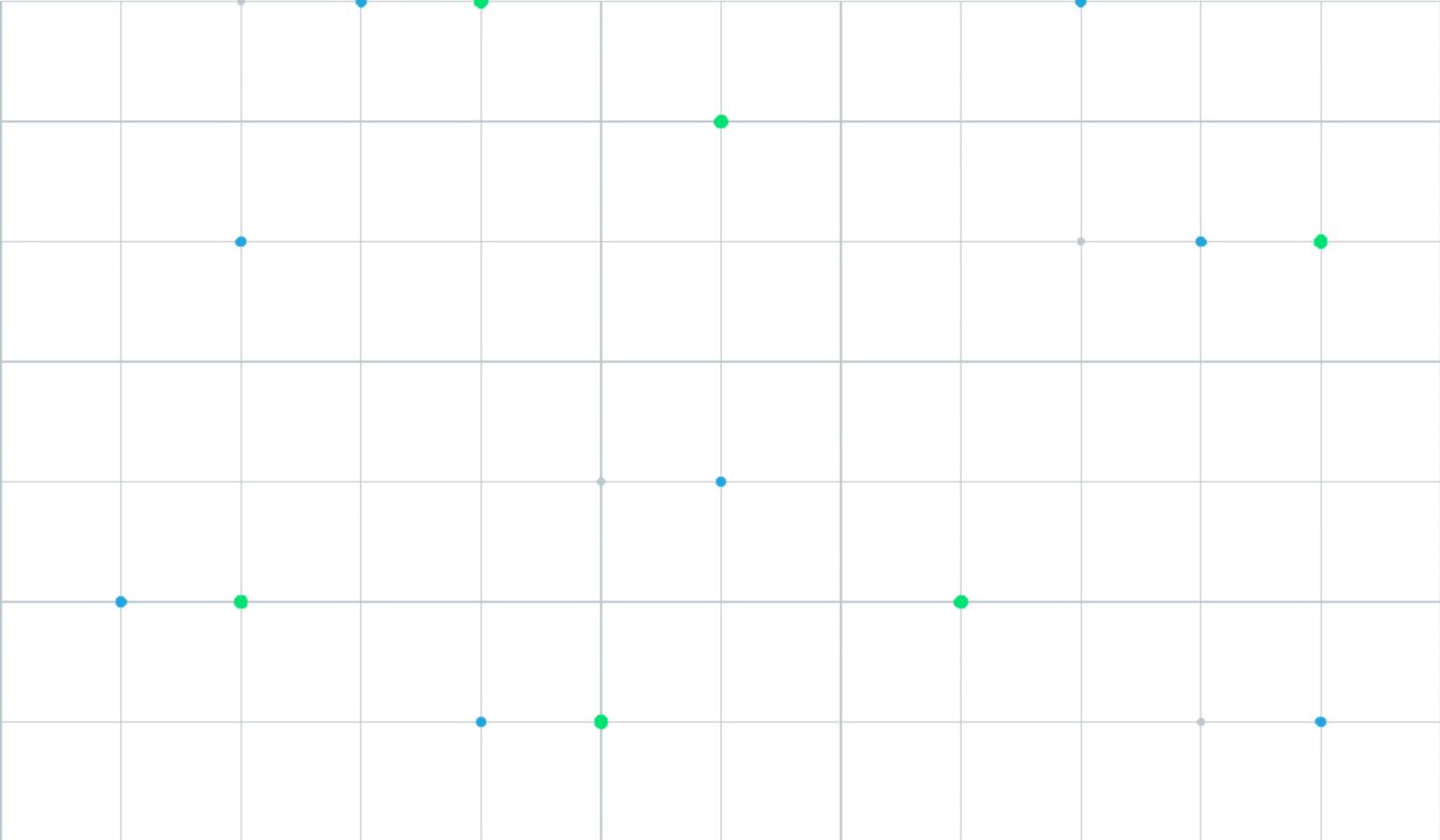


CME Direct PlattsView User Guide

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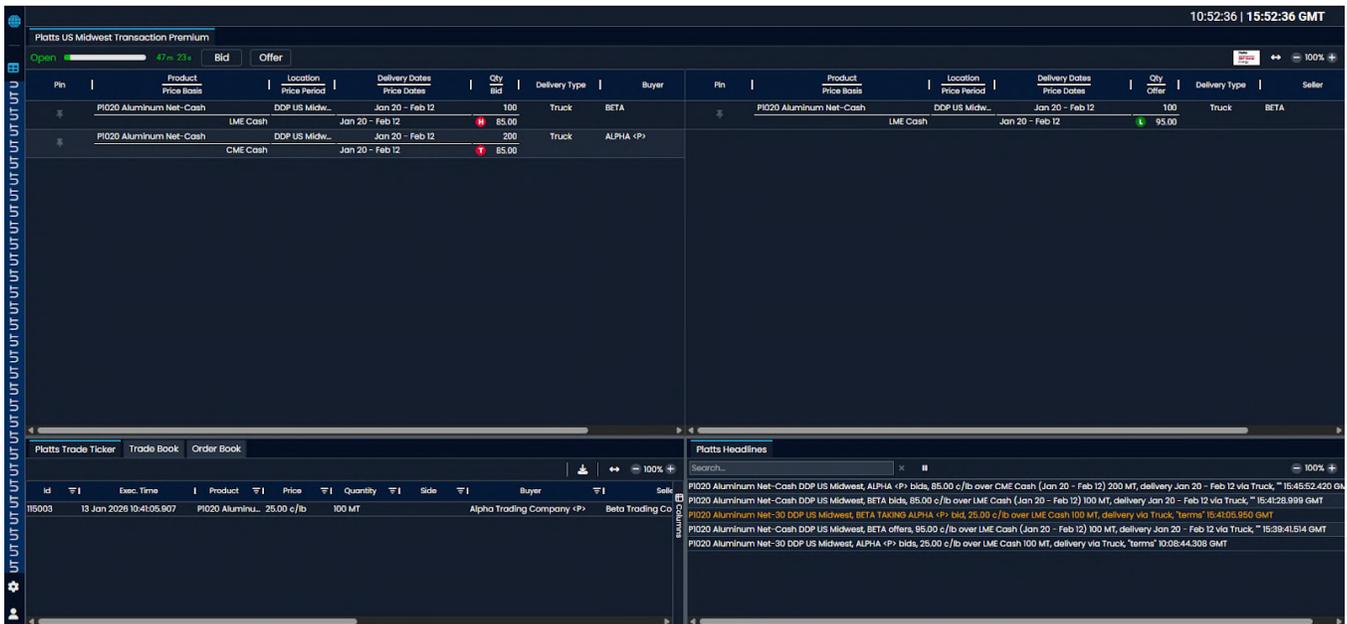
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1. Overview

CME Direct is integrated with PlattsView, a communication tool that provides market visibility and a data submission interface for the U.S. Aluminum Midwest Premium market. Functionality includes:

- **Market View:** Provides a real-time display of bids and offers from participants in the U.S. Aluminum Midwest Premium market. It identifies the firms acting as buyers and sellers.
- **Data Input:** Users can directly input their own bids, offers.
- **Assessment Integration:** All data submitted by users is fed directly into the Platts price assessment process for their daily assessment.



The screenshot displays the Platts US Midwest Transaction Premium interface. The top section shows the market view with columns for Pin, Product, Price Basis, Location, Delivery Dates, Price Dates, Qty Bid, Delivery Type, Buyer, and Seller. The middle section shows the Platts Trade Ticker with columns for Id, Exec. Time, Product, Price, Quantity, Side, Buyer, and Seller. The bottom section shows the Platts Headlines with a search bar and a list of market news items.

