardless of how many items you add. This is to simulate how the shipment process works without involving actual charges.

Test Shipments: You can proceed with testing different shipping methods, addresses, and rates, but be mindful that you will not be charged for any shipments created in the sandbox.

Testing the Quotes:

For your tests, you can use the following settings to check different shipping rates:

Test Quote 1 (Local Delivery): Test with LOF or LOX for local deliveries within Johannesburg (JHB to JHB).

Test Quote 2 (National Delivery): Test with **ECO** for a national delivery (JHB to Cape Town, CPT).

Test Quote 3 (Regional Delivery): Test with **ECOR** for regional deliveries (JHB to Kuruman or Kathu, Northern Cape).

Dimensions for Testing:

1 x Flyer: $30 \text{cm} \times 40 \text{cm} \times 8 \text{cm}$, weight = 2 kg

1 x Custom Parcel: 100cm x 10cm x 72cm, weight = 10kg 1 x Custom Parcel: 100cm x 10cm x 72cm, weight = 10kg





Next Steps:

Use these test quotes to experiment with the **sandbox environment**, checking how shipping rates are calculated based on the provided dimensions and weights.

Once satisfied with the testing, you can apply the same principles and configurations to your live Shopify store.

FAQ for Shopify and The Courier Guy Integration

1. Why is my test showing shipping as free?

Solution: You need to ensure that **The Courier Guy** app is properly added and configured on your Shopify store to calculate accurate shipping rates. Check if you have configured **free shipping** within the **The Courier Guy** app settings. This can be adjusted in the app's shipping rate section.

2. How can I test if my Shopify is connected to The Courier Guy?

Solution: Follow the **test steps** mentioned in the guide to verify if your Shopify store is successfully connected to **The Courier Guy**. Ensure that you've set up the product dimensions and shipping settings correctly and confirm that you can create shipments and receive accurate shipping quotes.

3. Where can I order packaging materials (boxes, tracking stickers, etc.)?

Stationery Order Links:

Order from The Courier Guy packaging essentials: Packaging and Essentials.

PUDO stationery: PUDO Stationery.

Note: Flyers and other specific items can be delivered to you for free. For more details, contact **stationery@thecourierguy.co.za**.

4. What are the box sizes and flyer examples?

Here are some common box sizes and associated pricing for The Courier Guy:

Description	Dimensions (L x W x H)	Max Weight	Price
Flyer	40 cm x 30 cm x 8 cm	2kg	Free
Extra-Small (XS)	60 cm x 17 cm x 8 cm	2kg	R6
Small (S)	60 cm x 41 cm x 8 cm	5kg	R15
Medium (M)	60 cm x 41 cm x 19 cm	10kg	R18
Large (L)	60 cm x 41 cm x 41 cm	15kg	R35
Extra-Large (XL)	60 cm x 41 cm x 69 cm	20kg	R45

Additional Resources:

Packing Slips (Waybill Stickers): For detailed information on how to configure packing slips and waybill stickers in Shopify, visit Shopify's Packing Slips Guide.

The Courier Guy stationery price list from Aug 2024

PRICE	J			
BLACK CLING 400mmx400mx20mic	PER ROLL	R250		
CLEAR CLING	PER ROLL	R150.00		
BROWN BUFF TAPE	PER ROLL	R15	EACH	





	PER			
BUBBLE WRAP 1,25mx100m	ROLL	R300		
TUBE 500mm	EACH	R15,00		
TUBE 1m	EACH	R20,00		
STOCK 2 BOXES 200X140X150	EACH	R10.00	5KG	
STOCK 3 BOXES 200X200X200	EACH	R10.00	5KG	
STOCK 4 BOXES 300X220X300	EACH	R15	5KG	
STOCK 5 BOXES 450X300X300	EACH	R20	10KG	
STOCK 6 BOXES 600X450X300	EACH	R25.00	15KG	
STOCK 7 BOXES 450X450X500	EACH	R25.00	20KG	
PADDED ENVELOPES SIZE 0 -	2,1011	112000	20110	
150mm x 210mm	EACH	R5.00		
PADDED ENVELOPES SIZE 1 -				
180mm x 260mm	EACH	R10.00		
PADDED ENVELOPES SIZE 2 -				
220mm x 260mm	EACH	R12.00		
PADDED ENVELOPES SIZE 3 - 220mm x 330mm	EACH	D 15 00		
	EACH	R15.00		
PADDED ENVELOPES SIZE 4 - 240mm x 330mm	EACH	R20		
PADDED ENVELOPES SIZE 5 -	LATOIT	1020		
270mm x 360mm	EACH	R20.00		
PADDED ENVELOPES SIZE 6 - 300mm x 400mm	EACH	R25.00		
PADDED ENVELOPES SIZE 7 - 350mm x 470mm	EACH	R20.00		
FLYERS A3 45CM X37CM	FREE			
FLYERS A4 35CM X25CM	FREE			
WINDOWS	FREE			
	PER			100stickers
DO NOT STACK STICKERS ROLL	ROLL	R230,23	500/ROLL	free a month
	PER			100stickers
FRAGILE STICKERS	ROLL	R200	500/ROLL	free a month
THIS SIDE UP STICKEDS DOLL	PER	D150.00	500/P.O.I.I	100stickers
THIS SIDE UP STICKERS ROLL	ROLL	R150.00	500/ROLL	free a month
TR ACKING ROLL	FREE			100stickers free a month
EARLY BIRD STICKER	FREE	LOOSE ONLY	NO ROLL	nee a monu
DIED STOREK	PER	LOOSE OILEI	THO ROLL	
THERMAL STICKERS	ROLL	R343.10	500/ROLL	
GRV STICKERS	FREE			
BUBBLE WRAP 1,25mx1m	1M	R7,76		
WAYBILLS	FREE	BLANK / PRE PRINTED		





STYROFOAM CHIPS	R2	285,06		
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Exporting product Metafields to CSV to bulk edit

Have a look at the below sites https://youtu.be/Z-sgb8Pv_W4 https://apps.shopify.com/accentuate?gad_source=1 https://youtu.be/fqURfb9Glrw Metafields explained https://youtu.be/Dh7EyD7-o50 Bulk edit Metafields https://youtu.be/n-JnSDrDt-4

Free Shipping Setup with Shopify Advanced Plan:

If you're using the **Shopify Advanced Plan** and want to enable free shipping via the **The Courier Guy** plugin, follow these steps to ensure everything works properly. For **Basic Plan** users, free shipping will need to be configured directly in your Shopify shipping rate settings.

Steps for Shopify Advanced Plan:

Enable Free Shipping in the Plugin:

Go to the **The Courier Guy** plugin settings in your Shopify Admin.

Ensure that the **Free Shipping** option is enabled.

Select Shipping Rates for Free Shipping:

Under the **Free Shipping** settings, choose the rates that will trigger the free shipping.

You can set the plugin to use services like LOX (Local Overnight Parcel), ECO (Economy), and ECOR (Economy Regional) as your free shipping services. These rates will apply when the customer meets the free shipping criteria. Set the Free Shipping Amount:

In the free shipping settings, specify the **free shipping threshold amount**. For example, if you want free shipping for orders over **R100**, simply enter **100** (without the "R" symbol) in the designated field.

This will allow customers to receive free shipping when their cart total exceeds the specified amount.

For Basic Plan Users:

If you're on the **Shopify Basic Plan**, you won't be able to use the free shipping feature from the **The Courier Guy** plugin. Instead, you'll need to configure free shipping through Shopify's own shipping rate setup: Go to Shopify Admin > Settings > Shipping and Delivery.

Under the **Shipping** section, create a **new shipping rate** or adjust an existing one to include **free shipping** for qualifying orders.

Ensure that the rate applies to the correct shipping zones and that the **free shipping threshold** is set appropriately.



