# The ABC's of VSA: Stop Management

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#### Today's Objectives:

#### Use and understand:

- The H Stop Tool
- The Chandelier Stop
- Stop Placement
- Profit Targets

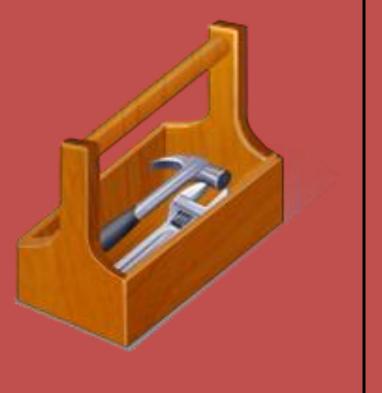


#### **Tools of the Trade**

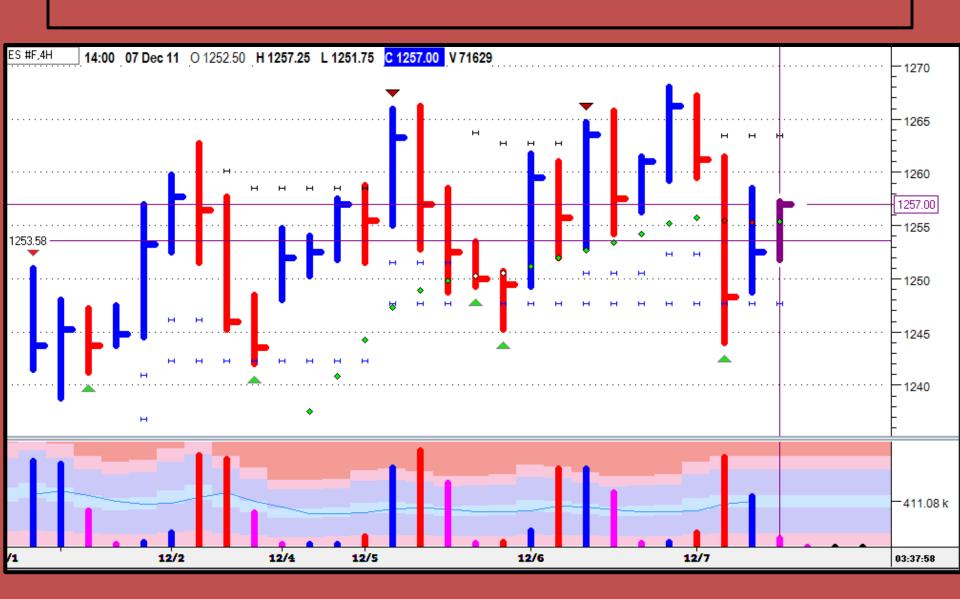
These are tools that may be helpful

They may be useful to you

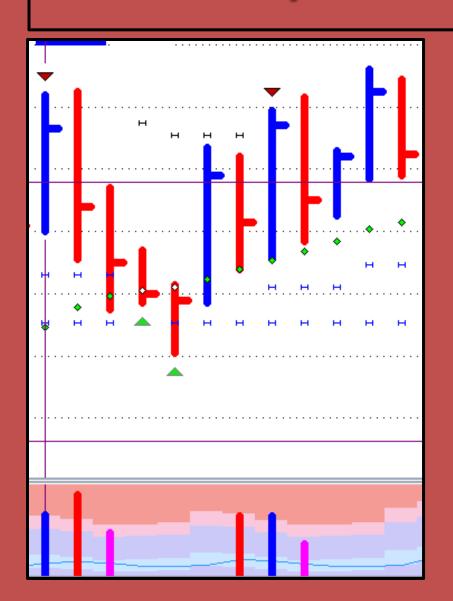
Traders should have more
 Than 1 tool to assist them
 in a Market as volatile
 as today's Market is



