

How to Enable Cost Attributes for All Products & Set Cost Data in Magento

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in Magento



Why is inputting the Cost of Goods/Cost Attributed for each item important?

Without costs associated to each item, you aren't seeing true profitability. Once costs are associated, Glew can use your data to find Net Profits and Sales Margins on a per-product basis. This allows for a maximum vantage-point of success.

Step 1

First you need to set the Magento Cost Attribute to show on all product types. Go to Magento > Catalog > Attributes > Manage Attributes.

The screenshot shows the Magento Admin Panel dashboard. The 'Catalog' menu is expanded, and 'Manage Attributes' is highlighted with a blue circle. Other visible elements include the 'Dashboard' menu, 'Sales', 'Customers', 'Glew', 'Promotions', 'Newsletter', 'CMS', 'Reports', and 'System' menus. The dashboard displays various metrics such as Lifetime Sales (\$39,763.08), Average Orders (\$1,988.15), and a table of Last 5 Orders.

Step 2

To find the Cost Attribute, go to Attribute Label > type in 'Cost' > Click Enter or Search.

The screenshot shows the 'Manage Attributes' page in the Magento Admin Panel. The 'Attribute Label' column is highlighted with a blue circle, and the 'Cost' attribute is visible in the table. The table lists various attributes with their codes, labels, and properties.

Attribute Code	Attribute Label	Required	System	Visible	Scope	Searchable	Use in Layered Navigation	Comparable
	Cost							
accessories_size	Accessories Size	No	No	No	Global	Yes	Filterable (with results)	No
accessories_type	Accessories Type	No	No	No	Global	Yes	No	No
apparel_type	Type	Yes	No	Yes	Global	Yes	Filterable (with results)	No
author_artist	Author/Artist	No	No	Yes	Global	Yes	No	No
bag_luggage_type	Bag & Luggage Type	No	No	No	Global	Yes	Filterable (with results)	No
bedding_pattern	Bedding Pattern	No	No	No	Global	Yes	No	No
bed_bath_type	Bed & Bath Type	No	No	Yes	Global	No	Filterable (with results)	No
books_music_type	Books & Music Type	No	No	Yes	Store View	Yes	No	No
camera_megapixels	Camera Megapixels	No	No	No	Global	Yes	No	No
camera_type	Camera Type	No	No	No	Global	Yes	No	No
color	Color	No	No	Yes	Global	Yes	Filterable (with results)	Yes
cost	Cost	No	No	No	Website	No	No	No
country_of_manufacture	Country of Manufacture	No	Yes	No	Website	No	No	No

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Step 3

To edit, click anywhere on the row.

Attribute Code	Attribute Label	Required	System	Visible	Scope	Searchable	Use in Layered Navigation	Comparable
cost	Cost	No	No	No	Website	No	No	No

Step 4

'Apply To' is default set to only include "Virtual Products" and "Downloadable Products."

Let's enable it for all products. Go to 'Select Product Types' > All Product Types > Save Attribute (top right hand corner.)

Attribute Properties

Attribute Code: cost

Catalog Input Type for Store Owner: Price

Default Value:

Unique Value: No

Values Required: No

Input Validation for Store Owner:

Apply To: **All Product Types** (selected)

Simple Product

Grouped Product

Configurable Product

Virtual Product

Bundle Product

Frontend Properties

Use in Quick Search: No

Use in Advanced Search: No

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Step 5

Now you need to find costs data. Go to Catalog > Manage Products.

The screenshot shows the Magento Admin Panel interface. The 'Catalog' menu item is highlighted, and a dropdown menu is open, showing 'Manage Products' as the selected option. Below the menu, there is a table of attributes. The table has columns for 'Attribute Code', 'Cost', 'Required', 'System', 'Visible', 'Scope', 'Searchable', 'Use in Layered Navigation', and 'Comparable'. The 'cost' attribute is listed with a value of 'Cost' and 'No' for all other columns.

Attribute Code	Cost	Required	System	Visible	Scope	Searchable	Use in Layered Navigation	Comparable
cost	Cost	No	No	No	Website	No	No	No

Step 6

Select one of your products and then click 'Prices' in the left hand navigation.

The screenshot shows the Magento Admin Panel interface for a product. The left-hand navigation menu is visible, and the 'Prices' option is highlighted. The main content area shows the product details for 'Plaid Cotton Shirt-Royal Blue-L (Clothing)'. The 'General' tab is selected, and the 'Prices' sub-tab is active. The 'Name' field contains 'Plaid Cotton Shirt-Royal Blue-L' and the 'Description' field contains 'Available in Sharp fit. Refined collar. Button cuff. Cotton. Machine wash. Made in US.' The 'Short Description' field contains 'This everyday shirt is equally stylish with jeans or trousers.'

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Step 7

Now the 'Cost' field is available for each product.

Enter in cost data one product at a time, or bulk import for all products. Make sure to save your work.

The screenshot shows the Magento admin interface for editing a product. The product name is "Plaid Cotton Shirt-Royal Blue-L (Clothing)". The left sidebar shows the "Product Information" section with various tabs. The main content area is titled "Prices" and contains several fields for pricing. The "Cost" field is highlighted with a blue circle and contains the value "\$10 [USD]". Other fields include "Price" (160.00 [USD]), "Special Price", "Special Price From Date", "Special Price To Date", "Apply MAP", "Display Actual Price", "Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price", and "Tax Class".

Field	Value	Scope
Price *	160.00 [USD]	[GLOBAL]
Group Price	Table with columns: Website, Customer Group, Price, Action	
Special Price	[Empty]	[GLOBAL]
Special Price From Date	[Empty]	[WEBSITE]
Special Price To Date	[Empty]	[WEBSITE]
Cost	\$10 [USD]	[GLOBAL]
Tier Price	Table with columns: Website, Customer Group, Qty, Price, Action	
Apply MAP	Use config	[WEBSITE]
Display Actual Price	Use config	[WEBSITE]
Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price	[Empty]	[GLOBAL]
Tax Class *	Taxable Goods	[WEBSITE]

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