

Block Orders

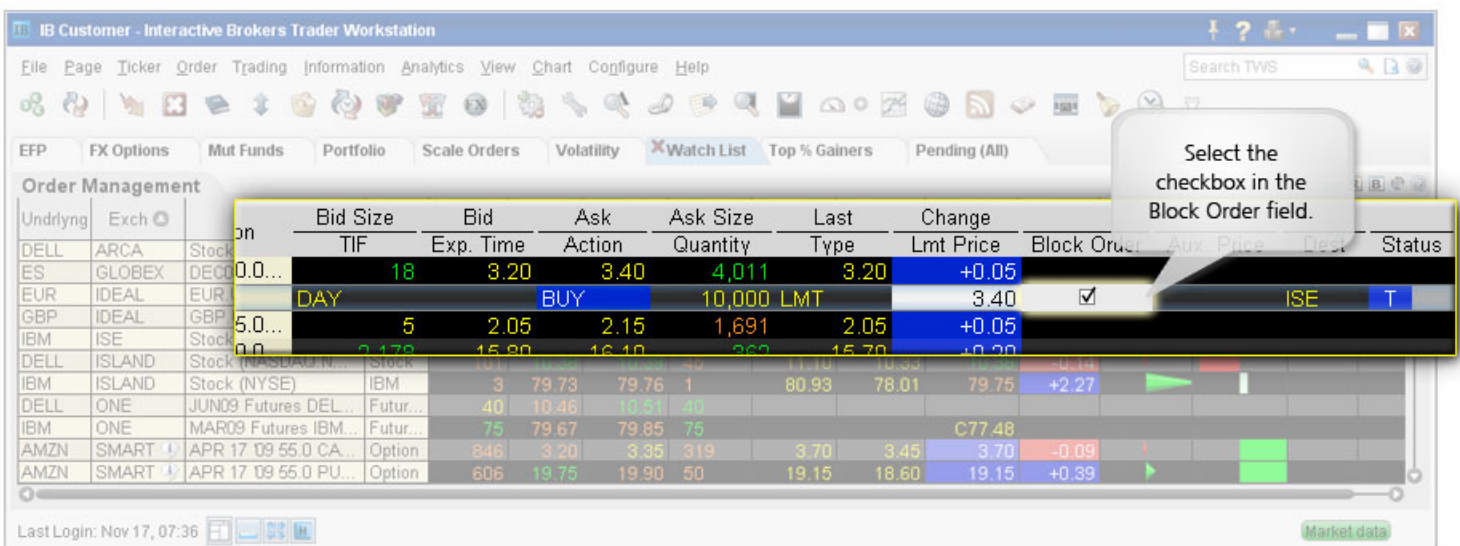
The Block attribute is used for large volume option orders on ISE that consist of at least 50 contracts. To execute large-volume orders over time without moving the market, use the TWS [Accumulate/Distribute](#) trading tool.

Products	Availability	Routing	TWS
Options <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	US Products <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Smart <input type="checkbox"/>	Attribute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Non-US Products <input type="checkbox"/>	Directed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Order Type <input type="checkbox"/>
			Time in Force <input type="checkbox"/>

Valid for option orders of 50 or more contracts directed to the ISE.

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Example



The screenshot shows the IB Customer - Interactive Brokers Trader Workstation interface. The 'Order Management' window is open, displaying a list of orders. A callout box highlights the 'Block Order' checkbox in the order details for a 10,000 LMT order on ISE. The callout text reads: 'Select the checkbox in the Block Order field.'

Underlying	Exch	Option	Bid Size	Bid	Ask	Ask Size	Last	Change	Block Order	Aux Price	Desk	Status
DELL	ARCA	Stock										
ES	GLOBEX	DECO	18	3.20	3.40	4,011	3.20	+0.05				
EUR	IDEAL	EUR	DAY		BUY	10,000	LMT	3.40	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		ISE	T
GBP	IDEAL	GBP	5	2.05	2.15	1,691	2.05	+0.05				
IBM	ISE	Stock										
DELL	ISLAND	Stock (NASDAQ)										
IBM	ISLAND	Stock (NYSE)	3	79.73	79.76	1	80.93	78.01	+2.27			
DELL	ONE	JUN09 Futures DEL...	40	10.46	10.51	40						
IBM	ONE	MAR09 Futures IBM...	75	79.67	79.85	75		C77.48				
AMZN	SMART	APR 17 09 55.0 CA...	846	3.20	3.35	319	3.70	3.45	-0.09			
AMZN	SMART	APR 17 09 55.0 PU...	606	19.75	19.90	50	19.15	18.60	+0.39			

You want to buy 10,000 XYZ option contracts for the best possible price. You select the XYZ option ticker line, then open the Order Ticket. In the Exchange field, you select ISE, then in the Price field you enter a limit price. Next you click the Miscellaneous tab and click the Block Order checkbox. This ensures that your order is made public and may result in a price improvement. You click Transmit to submit your order, or Accept to display the order on the trading screen before you submit it.

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