### H Stop Tool in VSA



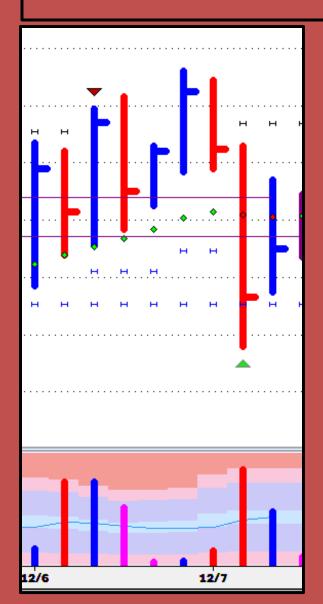
#### **H Stop State 1 - Sideways**



When you have:
1 Black H <u>above</u>
the bar
And

1 Blue H <u>below</u> the bar

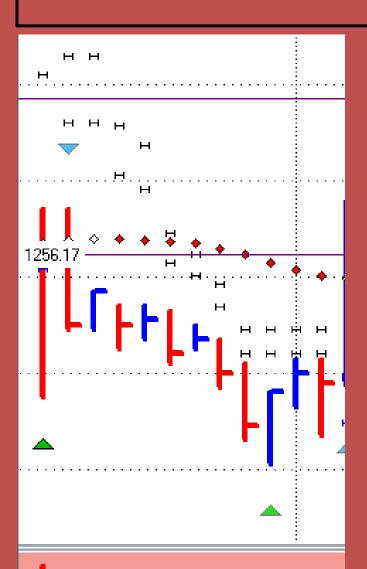
#### H Stop State 2 = UpTrend



When you have 2 Blue H Stops below the bars

Look for a long entry point after a sideways state and 3 green diamonds

#### **H Stop State 3 = Downtrend**



 When you see 2 Black H bars above the bar

 Look for a short entry point after a sideways state and 3 red diamonds

### **Adjusting your H Stop Tool**

Default setting is: 2.5 Far & 2.5 Near

 Higher numbers = higher volatility required to move the stops to identify a trade entry

 Lower numbers = lower volatility required to move the stop to identify a trade entry

