
Subject: Prices in dollars?

Posted by [AotrsCommander](#) on Sat, 25 Aug 2012 12:57:28 GMT

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What happened to the pricing system? I have been using the pricing system in dollars since I started using Shapeways, and it's most convenient for me and my customers to converse in. All of a sudden, everything is in Euros and I can't find a way to turn it back.

If there is a toggle, somewhere, could someone please tell me where to find it currently (there was one in the past.)

If this is a permanent change I would like to voice my extreme displeasure, as it will do nothing but cause me problems. For a kick-off it makes it much harder for me to eyeball the prices (as pounds to dollars and vice versa is easily doable), meaning I have to grab a calculator every time instead of a rough estimate - particularly important when attending conventions with potential customers, all of whom are from the UK.

(If this is a localisation issue, then I would like to know why pounds are not being offered as an alternative, as none of my customers use Euros, being mostly from the UK or US so this is unhelpful.)

Subject: Re: Prices in dollars?

Posted by [stop4stuff](#) on Thu, 30 Aug 2012 08:00:14 GMT

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Adding my voice too.

My models overview, shows price in USD.

Model page shows price in USD.

Checkout shows price in Euros

I'm in the UK too and prefer USD for the following reasons;

1. USD prices are permanent, whilst Euro price fluctuates.
2. Shapeways shop earnings are made in USD
3. Private work I do for clients is paid in USD
4. Personal reasons relating to the whole 'Euro Zone' thing.

There is no option to change to the advertised USD price in the cart or anywhere else.

Please fix this (i.e. return to letting customers having the choice of payment monetary unit)

Paul

stop4stuffModeller for hireShapeways ShopTwitter

Subject: Re: Prices in dollars?

Posted by [natalia](#) on Thu, 30 Aug 2012 15:31:28 GMT

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Hi guys,

I hear the confusion, and since this is a few different issues, I hope this clarifies a few things:

Shapeways is registered as a business in both the US and the EU, and not in the UK, so we can only offer Euros and Dollars (and not Pounds Sterling)

Our website is in US Dollars, and we convert to Euros. We have always updated the conversion rate manually once a month (on the 1st). We do this unless the currency jumps dramatically, then we update it more often to be accurate.

The price you see is determined by your shipping address. You can not manually change it, sorry.

If, like Paul, you are seeing one currency on your models and another on checkout, check which shipping address you have listed.

It is possible this is a bug, and if you delete and re-enter your shipping address it should fix it. More likely though, is that you can see that you can switch currencies in the cart.

Currency is determined by SHIPPING address - so in your cart, when you choose your shipping country it will switch between Euros/Dollars - this is a way to see what it costs in each currency should you wish to do so.

Remember you can't have different billing and shipping addresses - they must be in the same country, so it is possible you get to the checkout page in the 'wrong' currency, but you wont be able to checkout if your billing and shipping addresses do not match.

I have cross-posted this in the InShape thread too.

Best,
Natalia

Subject: Re: Prices in dollars?

Posted by [AotrsCommander](#) on Thu, 30 Aug 2012 22:43:25 GMT

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Since I started using this site two years ago, I have always worked in dollars, I set my mark-up in dollars, make my cost estimates in dollars, most of my customers purchase in dollars.

Thanks to this latest change, in order to continue to do that, I've had to prat about setting up a second, new pretend US shipping address and fiddling with the shipping options in a pretend shopping cart (with shipping address to England) to get back to being able to see my models in dollars (with VAT) as before, so I can check the mark-ups (this incidently, for everyone else, seems like a work-around - I suggest just googling a US postal code for your pretend address but for frag's sake don't forget to change it to the right one when you actually order). This is a job that was already a pain to start with, given the edit/mark-up screen didn't show VAT since before last year's big summer update, requiring me to exit edit mode to see the purchase price and then then re-enter it again to add the correct mark-up.

The fact it took that level of fiddling around - as before I started doing that, the prices in Euros and my markups did not even look like the right numbers (since they should be 10% - which should really be the same in any currency - and weren't) suggests to me you need to have a look at the new set-up, because - once AGAIN - it doesn't look like you've tested it fully before springing it on us unannounced. (I'm not going to try to replicate the problem now, since it was enough hassle getting to where I am without undoing it all, even if I assume it's a problem I can easily replicate.)

I still quite cross that only a month ago, when I put my last order, I could purchase my models in dollars or Euros as I choose and suddenly I can't, without any kind of notice or warning (not to mention that you haven't updated your FAQs - or for that matter, your terms of service - to reflect this change.) I'm sorry, but this is really just not good enough, guys. Every single time in the last year you have updated your front-end, you've made it progressively more tedious and time-consuming for me, as the shop owner, to use at no gain to me or my customers. It's certainly not doing you any favours in my long-term customer loyalty; if (when?) someone else comes by with a similar service at similar cost, I would be hard-pressed to find a reason to keep using Shapeways what with all the extra faffing about I have to do to get a model ready for putting in my shop at the moment.

Subject: Re: Prices in dollars?

Posted by [stannum](#) on Fri, 25 Jul 2014 20:26:38 GMT

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This has been going on for around two years, reported multiple times and even declared embarrassing. Other things like shipping via plain post started to be implemented. Reinvesting with

a ~5% loss is not a nice hobby. Maybe worth considering if it would improve sales and add new creations (so more sales) for some areas.

Subject: Re: Prices in dollars?

Posted by [fx](#) on Mon, 13 Jul 2015 11:01:21 GMT

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What about fixing this? before 2012, european buyers could pay in USD or in EUR, no forced currency choice based on ip.

For detailed explanation, see this topic, for instance:

https://www.shapeways.com/forum/index.php?t=msg&goto=76480&#msg_58840