Pin	Product	Price Basis	Location	Delivery Dates	Price Dates	Qty Bid	Delivery Type	Buyer
PI020	Aluminum Net-Cash	DDP US Midw...	Jan 20 - Feb 12	100	Truck	BETA		
PI020	Aluminum Net-Cash	LME Cash	Jan 20 - Feb 12	85.00				
PI020	Aluminum Net-Cash	DDP US Midw...	Jan 20 - Feb 12	200	Truck	ALPHA <P>		
		CME Cash	Jan 20 - Feb 12	85.00				

Id	Exec. Time	Product	Price	Quantity	Side	Buyer	Seller
115003	18 Jan 2025 10:41:05.907	PI020 Aluminu...	25.00 c/lb	100 MT		Alpha Trading Company <P>	Beta Trading Co

Platts Headlines

- PI020 Aluminum Net-Cash DDP US Midwest, ALPHA <P> bids, 85.00 c/lb over CME Cash (Jan 20 - Feb 12) 200 MT, delivery Jan 20 - Feb 12 via Truck, ~ 15:45:52.420 GMT
- PI020 Aluminum Net-Cash DDP US Midwest, BETA bids, 85.00 c/lb over LME Cash (Jan 20 - Feb 12) 100 MT, delivery Jan 20 - Feb 12 via Truck, ~ 15:41:28.999 GMT
- PI020 Aluminum Net-Cash DDP US Midwest, BETA TAKING ALPHA <P> bid, 25.00 c/lb over LME Cash 100 MT, delivery via Truck, terms ~ 15:41:05.950 GMT
- PI020 Aluminum Net-Cash DDP US Midwest, BETA offers, 95.00 c/lb over LME Cash (Jan 20 - Feb 12) 100 MT, delivery Jan 20 - Feb 12 via Truck, ~ 15:39:41.514 GMT
- PI020 Aluminum Net-Cash DDP US Midwest, ALPHA <P> bids, 25.00 c/lb over LME Cash 100 MT, delivery via Truck, terms ~ 10:39:44.303 GMT

2. Login and Logout

Access to the PlattsView tool is through [CME Direct](#):

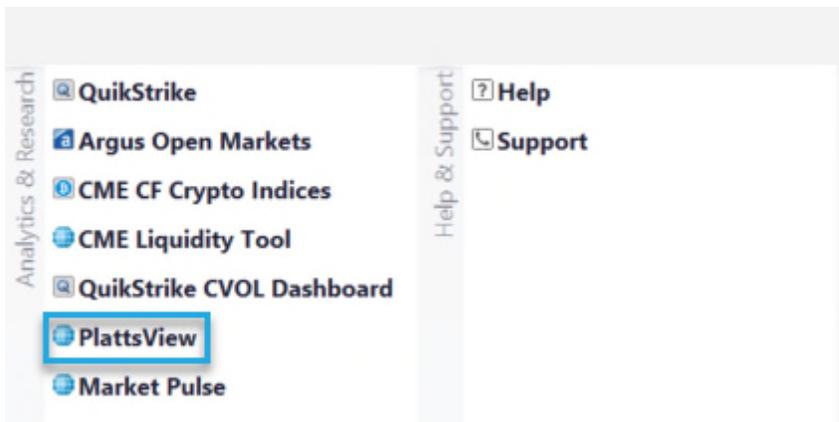
- If you are an existing CME Direct user, email Platts at plattsviiew@spglobal.com for access.

- To obtain access to CME Direct, contact the Enterprise Application & System Entitlements (EASE) team at EASE@cmegroup.com and create a [CME Group Login account](#).

To Login to PlattsView via CME Direct

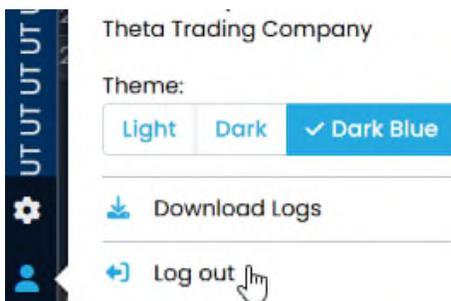
Note: To enable Single Sign-On and seamlessly login to PlattsView, without entering your username and password, enable [Modern Authentication](#).

Login to **CME Direct**, then navigate to **Menu > PlattsView** to add the view to your workspace.



