

Immediate or Cancel (IOC) Orders

The Immediate-or Cancel (IOC) time in force applied to an order dictates that any portion of the order that does not fill immediately will be canceled.

Note:

The Reference Table to the right provides a general summary of the order type characteristics. The checked features are applicable in some combination, but do not necessarily work in conjunction with all other checked features. For example, if Options and Stocks, US and Non-US, and Smart and Directed are all checked, it does not follow that all US and Non-US Smart and direct-routed stocks support the order type. It may be the case that only Smart-routed US Stocks, direct-routed Non-US stocks and Smart-routed US Options are supported.

Products		Availability		Routing		TWS	
CFDs	₫	US Products	₫	Smart	₫	Attribute	
EFPs	₫	Non-US Products	₫	Directed	₫	Order Type	
Forex	₫					Time in Force	₫
Futures	₫						
FOPs	₫						
Options	₫						
Stocks	₫						
Warrants	₫						
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Example

Order Type In Depth - Immediate or Cancel Buy Order

Step 1 Enter a Limit Buy Order with an Immediate or Cancel Time in Force

You want to buy 1000 shares of XZY stock but you want the order to fill immediately. You don't care if the entire order is not filled right away so you create a limit buy order and set the Time in Force to IOC (Immediate or Cancel). You transmit the order.

Assumptions		
Action	BUY	
Qty	1000	
Order Type	LMT	
Market Price	10.40	
Limit Price	10.40	
Time in	IOC	
Force	100	

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Step 2 Buy Order for 1000 Shares Transmitted

You've transmitted your limit order with the time in force set to Immediate or Cancel. Any portion of the order that does not fill immediately will be canceled.

Assumptions	
Action	BUY
Qty	1000
Order Type	LMT
Market Price	10.40
Limit Price	10.40
Time in	IOC
Force	100



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Step 3 Part of the Order Fills Immediately, Rest of the Order is Canceled

Part of your order, 400 shares, is immediately filled at 10.40 per share. The rest of your order is canceled.

Assumptions		
Action	BUY	
Qty	1000	
Order Type	LMT	
Market Price	10.40	
Limit Price	10.40	
Time in	IOC	
Force	100	



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Alternate Scenario Market Price Falls But Entire Order Cannot Be Filled Immediately

In this alternate scenario, the market price of XZY falls to 10.40, which is your limit price. However, only 600 shares are available; the entire order for 1000 shares cannot be immediately filled. Because this is a Fill or Kill order, the entire order is canceled.

Assumptions		
Action	BUY	
Qty	1000	
Order Type	LMT	
Market Price	10.40	
Limit Price	10.40	
Time in	IOC	
Force		