Contacting Support

For us to assist we would need you to email the following information to it@thecourierguy.co.za





Screenshots or print to pdf document would be better, of The Courier Guy app settings

Screenshots or print to pdf document would be better, of your Shopify Settings -> Shipping and delivery

Zone -> Delivery Method -> Rates

Products

Account number with the Courier Guy =

Link to test your checkout page =

Stock item used to test with =

Description of the error =

If we are unable to assist you, we can escalate the issue to the plugin web developers, this is the list of requirements

from the developers

Site URL

The collaborator's access is to be granted after we request it.

Description of the issue

Platform Version

Screenshots/Screen recordings.

Steps to replicate the issue.

How to setup a staging site = https://rewind.com/blog/how-to-set-up-a-staging-site-for-shopify-in-under-5-minutes/

Report a bug

https://appinlet.com/support/report-a-bug-website/

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Replicating the Ecomms Rate with Shopify Basic Plan:

To replicate The Courier Guy's Ecomms Rate setup with the Shopify Basic Plan, here's a theoretical guide on how you can adjust your shipping rates based on the provided examples. While this is a theory to guide you through the process, here's how you can go about setting it up without direct access to Shopify's backend or developer expertise.





Step-by-Step Guide:

Check Your Rate Setup with The Courier Guy:

Confirm with Sales or check the account to determine what rate your account is set up with.

Prepaid One Rate National is the default rate for new accounts, but verify if you're using the Ecomms Rate by obtaining a quote from The Courier Guy.

For local, national, and regional deliveries, the following rates are commonly used:

Local (LOF and LOX): Use LOF if you only send flyers or LOX for both flyers and parcels.

National (ECO and OVN): ECO is the cheapest national rate for deliveries.

Regional (ECOR and OVNR): ECO and ECOR are calculated the same and have similar pricing.

Create Zones for Shipping: You'll need to create zones for your shipping configuration based on local, national, and regional rates. For the Shopify Basic Plan, you can create your shipping zones under Settings > Shipping and Delivery.

Local Zone Setup (Example for Gauteng):

Zone Name: "LOCAL"

Shipping Service: LOF (Flyer) or LOX (Parcel)

Rate Example for Local:

LOF R91.96 for 5kg, R13.04 per additional kg thereafter. LOX R110.00 for 15kg, R13.04 per additional kg thereafter.

National Zone Setup:

Zone Name: "NATIONAL" Shipping Service: ECO Rate Example for National: ECO 0 to 5kg: R93.50 ECO 6 to 10kg: R145.00

ECO 11 to 25kg: R193.00, R13.04 thereafter.

Regional Zone Setup:

Zone Name: "REGIONAL" Shipping Service: ECOR Rate Example for Regional: ECOR (same rates as ECO): R93.50 for 0 to 5kg

R145.00 for 6 to 10kg

Create a Shipping Rate for Shopify Basic Plan: After creating the zones, you can create shipping rates based on the aforementioned rates. Follow these steps to create shipping rates in Shopify Basic:

Go to Settings > Shipping and Delivery.

Under Shipping Zones, create a new zone for LOCAL, NATIONAL, and REGIONAL zones.

Add Ecomms Rate services to each zone:

For local, add LOF or LOX, using the rates provided. For national, add ECO, and for regional, add ECOR. Shipping Rate Configuration Example for Each Zone:

LOCAL Zone (Gauteng):

Service: LOF (flyer) or LOX (parcel)

Rate Example: LOF 0-5kg: R91.96 LOX 0-15kg: R110.00

NATIONAL Zone: Service: ECO





Rate Example: ECO 0-5kg: R93.50 ECO 6-10kg: R145.00 ECO 11-25kg: R193.00

REGIONAL Zone:

Service: ECOR (same rates as ECO)

Rate Example: ECOR 0-5kg: R93.50 ECOR 6-10kg: R145.00

How to Create a Zone (For LOCAL Delivery with Gauteng Example):

Go to Settings > Shipping and Delivery in your Shopify Admin.

Under Shipping Zones, click on Create New Zone.

Name the zone "LOCAL" (for Gauteng, for instance).

Add the province (Gauteng) in this zone.

For Shipping Rate:

Select LOF (Flyer) if only flyers are being shipped. Set the rate: R91.96 for 5kg and R13.04 per kg thereafter.

Testing the Shipping Setup:

Add products to your Shopify cart and proceed to checkout.

Use test addresses to confirm that the rates are calculated correctly.

Test for local, national, and regional rates by entering the addresses in Gauteng, Cape Town (CPT), and Northern Cape (for regional).

Additional Notes:

VAT: Always ensure you add VAT to your prices to get an accurate quote. The rates mentioned are excluding VAT. Prepaid One Rate National: If you're using this default rate, the pricing will vary slightly, and the setup should reflect accordingly.

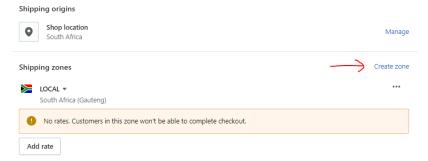
Collection Address: Make sure you have an accurate and valid collection address to ensure accurate rate calculation.

Provinces
Eastern Cape
Free State
Gauteng
KwaZulu-Natal
Limpopo
Mpumalanga
Northern Cape
North West
Western Cape

Add a "LOCAL" zone Gauteng







Local Rates example LOF and LOX

Set a zone that is local to you, I will use a JHB example, so the zone would be Gauteng

City	То	City	Province
Johannesburg	->	Johannesburg	Gauteng
Pretoria	->	Pretoria	Gauteng
Bloemfontein	->	Bloemfontein	FreeState
CapeTown	->	CapeTown	WesternCape
Durban	->	Durban	KwaZulu-Natal
PortElizabeth	->	PortElizabeth	EasternCape
EastLondon	->	EastLondon	EasternCape
George	->	George	WesternCape
Kimberley	->	Kimberley	NorthernCape
Ladysmith	->	Ladysmith	KwaZulu-Natal
Nelspruit	->	Nelspruit	Mpumalanga
Polokwane	->	Polokwane	Limpopo
Potchefstroom	->	Potchefstroom	NorthWest
Welkom	->	Welkom	FreeState
Witbank	->	Witbank	Mpumalanga

Using the Ecomms rate as an example lets setup the local overnight flyer service Then add a service for example LOF 0 to 5Kg 105.75 (I will add VAT here) Then add a service for example LOF 5 to 6Kg 120.75 (add R15) Then add a service for example LOF 6 to 7Kg 135.75 (add R15) Then add a service for example LOF 7 to 8Kg 150.74 (add R15)

Example



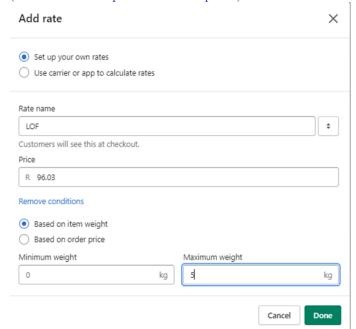


Kg	LOF
1	R105.75
2	R105.75
3	R105.75
4	R105.75
5	R105.75
6	R120.75
7	R135.75
8	R150.74
9	R165.74
10	R180.73
11	R195.73
12	R210.73
13	
14	R225.72 R240.72
15	R255.71
16	R270.71
17	R285.71
18	R300.70
19	R315.70
20	R330.69
21	R345.69
22 23	R360.69
23	R375.68
24	R390.68
25	R405.67
26 27	R420.67
27	R435.67
28	R450.66
29	R465.66
30	R480.65
31	R495.65
32	R510.65
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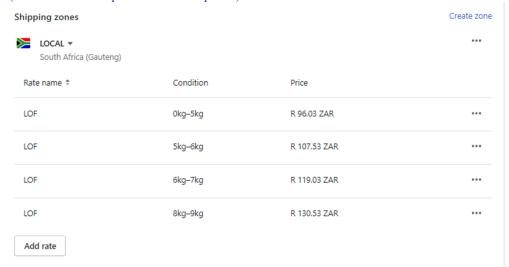




(Below screenshot prices reflect old prices)



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Keep going up to 40 Kg (after 40 Kg you will only get the ECO service for local deliveries)

