

# EA Demo Testing Workbook: A Four-Week Test You Can Actually Judge

Most EA demo tests prove nothing because they have no plan: the robot runs until the balance looks good or bad, and the trader decides by mood. This workbook fixes the test in advance — settings, duration, loss limit, and the scorecard you will judge it by — so the result means something either way.

## 1. Fix the test before it starts

| Decision                                                   | Write it here |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| EA name and version                                        |               |
| Broker, account type, leverage                             |               |
| Pairs and timeframes (vendor's recommendation only)        |               |
| Starting demo balance (match your planned live size)       |               |
| Settings file used (default or vendor .set — record which) |               |
| Test end date (minimum 4 weeks or 100 trades)              |               |
| Abandon limit: equity loss that ends the test early        |               |
| Abandon limit: floating drawdown that ends the test early  |               |

## 2. Weekly log

| Week | Trades | Net result | Worst floating loss | Log errors / disconnects | Rule broken? (yours or the EA's) |
|------|--------|------------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1    |        |            |                     |                          |                                  |
| 2    |        |            |                     |                          |                                  |
| 3    |        |            |                     |                          |                                  |
| 4    |        |            |                     |                          |                                  |

## 3. The scorecard

- ☐ Expectancy: average win  $\times$  win rate, minus average loss  $\times$  loss rate. Negative expectancy on demo does not turn positive live.
- ☐ Profit factor (gross wins  $\div$  gross losses): below 1.1 is noise, not an edge.
- ☐ Largest losing streak: count it, then ask whether you would have kept the EA running through it with real money.
- ☐ Slippage and spread reality: did live-session spreads match what the strategy assumes?
- ☐ Behaviour score: did it ever hold a loser far beyond its stated logic, add to a losing position in a way the sales page didn't mention, or trade through a news spike it claims to avoid?

**The workbook rule:** judge the test you planned, not the test you got. Changing settings mid-test restarts the four weeks — or the result is a story, not a measurement.

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