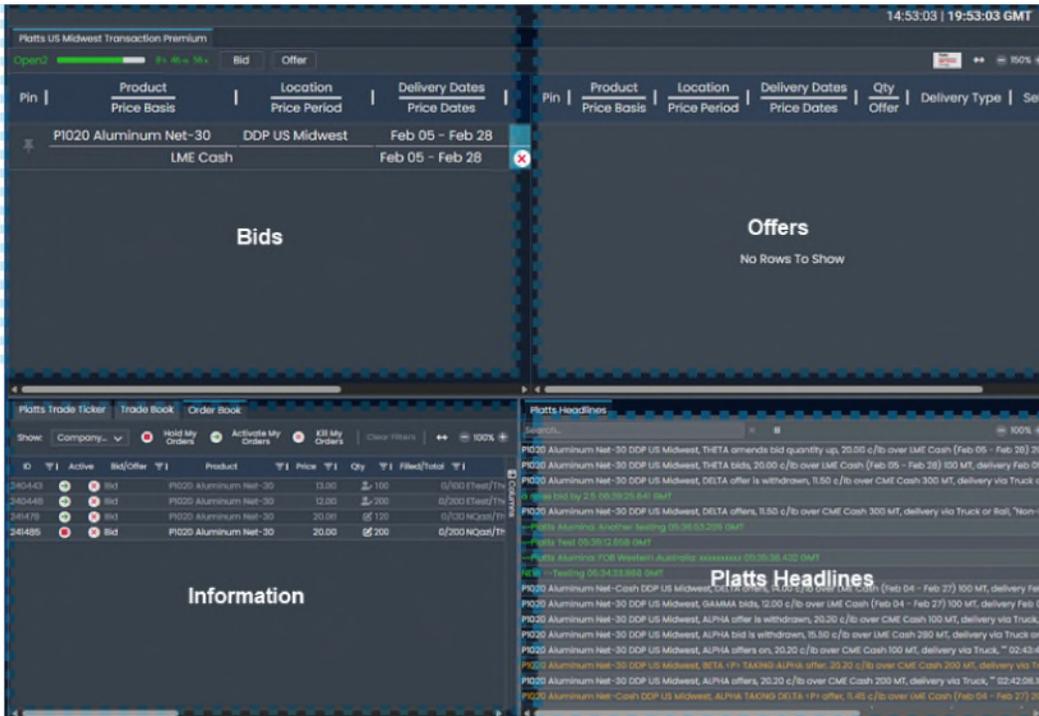
To logout of PlattsView

From the left navigation menu, navigate to **User Settings > Logout**.

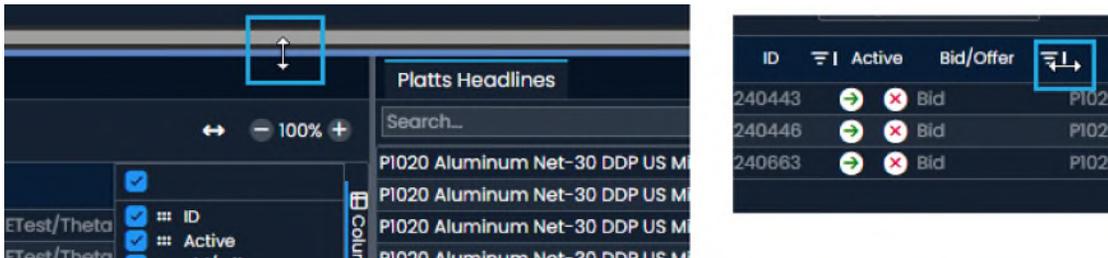


3. Navigation

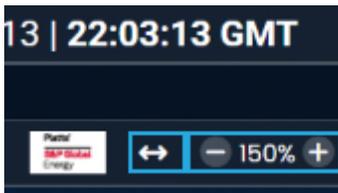
PlattsView is divided into four main sections: Bids, Offers, Information, and “Platts Headlines.”