JHB Ecommerce rate (example with VAT) LOF R105.75 for 5Kg, R15 per Kg thereafter LOX R126.50 per order, 15Kg, R15 per Kg thereafter

Using the Ecomms rate as an example lets setup the local overnight parcel service

Add a service for example LOX 0 to 15Kg 126.50	(I will add VAT here)
Then add a service for example LOX 15 to 16Kg 141.50	(add R15)
Then add a service for example LOX 16 to 17Kg 156.49	(add R15)
Then add a service for example LOX 17 to 18Kg 171.49	(add R15)





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Shipping zones			Create zone
E LOCAL ▼ South Africa (Gauteng)			***
Rate name \$	Condition	Price	
LOF	0kg-5kg	R 96.03 ZAR	
LOF	5kg-6kg	R 107.53 ZAR	
LOF	6kg-7kg	R 119.03 ZAR	
LOF	8kg-9kg	R 130.53 ZAR	
LOX	0kg-30kg	R 124.78 ZAR	
LOX	30kg-31kg	R 128.23 ZAR	
LOX	31kg-32kg	R 131.68 ZAR	
LOX	32kg–33kg	R 135.13 ZAR	

Keep going up to 40Kg (after 40Kg you will only get the ECO service for local deliveries)

Add ECO service for local over 30Kg (test and confirm this by getting a quote from The Courier Guy for a local delivery at 40 to 41Kg)

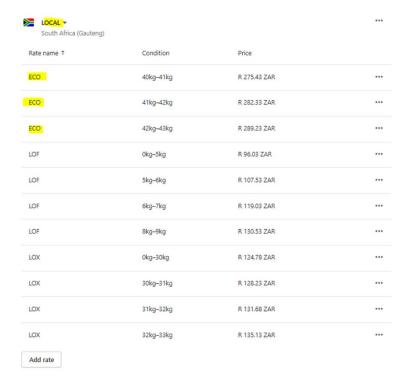
Create an ECO service 30Kg to 31Kg 312.48 (I will add VAT here)
Then create an ECO service 31Kg to 32Kg 327.47 (add R15)
Then create an ECO service 32Kg to 33Kg 342.47 (add R15)

Up to whatever weight you think would be your max weight would be, our max weight is 2000Kg

(Below screenshot prices reflect old prices)





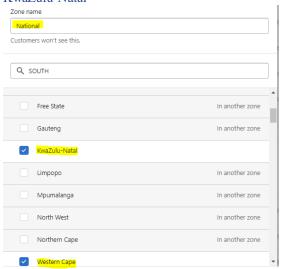


Example of how to add "national zone" for ECO service (you could combine this with ECOR by adding the rest of the Provinces to save time)

Create a "National" zone with the below provinces Gauteng (If you haven't created this as local)

Western Cape

KwaZulu-Natal



ECO 0 to 5 Kg R107.53 ECO 6 to 10 Kg R166.75 ECO 11 to 25Kg, R222.50, R15 thereafter





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Then create an ECO service 0Kg to 5Kg 107.53 (I will add VAT here)
Then create an ECO service 6Kg to 10Kg 166.75
Then create an ECO service 11Kg to 25Kg 222.50
Then create an ECO service 25Kg to 26Kg 237.50 (add R15)
Then create an ECO service 26Kg to 27Kg 252.49 (add R15)
Then create an ECO service 27Kg to 28Kg 267.49 (add R15)
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(Below screenshot prices reflect old prices)

National South Africa (2 of 9 provinces)			•••
Rate name \$	Condition	Price	
ECO	0kg–5kg	R 101.78 ZAR	•••
ECO	6kg–10kg	R 159.28 ZAR	•••
ECO	11kg–25kg	R 165.03 ZAR	•••
Add rate			

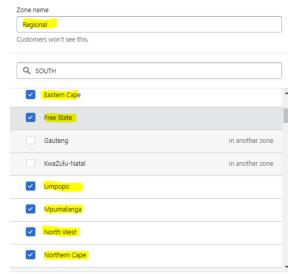
Keep going up to 40Kg or to max weight of your products.

Example of how to add "regional zone" for ECOR service (same rate and calculation as ECO but area geo mapped as Regional)

Create a "Regional" zone with the below provinces
Eastern Cape
Free State
Limpopo
Mpumalanga
Northern Cape
North West

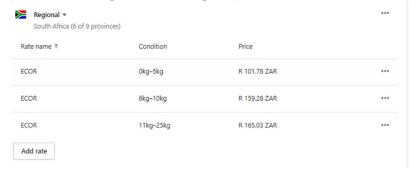






ECOR 0 to 5 Kg R107.53 ECOR 6 to 10 Kg R166.75 ECOR 11 to 25Kg, R222.50, R15 thereafter

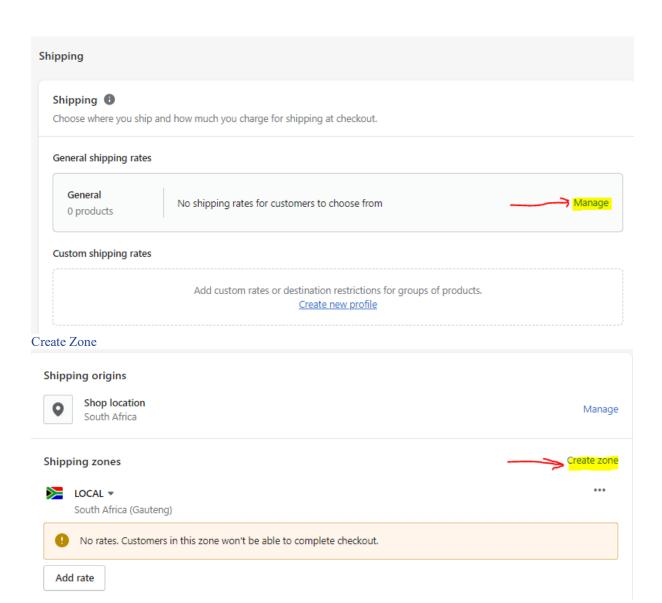
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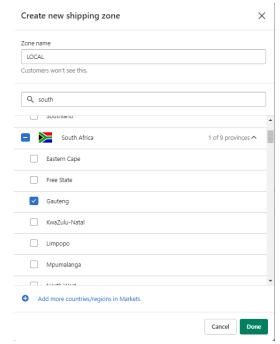




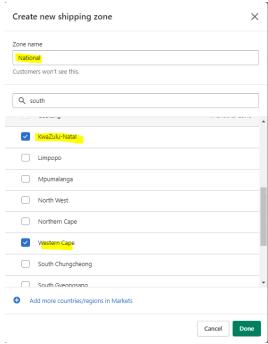




LOCAL



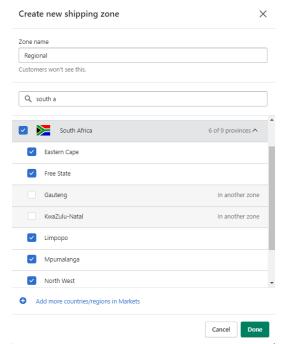
NATIONAL



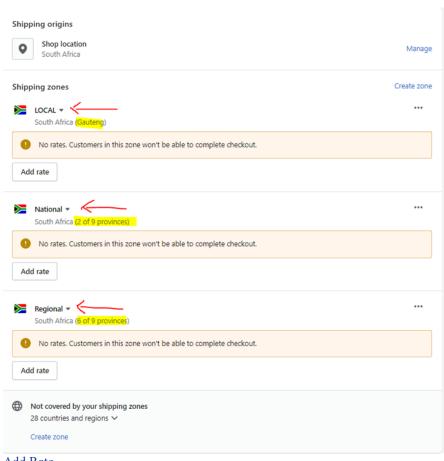
REGIONAL



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South Africa has 9 Provinces below is an example of separating them into local, national and regional



Add Rate

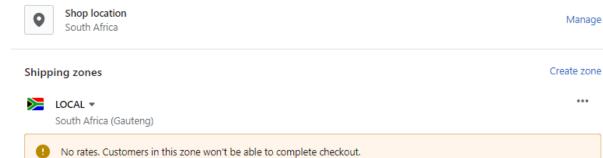


We would love to handle your package.