#### H Stops are not Auto Trades!



- These tools are guidelines
- They are parameters for identifying entries

They are <u>NOT</u>



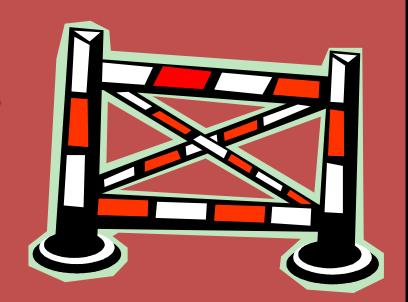
signals

#### **Stop Placement**

Also known as Stop Management

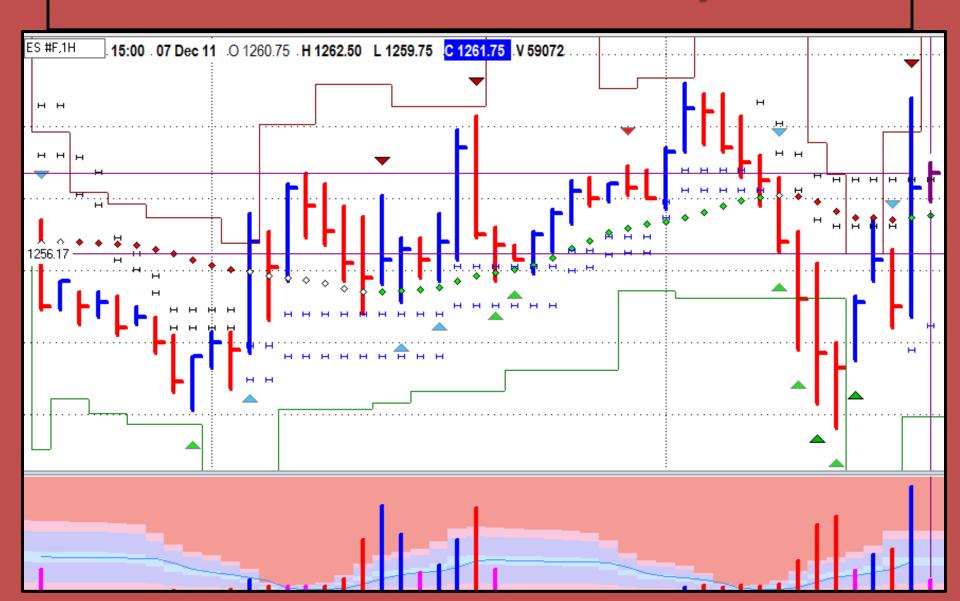
Designed to <u>reduce risk</u>

Can be done by you

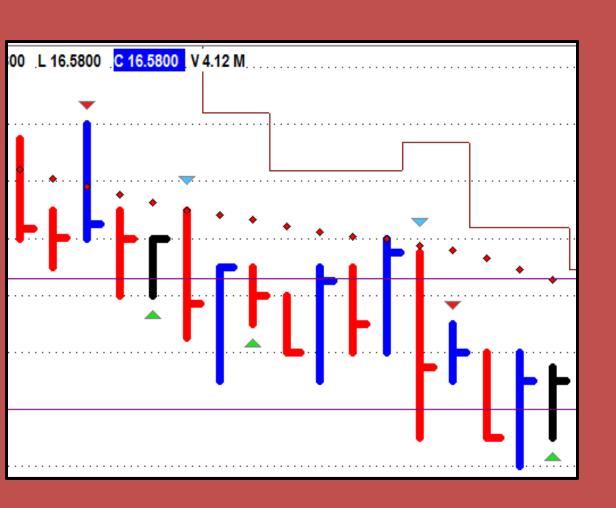


Can be done by a broker

### **The Chandelier Stop**



#### **Downward Stop**



Under Tools
Or Hit Ctrl + D

Allows you to trail your stop downwards in your short trade

#### **Upward Stop**



**Under Tools** 

Or Hit Ctrl + U

Suggests where you place your stop upwards
As the market rises

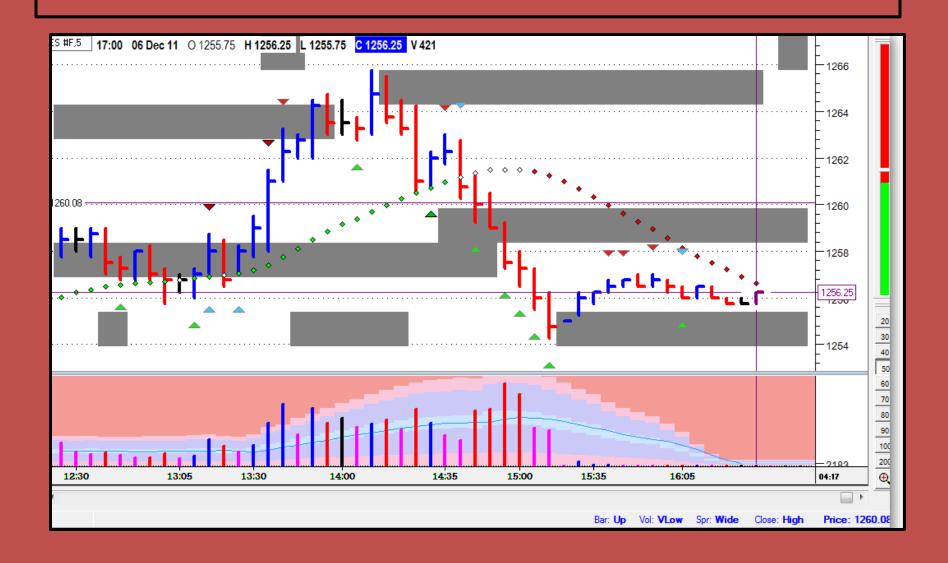
### **Advisory Capacity**



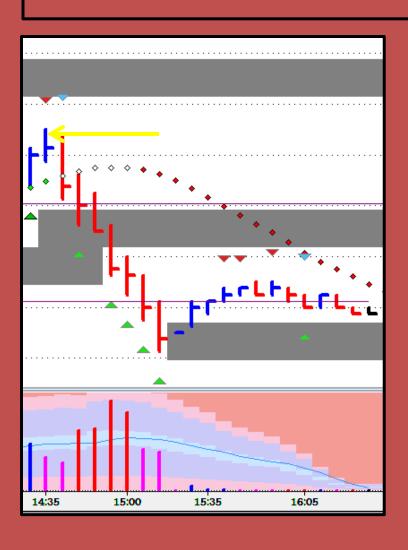
This is to help you move your stops up or down once you are in a trade

This is not to advise you on trade entries

### Great Trade Set Up



#### No Demand in a Downtrend



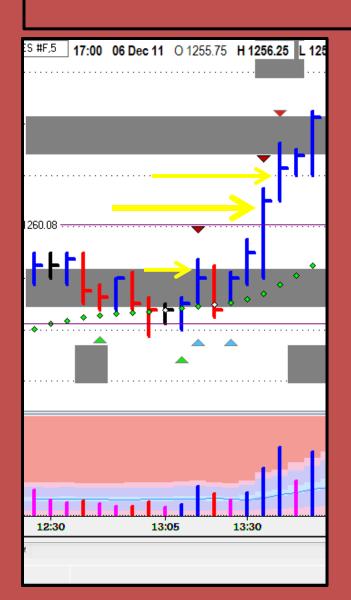
**UP Bar – Volume Lower** than prior 2 bars