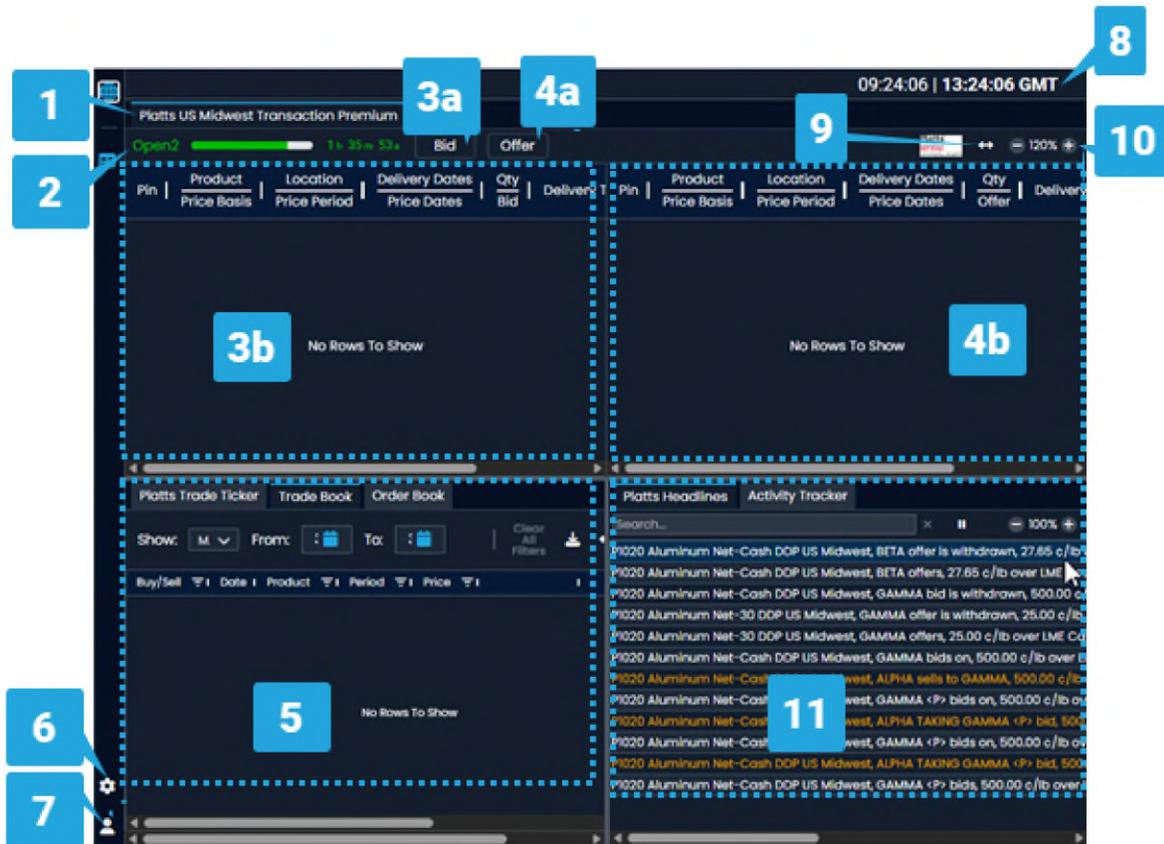
Resize sections by hovering on a gridline and moving it. Resize columns by hovering and moving the column dividers.



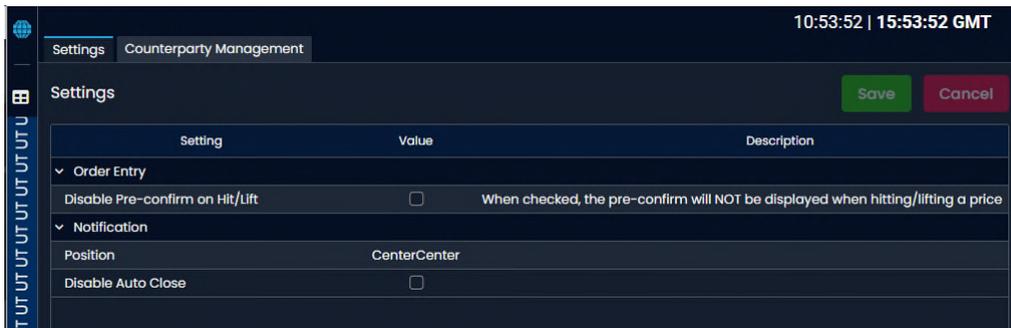
Use the autosize button to quickly restore column widths.