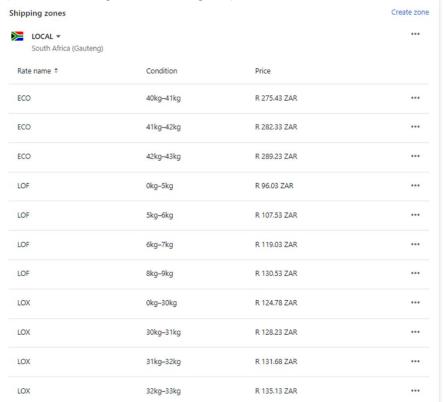


Shipping origins

Add rate



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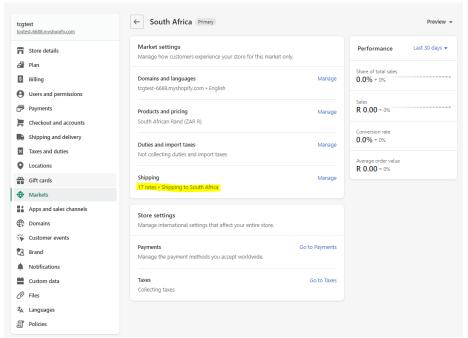


Don't forget to save

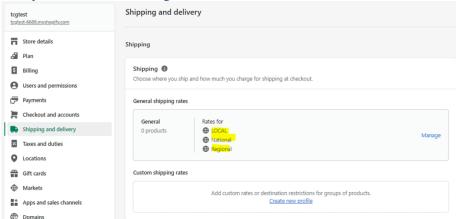
Discard







Example local, national and regional



If you do not have "carrier or app rates" you can still create your own rates and use the plugin to create shipments from the orders page.

- Step 1: Open the order (confirm the order has been paid)
- Step 2: Click on the "more actions" dropdown
- Step 3: Click "Create The Courier Guy Shipment" to send the waybill to the TCG portal (waybill will be booked for collection. Box sizes based on settings in TCG Shopify)
- Step 5 (optional): Click "Get the courier guy waybill" to print the waybill.





Errors

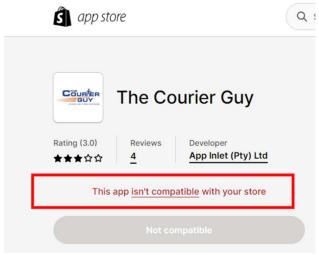
Error 500 installing the plugin

Users get this error 500 for a number of reasons, Shopify is not specific to what creates the error so there's a list of things to check.

Check Shopify server error status page = https://www.shopifystatus.com/

Check the logged in user have admin permission to install applications.

"This app isn't compatible with your store" -> the site is not setup to Ship to South Africa



Re-installed the app straight from your website, the error was gone.

The site had South Africa as a zone with no rates and the Shipping origin was blocked and therefore had no shipping at all.

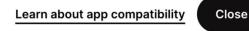
Addresses added incorrectly, check and confirm the address on Google maps (including the company name) Confirm the province

This app isn't compatible with your store



The Courier Guy is only compatible with stores that:

· Ship to: South Africa

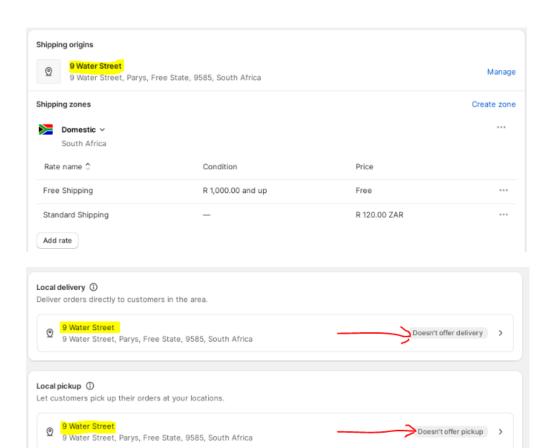


In the below example the site had South Africa as a zone with no rates and the Shipping origin was blocked and therefore had no shipping at all.

Example where the Shipping origin is set to "doesn't offer delivery/pickup" -> please allow "local delivery" and "local pickup"











REST request failed: "[API] Invalid API key or access token (unrecognised login or wrong password)

The developers are busy investigating this error 25/03/2025 (Testing, unable to replicate this error)







Oops, something went wrong.

What happened?

Oauth error invalid_request: Your account does not have permission to grant the requested access for this app. You may be able to resolve this issue by installing the app as the account owner

Unable to add The Courier Guy app

Check your login user permissions







500 | SERVER ERROR

Update from customer and Appinlet

- Despite what Shopify told me, the 'full' version of the app is NOT accessible on the basic Shopify plan. We can use it but with very limited functionality

Error "500 | Server ERROR" when trying to create a shipment



First step is check the API key, and while you are doing this confirm the account is not on "hold" and has "sufficient balance".

Check if your account has 2 API keys, delete them and create only 1 API key

Update the plugin, save settings

Test again and see if you can now create the shipment.

Checklist for the plugin to successfully submit your shipment the following is required

Valid Access Token (API Key)

Valid account number with The Courier Guy

Valid zone "South Africa" with "General Shipping rates", do not use custom shipping rates.



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Rate – either supplied by our plugin if you have Shopify advanced or your own rates configured under Shopify shipping settings

Confirm the collection address is not set as "does not offer delivery"

Valid collection address that can be found on Google maps with contact details (Confirm the Province)

Valid delivery address that can be found on Google maps with contact details (Confirm the Province)

Number of parcels with dimensions L x W x H and Weight in cm and grams

Check your account with The Courier Guy is not on hold

You have sufficient balance on your account with The Courier Guy

Error "403 | Forbidden" when trying to create a shipment

403 Forbidden

This error is returned in one of two cases:

There is an issue with the AWS signature for the request. A "Forbidden" message will be returned.

The user does not have permission to perform the request. A message will be returned explaining the issue.

403

Forbidden

Access to this resource on the server is denied!

First step is check the API key, and while you are doing this confirm the account is not on "hold" and has "sufficient balance".

Check if your account has 2 API keys, delete them and create only 1 API key

Update the plugin, save settings

Test again and see if you can now create the shipment.

Checklist for the plugin to successfully submit your shipment the following is required

Valid Access Token (API Key)

Valid account number with The Courier Guy

Valid zone "South Africa" with "General Shipping rates", do not use custom shipping rates.

Rate – either supplied by our plugin if you have Shopify advanced or your own rates configured under Shopify shipping settings

Confirm the collection address is not set as "does not offer delivery"

Valid collection address that can be found on Google maps with contact details (Confirm the Province)

Valid delivery address that can be found on Google maps with contact details (Confirm the Province)

Number of parcels with dimensions L x W x H and Weight in cm and grams

Check your account with The Courier Guy is not on hold

You have sufficient balance on your account with The Courier Guy

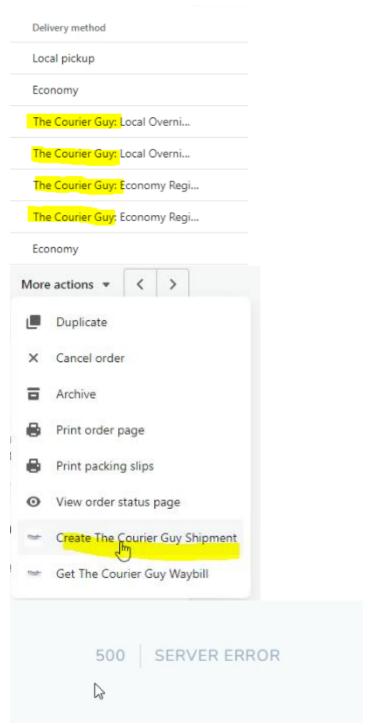
This was a previous customer who was on the advanced plan, the order had "Economy" as the shipping method

500 | server error when trying to "Create The Courier Guy Shipment" with delivery method "Economy"

The example below has "Local pickup" and "Economy", these are not services from the Courier Guy plugin Take note our delivery methods have "The Courier Guy" in front of them.







