

Installing Apex Gold Algo on MetaTrader 5

Step-by-Step Installation and First-Time Activation (Required)

Purpose (Read this first):

This guide shows you exactly how to install Apex Gold Algo on MetaTrader 5 (MT5), attach it to the correct Gold symbol chart, and enable the required settings so it can operate when conditions are met. It prevents the most common causes of “it installed but it doesn’t work,” including wrong folder placement, disabled Algo Trading, and Gold symbol mismatches.

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Guide Overview (Mandatory)

This guide covers

- Where to place the Apex Gold Algo file in MT5 (correct folder path)
- How to restart MT5 so the EA loads correctly
- How to find and attach the EA to the correct chart
- Required MT5 permissions (global Algo Trading + EA settings)
- How to confirm the EA is running (without assuming trades will be instant)
- A critical section on Gold symbol naming variations (XAUUSD vs GOLD variants)
- A pass/fail checklist for successful installation

What problem this guide prevents

- EA not appearing in Navigator (wrong folder or no restart)
- EA attached but not allowed to trade (permissions not enabled)
- "No trades" due to attaching to the wrong Gold symbol (silent mismatch)
- Errors hidden in Experts/Journal that are not checked

When you should read it

- Before your first installation
- Any time you reinstall MT5, move to a VPS, change brokers, or receive an updated EA file

Who this guide is for

- All Apex Gold Algo users on MetaTrader 5 (Windows PC or Windows VPS)

When you should not proceed

- If you have not completed PDF #3 — Mandatory Pre-Setup Checklist
- If you cannot identify your broker's correct Gold symbol in Market Watch
- If your account is investor/read-only or cannot place trades

Important Setup Notes (When Relevant)

- Apex Gold Algo is an EA file that runs inside MT5 only when MT5 is open and connected.
- Apex Gold Algo cannot override broker rules (spreads, margin, volume limits, or account restrictions).
- Many "installation issues" are actually symbol mismatch or permissions disabled. This guide addresses both.

1) What You Need Before You Start

1.1 Required items

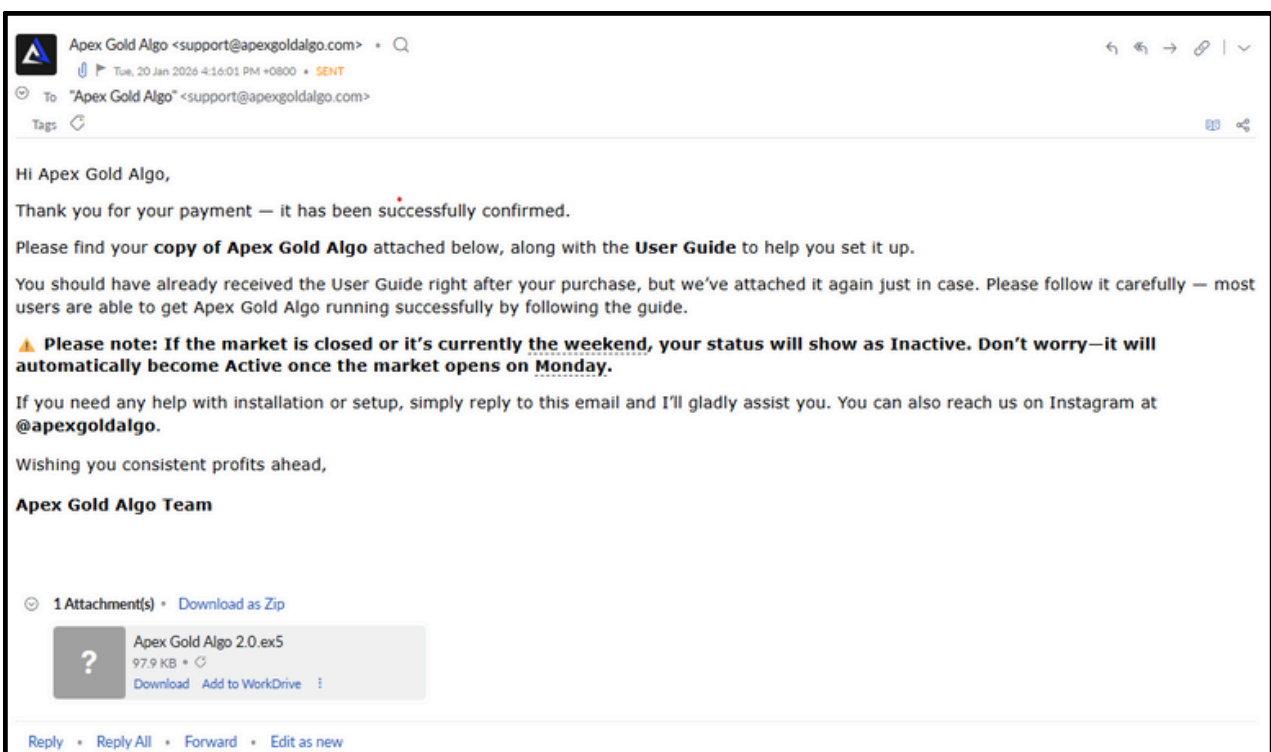
- MetaTrader 5 installed and opening normally
- Your Apex Gold Algo EA file (commonly .ex5)
- Your MT5 trading account login details
- The correct Gold symbol name for your broker (examples: XAUUSD, GOLD, XAUUSDm, etc.)

Stop here if: you have not completed PDF #3 first.