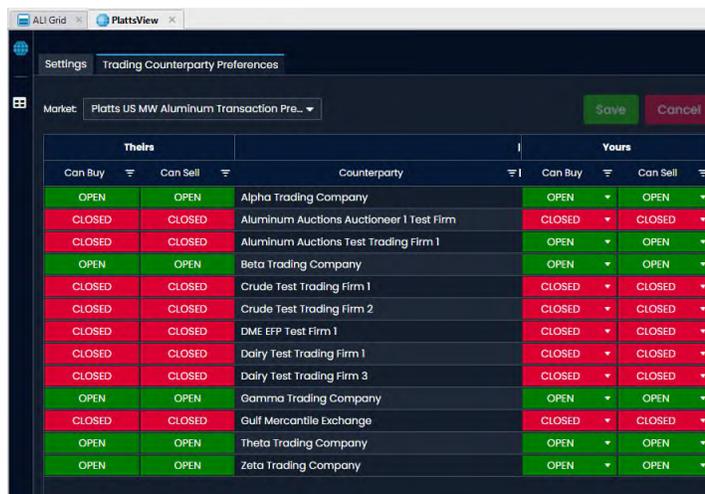
PlattsView includes the following features:



1. **Product tab**
2. **Market State:** Enter and modify orders depending on the market state. Contact your Platts Relationship Manager with any questions.
3. **a. Bids button:** Opens a Bid order entry ticket.
b. Bids section: List of open bids.
4. **a. Offer button:** Opens an Offer order entry ticket.
b. Offers section: List of open offers.
5. Information panel includes:
 - Platts Trade Ticker:** Daily ticker of ALL Platts trades for markets for which you have visibility.
 - Trade Book:** All of your trades and your company's trades.
 - Order Book:** All your and your company's live and held orders.
6. **Preferences:**



- **Disable Pre-confirm on Hit/Lift:** Select to disable a confirmation message after hitting or lifting a price.
- **Disable Auto Close:** Select to disable the automatic closing of the trade notification.
- **Counterparty Management (for Risk Managers only):** Configure preferences for trading with counterparties. The "Can Buy" and "Can Sell" columns on the right hand side of the screen allow you to set which counterparties your firm can trade with. For example, if you set "Can Sell" to "Closed" for a counterparty, the bids become non-tradeable and cannot be hit. Users will still be able to see prices for closed counterparties but their offers will appear in red on the trading grid.



7. **User settings:** Options to change the display appearance, download logs, and log out.
8. **Local and GMT time**
9. **Auto-size columns**
10. **Zoom in and zoom out**

- Platts Headlines:** Report of live bids/offers window and potential counterparties and can be used as a daily price assessment including settlement calculation. Counterparty names are disclosed for all activity, new, modified, cancelled orders, trades.



4. Order Entry

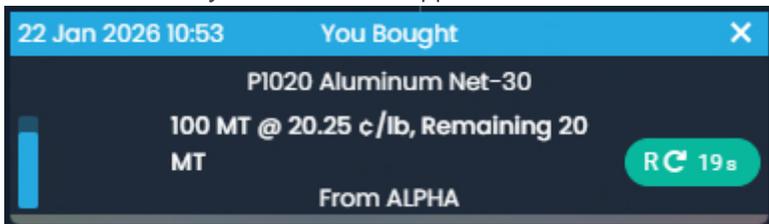
Indications of interest may be made on existing prices in the Bids and Offers panes, and new orders may be entered, modified, held, or cancelled.

Indicate Interest in a Price

Click the **H** (H) to hit a bid or the **L** (L) to lift an offer.

Product Price Basis	Location Price Period	Delivery Dates Price Dates	Qty Bid	Delivery Type	Buyer
PI020 Aluminum Net-Cash	DDP US Midw...	Jan 20 - Feb 12	100	Truck	BETA
	LME Cash	Jan 20 - Feb 12	H 85.00		
PI020 Aluminum Net-Cash	DDP US Midw...	Jan 20 - Feb 12	200	Truck	ALPHA <P>
	CME Cash	Jan 20 - Feb 12	T 85.00		

A confirmation of your interest will appear.