(Important) If you have do not have a flat rate configured, the plugin could fail to save your settings.





Select a rate below, then click "Continue" or Error 500 submitting shipment

To save some time, I would recommend deleting your API key and creating a new as the first step, this has resolved the error many times.

Please make sure you only have 1 API key in your TCG account.



Select a rate below, then click 'Continue'.

If no rates show, please check your order shipping address and your settings.

No Shipping method

First confirm you have not excluded all rates, allow LOX, ECO and ECOR to cover South Africa

Shipping method



Shipping not available

Your order cannot be shipped to the selected address. Review your address to ensure it's correct and try again, or select a different address.

Error 400 Bad Request

You need to confirm this by creating a quote on our site if you are getting error 400



Confirm you have not excluded all our rates in the plugin settings, you need 3 to cover local, national, regional areas. We recommend you allow LOX, ECO and ECOR

xclude Rates	
× The Courier Guy AIR: Fuel charge	$\boxed{ \times \text{The Courier Guy ECOB: Fuel charge} } \boxed{ \times \text{The Courier Guy ECORB: Fuel charge} } \boxed{ \times \text{The Courier Guy INN: Fuel charge} } \\$
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× The Courier Guy LSX: Fuel charge	$\boxed{ \times \text{The Courier Guy NFS: Fuel charge} } \boxed{ \times \text{The Courier Guy OVN: Fuel charge}} \boxed{ \times \text{The Courier Guy OVNR: Fuel charge}} $
× The Courier Guy RIN: Fuel charge	× The Courier Guy SDX: Fuel charge × The Courier Guy SPX: Fuel charge

Step 1 create a quote on The Courier Guy portal (this will confirm the address and rate to assist with fault finding) Log into the courier guy and create a quote for the shipment that is failing Check if your account is not on hold and confirm you have enough balance





Step 2 Check Shopify shipping

Confirm you have created rates or if you are using Shopify advance, check you have added the plugin to retrieve rates.

If you have no flat rate or the rates are configured incorrectly, the plugin will fail to save or not save.

"Saving on a basic plan where carrier rates are not enabled will display an info message after saving instead of hanging on the save screen "update 10/08/2023

Check the zone is not called "Africa" or "rest of world", it should be South Africa

Check you have not restricted the collection address by setting it as "does not offer delivery" or "does not offer collection"

Step 3 Check Shopify product has weights and dimensions

Check your products have weight configured and dimensions (set products not being packed as "pack as a single parcel")

Confirm you have set dimensions for flyer, medium or large size parcel (if your product is too large to fit into the target dimensions or you have zero values it will create errors)

Step 4

Delete your account API key and create a new one.

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Valid zone "South Africa" with "General Shipping rates", do not use custom shipping rates.

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Valid delivery address that can be found on Google maps with contact details (Confirm the Province)

Number of parcels with dimensions L x W x H and Weight in cm and grams

Check your account with The Courier Guy is not on hold

You have enough balance on your account with The Courier Guy

Please note that the company name is not a required field, but will be checked on Google maps as the address for example "The Courier Guy - Johannesburg" will work

Waybill Address Format example (if anything is incorrect it will fail, highlighted values are required)