Stronger Signal when in a Downtrend

No Demands are CONFIRMING signals

You need Major Weakness in the Background

### Major Weakness in Background



**Supply Coming In** 

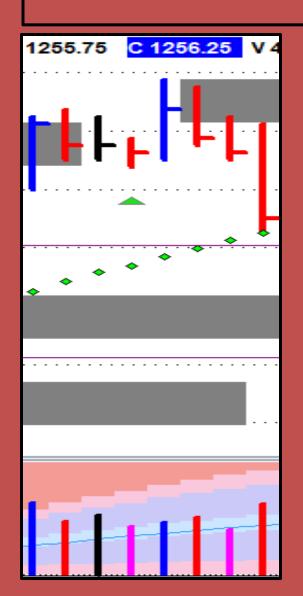
**Up Bars in a Rising Market** 

**Ultra High Volume** 

**Wide Spread Bars** 

Distribution/Selling Phase by Smart Money

#### Failed Test



A Test is a down bar, usually on lower volume

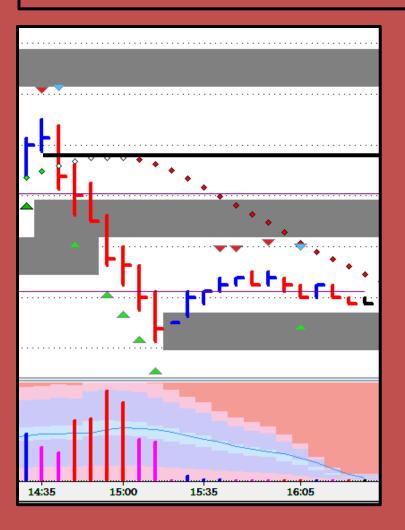
Next bar up to confirm – we have that BUT

As it reaches a market top, it fails to push through

Comes back down and takes out the test 3 bars later

This confirms the Overall Weakness

#### Stop Placement

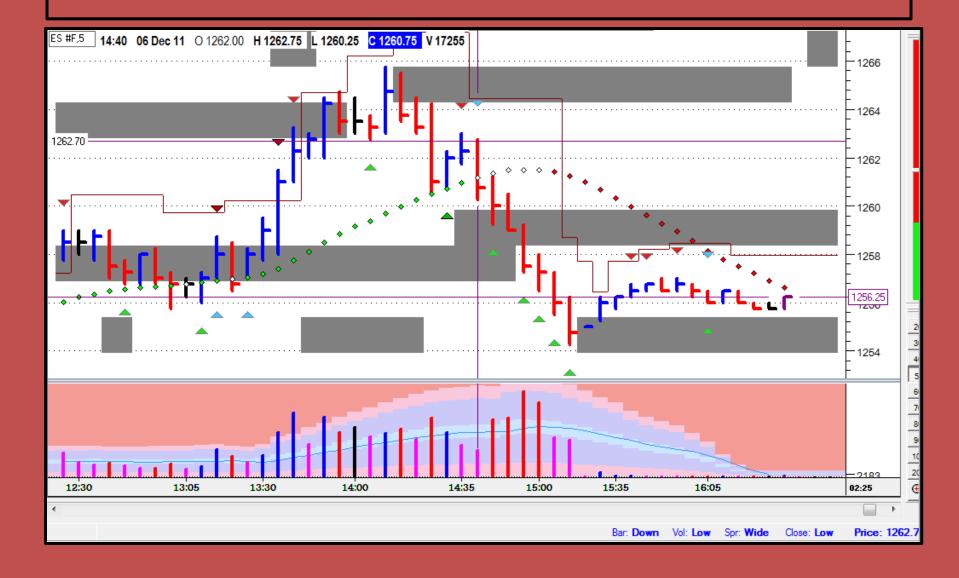


Do not sell at market

Place a sell stop below the bottom
Of the NO DEMAND bar

Use Ctrl + D to trail your stop down

## Manage your Trade



#### Conclusion

- The H Stop tool can help identify an entry
- Use trailing stops to lock in profit and minimize losses

Placing stops correctly will reduce your risk

 Speak to your broker about risk management settings already in place

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