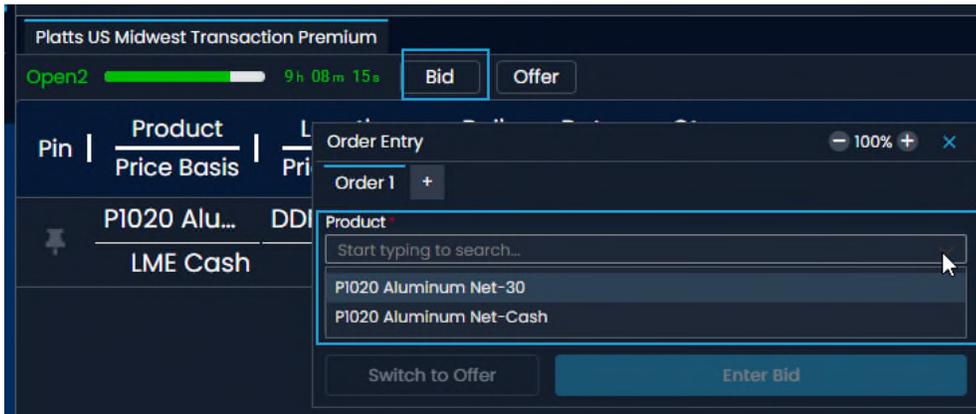


A **T** next to an offer stands for “Take.” Orders entered by Editors on behalf of traders.

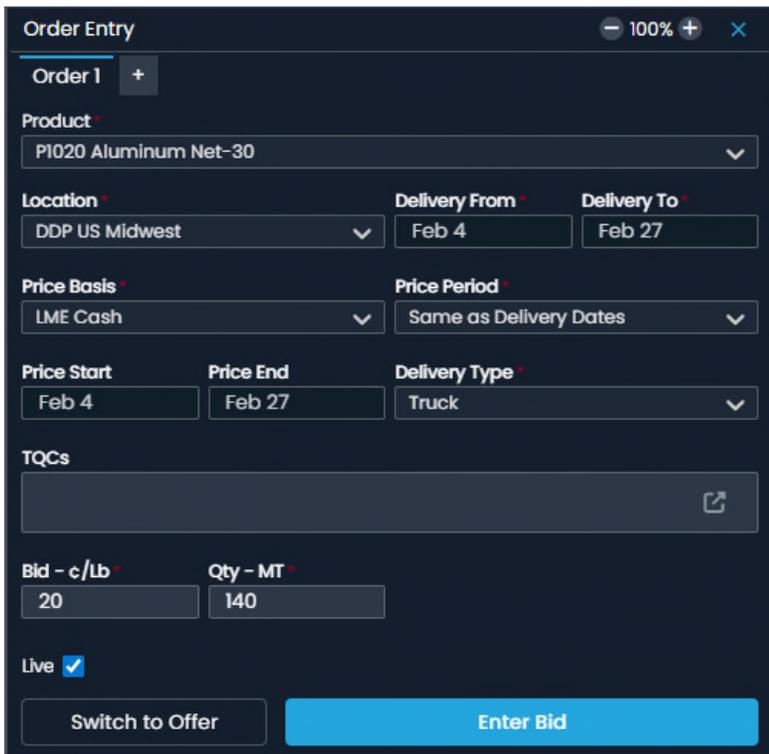
Pin	Product Price Basis	Location Price Period	Delivery Dates Price Dates	Qty Offer	Delivery Type
	PI020 Aluminum Net-30	DDP US Midwest	Jan 23 - Feb 15	100	Truck
		LME Cash	Jan 23 - Feb 15	T 30.00	

Enter a New Bid or Offer

1. Select **Bid** or **Offer**, then select a **Product**.



The expanded order ticket opens.