Full body postman example

```
{
    "collection_address": {
        "type": "business",
        "company": "Bob Go",
    "street_address": "116 Lois Avenue",
    "local_area": "Menlyn",
    "city": "Pretoria",
    "code": "0181",
    "zone": "Gauteng",
    "country": "ZA",
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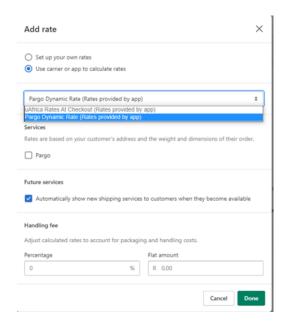




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},
"collection_contact": {
" "Test Contact"
    "name": "Test Contact",
    "mobile number": "0821231234",
    "email": "support@gmail.com"
"delivery_address":{
          "company": " The Courier Guy - Capetown",
          "street address": "King Air Industria, Pallotti Rd",
          "type": "business",
          "local_area": "Matroosfontein",
          "zone": "WC",
          "country": "ZA",
          "code":"7490"
},
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    "email": "test@thecourierguy.co.za"
},
"parcels":[
                    "submitted length cm":10.0,
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"service level code": "ECO",
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Check if CCS is enabled on your store

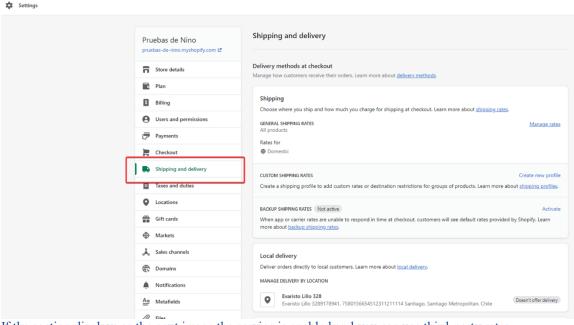
First we open the Settings menu.



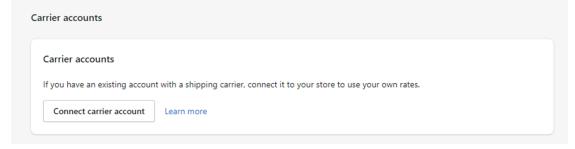
Then go to Shipping and delivery and scroll down until we find the Carrier accounts section.







If the section displays as the next image the service is enabled and you can use third-party rates.

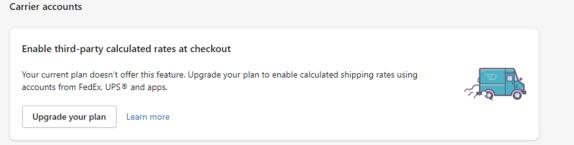


Enable third party calculated rates is only available on the Shopify advanced plan.

Carrier rates -> you need to upgrade your plan to Shopify advanced plan if you want our plugin to fetch rates or add your own shipping rates.

You can still use the plugin to send shipments and print waybills from your orders page.

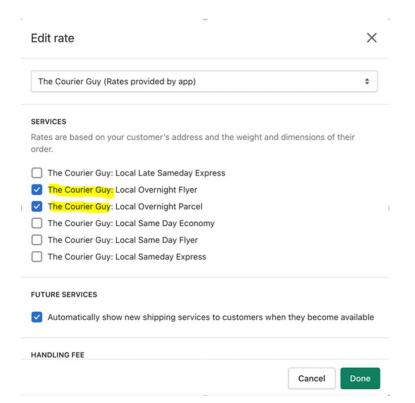
The below works for free on WordPress, we do have a free WordPress plugin.



Example of our rates if you have Shopify advanced (if you are on basic Shopify plan then setup your own rates)

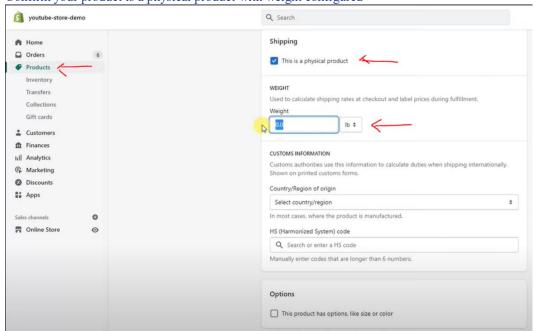






No rates Error no services

Check your order shipping address and your settings Confirm your product is a physical product with weight configured



If there are no services, check the below settings that link the plugin to your account Check your API key (maybe delete and create a new API key)

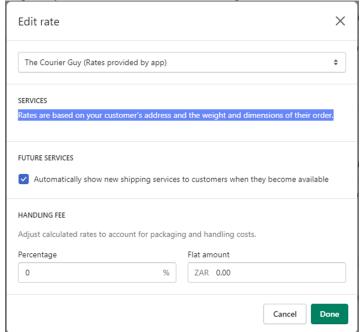




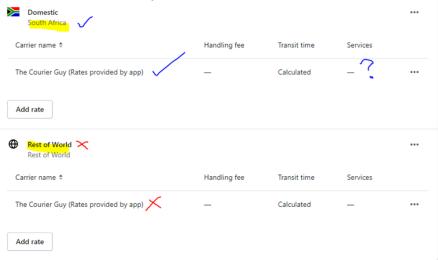
Make sure the time and zone is correct must be UTC +02:00

Check your zone is South Africa not "rest of World" or "Africa"

Log into your TCG account and retrieve a quote as a test to confirm your account has services setup



Do not add "The Courier Guy" to "Rest of World"



Unable to save settings

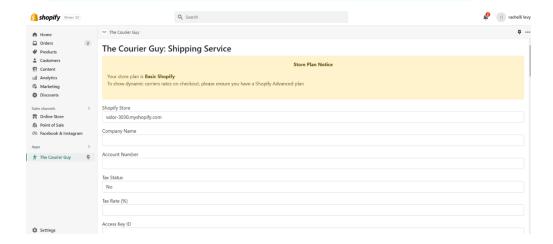
This can be caused by not setting up a flat rate



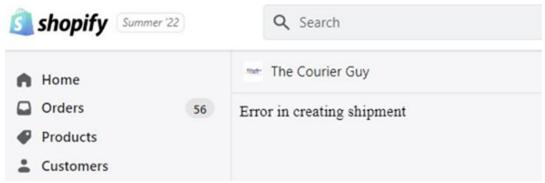
COUR/ER GUY "Saving on a basic plan where carrier rates are not enabled will display an info message after saving instead of hanging on the save screen "update 10/08/2023

The Courier Guy: Shipping Service

Please note: Carrier rates are not enabled on your plan.



"Error in creating shipment"



error in Shopify. The URL producing the error message is loaded in an iframe TypeError

Shopify\Utils::loadOfflineSession(): Argument #1 (\$shop) must be of type string, null given, called in /mnt/data/home/datadirs/szatcgpayinlet/public_html/shopify-the-courier-guy/releases/20220721104530/app/Http/Controllers/TcgController.php on line 321

No carriers or apps available for this zone"

Use carrier or app to calculate rates -> only shows FedEx and UPS

First confirm your zone is "South Africa" only

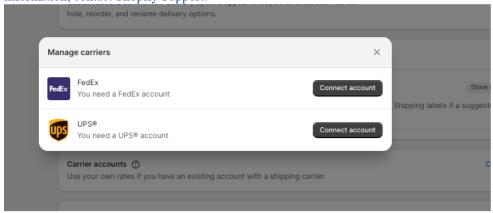
The Courier Guy plugin developers double-checked an account with CCS (Carrier Calculated Shipping) activated and found that the carrier accounts section cannot be modified as it is a built-in feature by Shopify. If your account has CCS (Carrier Calculated Shipping) activated, and you have the "Advanced" plan, please note Shopify is deliberately catering for FedEx and UPS only, you need to ask Shopify to turn off CCS.





These are built-in integrations developed and maintained by Shopify themselves, you will need to contact support@shopify.com

https://help.shopify.com/en/manual/shipping/setting-up-and-managing-your-shipping/enabling-shipping-carriers
To activate the third-party carrier-calculated shipping, your store needs to be on the Advanced or Plus plan. If you're on the Shopify plan, then you can add this feature for a monthly fee or switch from monthly to yearly billing. For more information, contact Shopify Support.



Below shows the Shopify plans, only the "Advanced" plan supports "Third-party calculated shipping rates" https://www.shopify.com/pricing



To enable rates for the Courier Guy app, you must have the Shopify advanced package or CCS activated (Carrier Calculated Shipping)

The steps to add third party carrier apps is the following

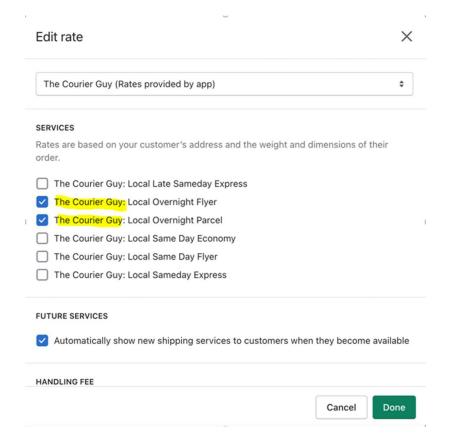
Configure the settings in Apps \rightarrow The Courier Guy. Once the settings are saved, you can then turn on the rates on Shipping and Delivery \rightarrow General shipping rates.

This will feed live carrier rates to the checkout.

Example of our services if you have Shopify advanced (if you are on basic then setup your own rates)







No services appear

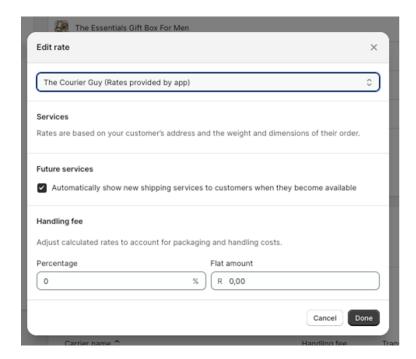
Enable "automatically show new shipping services" and test your checkout page to a local, national and regional destination...then go back to this rate and check again

Confirm you have not excluded all rates in The Courier Guy app under "exclude rates" setting

Confirm your products have weights and dimensions

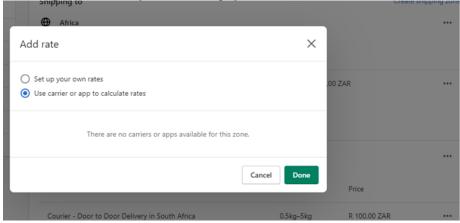






No carriers or apps available for this zone

You will get the below if you are on Shopify basic or the Zone is not "South Africa" under "General shipping rates."



Further steps to check and troubleshoot the "No carriers" error

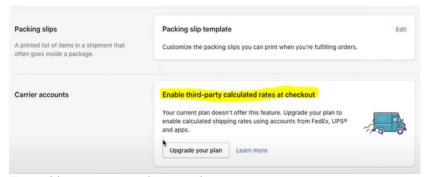
From the Shopify app, go to > Settings.

Choose Shipping and delivery

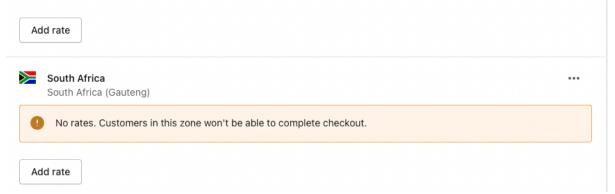
Scroll down to Carrier accounts and check if "Carrier accounts" is enabled or Upgrade your plan



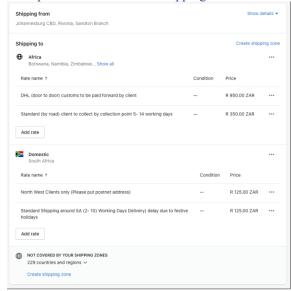




Zone with no rates example screenshot



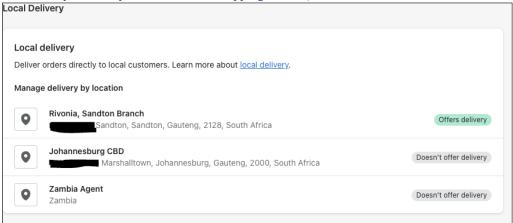
Multiple store locations and shipping zones both of which could be blocking the app from receiving carrier rates







SA Shipping zones are restricted completing checkout (settings with "Doesn't offer delivery" needs to be removed as this affects your ability to add TCG as a shipping method)



Other items to check

Product Weights: No products have weights on the backend. It is crucial that all products have weights added to them. This may be difficult when trying to gather weights for wigs however if a product is 100g etc it would have to be entered as 0.1 kgs on the backend. Leaving out numeric values in certain fields creates many errors.

Per Shopify's pricing plans, Third-party calculated shipping rates are not supported unless you have the Shopify Advanced or Plus plan (please see https://www.shopify.com/pricing).

Confirm the zone is "South Africa" not "Africa"

Try entering medium and large parcel sizes as fields without numeric values return errors.

Double check the address fields with Google maps and use the correct format example street = street suburb = suburb city = city, confirm you have the correct province

"The store is currently in development which means all the features are available" contact Shopify support to confirm this support@shopify.com

If Shopify has not enabled third party app to retrieve shipping rates on your account, you would need to set up your own rate, I have created an example in this document with the heading "Setting up your own shipping rates" using the ecomms rate as an example.

Shipment not found

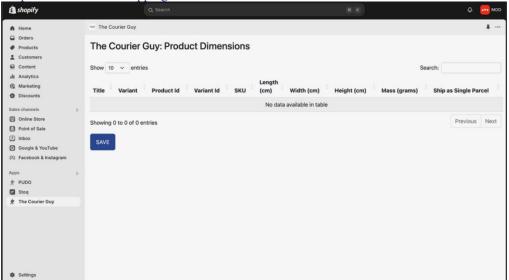




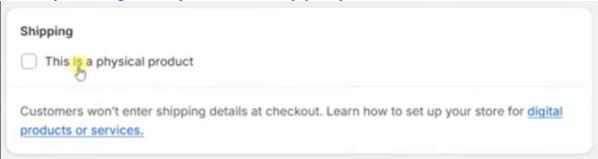


The order has no shipping details

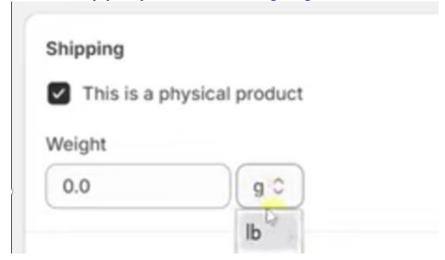
No products listed for shipping dimensions



To enable product weight, set the product to "This is a physical product"



Tick "This is a physical product" and set the weight to grams







No weight pulling through on product shipping dimensions



The mass field in the TCG Shopify plugin is typically populated with data directly from the product's information within the Shopify admin. If the mass field is greyed out, it's likely because:

Product-Level Restriction: The product itself might have restrictions or settings that prevent the mass from being edited. Plugin Configuration: There could be a configuration issue within the TCG plugin that is restricting the mass field from being edited.

Troubleshooting Steps:

Check Product Settings:

Go to the Shopify admin and edit the specific product.

Look for any settings or options related to weight or dimensions.

Ensure that these settings allow the mass to be edited.

Review TCG Plugin Settings:

Access the TCG plugin settings within the Shopify admin.

Look for any options related to weight or product attributes.

Verify that these settings are configured correctly.

Test with a Different Product:

Try creating a new product and see if the mass field is editable for that product. This can help isolate the issue to a specific product or configuration.

YouTube Shopify Shipping examples

https://help.shopify.com/en/manual/shipping/setting-up-and-managing-your-shipping/setting-up-shipping-rates

https://youtu.be/Zm_OfyVe6JU

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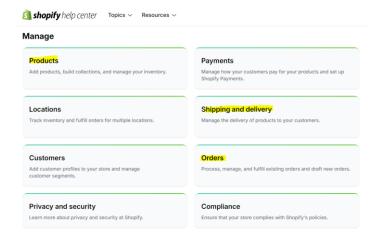