2. Fill out the fields of the ticket:

- **Location:** DDP US Midwest (default)

- **Delivery dates:** Auto-populates according to the trade date and cannot be changed, 7 to 30 days from trade date.
- **Price Basis:** Select **LME (London Metals Exchange) Cash** or **CME Cash**.
- **Price Period:** Select **Same as Delivery Dates** (prepopulates the **Price Start** and **Price End** fields) or **See TCQs** to specify conditions.
- **Price Start and Price End:** Auto-populates according to the trade date when **Price Period** is **Same as Delivery Date**.
- **Delivery Type:** Truck or Truck or Rail
- **TCQs:** Terms, Quality and Conditions, enter any constraints for the order if required.
- **Bids - c/lb:** Bid price in cents per pound.
- **Quantity- MT:** Amount of bid in metric tons.
- **Live:** Determines whether the order will appear live to the market or not in the Bids / Offers panels. If unselected, a held/staged order that is not visible to the market would be saved to your Order Book upon order entry.

3. Click **Enter Bid**. The order will appear in the Bids section.

Platts US Midwest Transaction Premium					
Open ■ 44m 19s		Bid		Offer	
Pin	Product Price Basis	Location Price Period	Delivery Dates Price Dates	Qty Bid	Delivery T
★	PI020 Aluminum Net-30 LME Cash	DDP US Midwest	Jan 29 - Feb 21 Jan 29 - Feb 21	100 20.00	Truck

Kill a Bid or Offer

In the Bids / Offers panes, or Order Book, click  (X) next to an individual bid or offer, then **Confirm** to cancel an order.

To cancel all held orders at one time click **Kill My Orders** in the Order Book heading row.

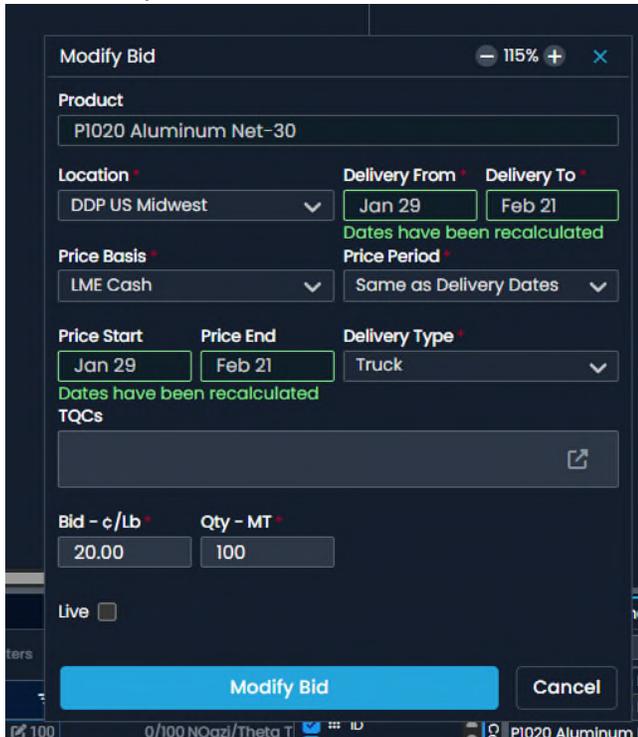
Activate Orders

A held order in the Order Book can be activated individually by clicking  (arrow) next to it, or activate all at once by selecting **Activate My Orders**.

Modify Bids

An open order may be modified from the Bids / Offers panels or from the Order Book by clicking  (pencil) next to it, making any edits, and then **Modify Bid (Modify Offer)** to confirm.

Note: If bids / offers are modified after the initial interest date, delivery dates, and price start and price ends will automatically recalculate before the bid / offer can be resubmitted.



Modify Bid 115% ✕

Product
P1020 Aluminum Net-30

Location ^{*} DDP US Midwest ▼ Delivery From ^{*} Jan 29 Delivery To ^{*} Feb 21
Dates have been recalculated

Price Basis ^{*} LME Cash ▼ Price Period ^{*} Same as Delivery Dates ▼

Price Start ^{*} Jan 29 Price End ^{*} Feb 21 Delivery Type ^{*} Truck ▼
Dates have been recalculated

TQCs

Bid - c/Lb ^{*} 20.00 Qty - MT ^{*} 100

Live

Modify Bid Cancel



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