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Shopify Help

https://help.shopify.com/en



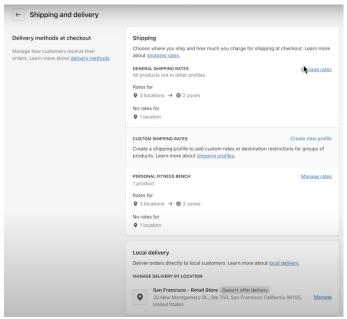




PUDO

For PUDO plugin support please email integrations@pudo.co.za
A video tutorial can be found here: https://www.pudo.co.za/integration.php
You will need to email the address used to register with PUDO to get the Account ID = integrations@pudo.co.za

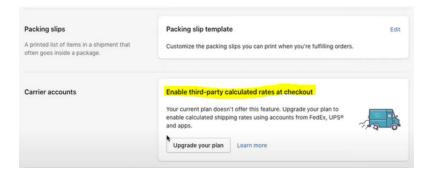
Example Screenshots used for reference



Scroll down to and check if "Carrier accounts" is enabled by Shopify

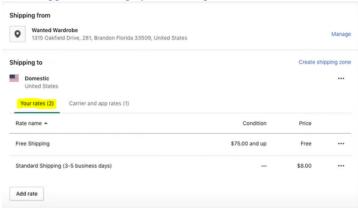




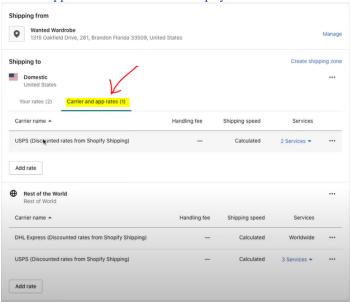


Your rates verse carrier and app rates

Your rates = Shopify basic plan Carrier app rates = Shopify advanced plan



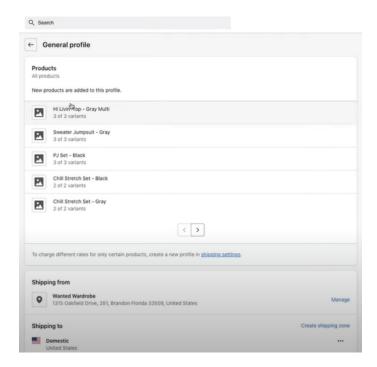
"Carrier app rates" available with Shopify advanced



Manage rates (Shows products of this profile)



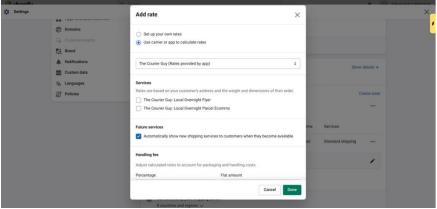




Shopify advanced – use carrier or app to calculate rates

Below example showing only local services (LOF and LOX) for local zone -> test checkout page with national and regional locations to populate ECO/ECOR and OVN/OVNR Add National destinations/zone to get ECO and OVN services

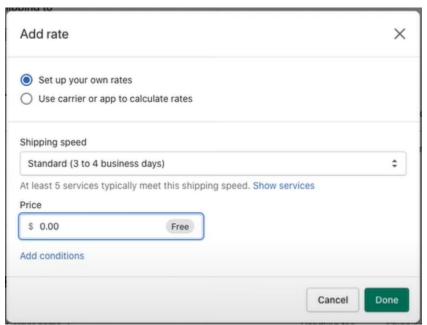
Add regional destinations/zone to get ECOR and OVNR services



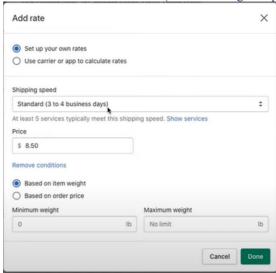
Standard Rate







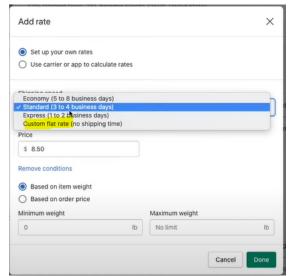
Standard rate with conditions (based on weight or price)



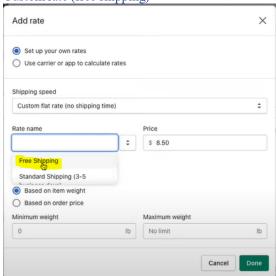
Custom rate (free shipping)







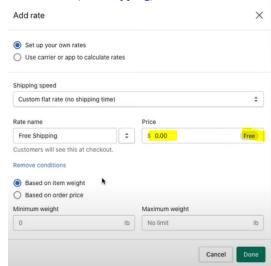
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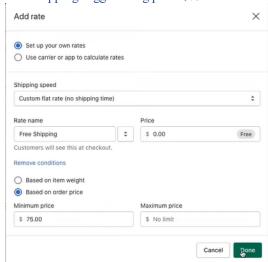




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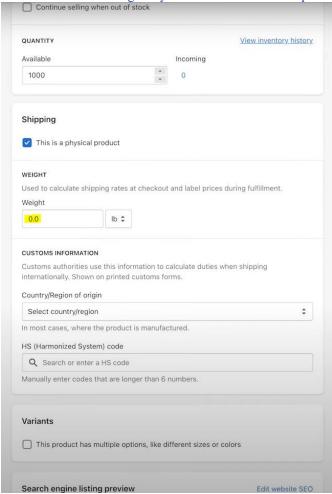
Free shipping trigger using price \$75



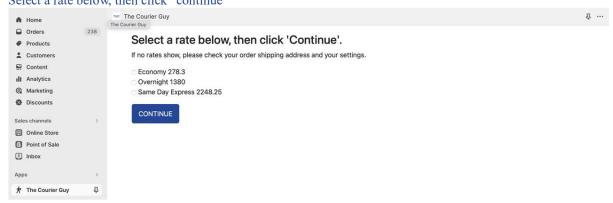




Products must have weight if you use KG it will auto import as grams on The Courier product dimensions page



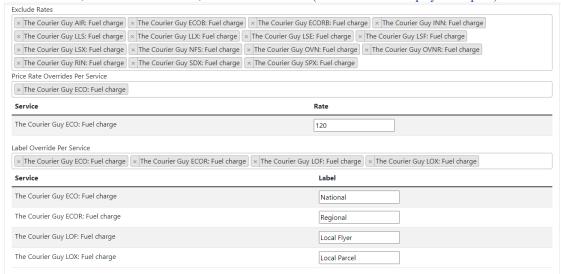
Select a rate below, then click "continue"







Exclude Rates, Price Rate Overrides, and Label Override (Not used with Shopify basic plan)



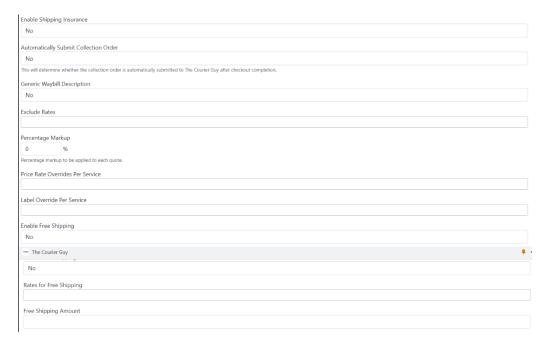
Parcel Size (these target dimensions are important and are submitted for a quote when items are packed)



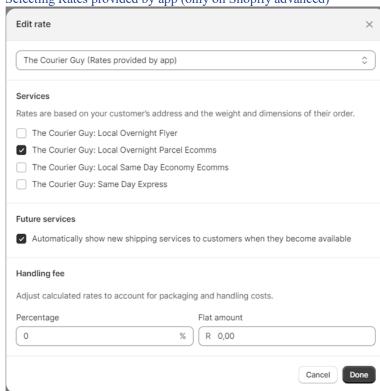
Sample of settings screen shot



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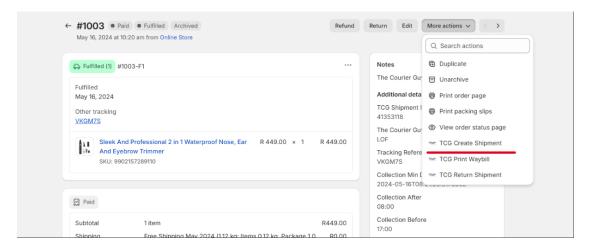
Selecting Rates provided by app (only on Shopify advanced)



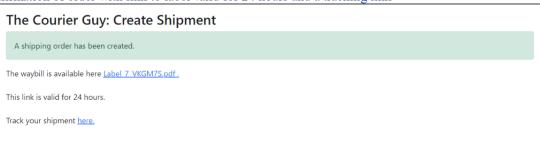
Example of creating an order using more actions with the tracking reference in the order notes



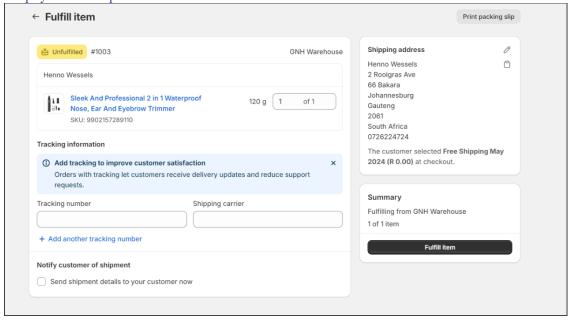
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Confirmation of order with link to label valid for 24 hours and a tracking link



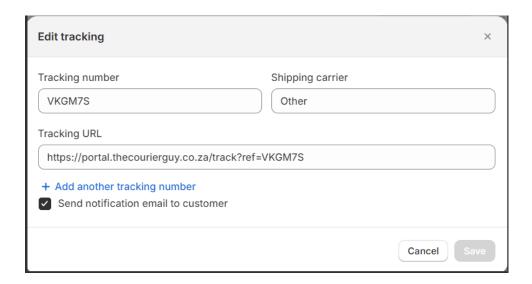
Shopify order example



Shopify tracking example



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Parcelify

Charge for shipping without CCS using Parcelify

https://www.parcelify.co/documentation/v2/introduction/getting-started-with-shipping-rates

Update: Carrier Service API Access for Stores on Starter and Basic Plans

API

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 01, 2023

As of January 1, 2023 stores on Starter and Basic plans (globally), will no longer be able to request access to the Carrier Service API. The option to request access by transitioning to annual billing or by paying an additional monthly fee for these plan types will be removed.

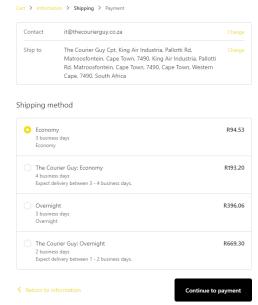
Stores on Advanced and Shopify Plus plans will continue to have access to Carrier Service API. Stores on Shopify plans can continue to request access by contacting Shopify Support. Stores on Starter or Basic plans that were previously granted access are not impacted by this change.

Learn more about CarrierService access requirements on Shopify.dev.

UAfrica vs The Courier Guy checkout price difference







After we checked information sent to us with the UAfrica plugin vs The Courier Guy we found the following results Order submitted using UAfrica, result below show a loss in profit of R57.50

Uafrica = 50 x 50 x 20 @13.7 Kg quote = R161 -> changed to 64.1 x 59.8 x 23.8 @12.8 Kg price updated = R218.50 (the price was changed by The Courier Guy SWAD machine and the setup had no handling fee)
The Courier Guy = 46.5 x 46.5 x 46.5 quote = R271.86 (20% handling fee configured so the quote would have been R217.49)

The TCG plugin was set to get a quote on 46.5 x 46.5 x 46.5 @25Kg (since the weight was less than 25Kg it was 1 box only)



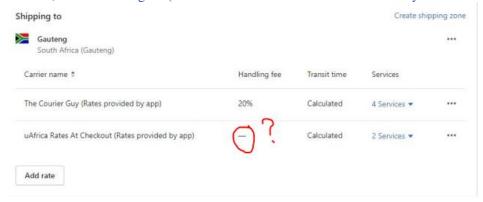
The audit shows SWAD updating the dimension 50 x 50 x 20 @13.7 Kg







UAfrica, had no handling fee (This would have been the obvious reason why Uafrica was cheaper in the first place)



Expected delivery dates