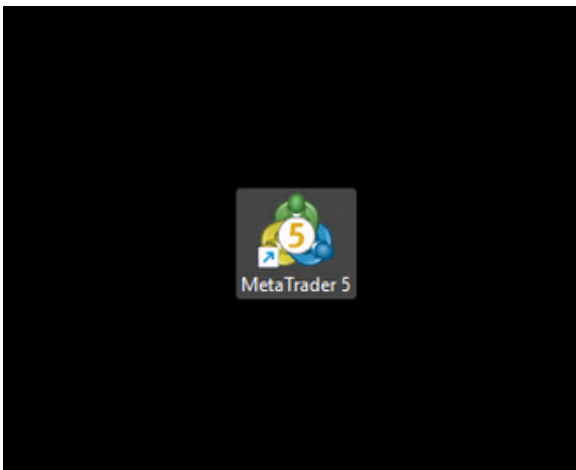
2) Install Apex Gold Algo in the Correct MT5 Folder

2.1 Open the correct MT5 data folder

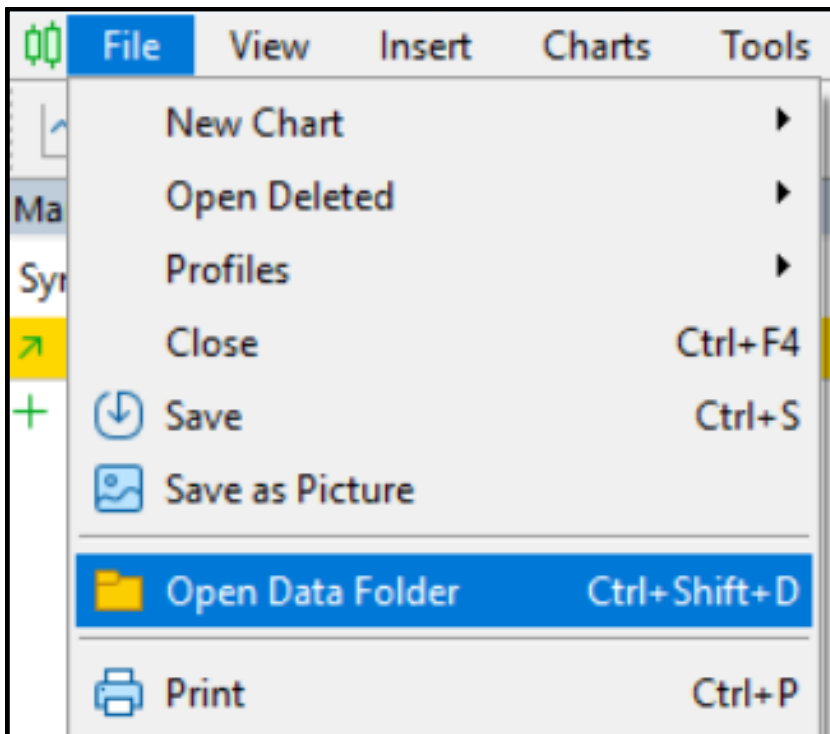
1. **Download the Apex Gold Algo (.ex5) file from the email we sent you, and save it somewhere easy to find (e.g., Desktop or Downloads).**



2. Open MetaTrader 5



3. In MetaTrader 5, click File → Open Data Folder






2.2 Copy the EA file into the correct location

4. Open the folder: MQL5 → Experts



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5. Experts → Click Advisors

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You should now be inside the folder where MT5 reads Expert Advisors.

6. Copy the Apex Gold Algo (.ex5) file into the Advisors folder

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Important:

- Do not place the file in Downloads and expect it to work.
- Do not place it in random subfolders unless you understand how to locate it later in Navigator.

7. Close the Folder

2.3 Restart MT5 (required)

8. **After copying the EA file, Close MetaTrader 5 completely**

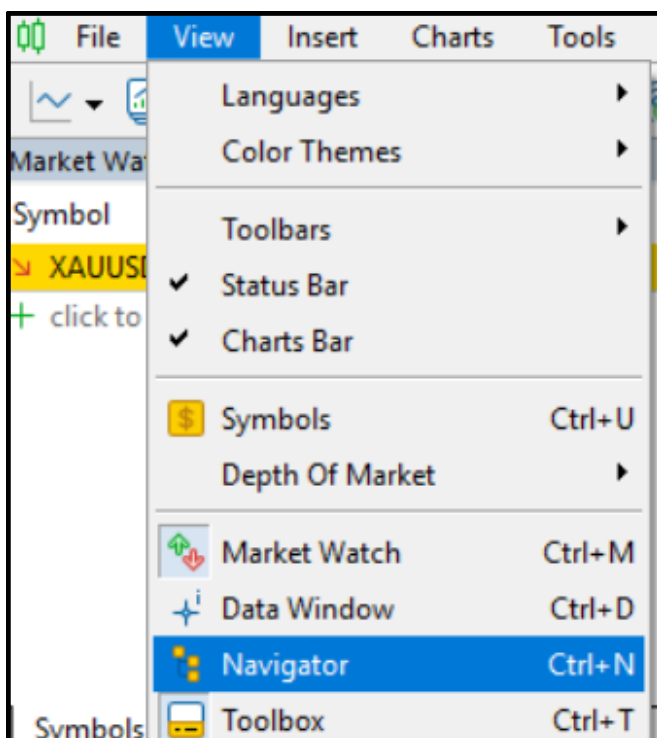
9. **then Reopen MetaTrader 5**

This ensures MT5 loads the EA into the Navigator list.

3) Confirm the EA Appears in Navigator

10. In MT5, open **Navigator** (View → Navigator, or Ctrl+N)

- Expand **Expert Advisors**
- Look for **Apex Gold Algo .ex5 file**



If you do not see it:

- Right-click inside Navigator → **Refresh**
- Confirm the file is inside **MQL5** → **Experts** → **Advisors**
- Restart MT5 again if needed

Stop here if: the EA still does not appear.

Next step: go to PDF #13 (Diagnostic Checklist) and include screenshots of your Experts folder and Navigator.

4) Gold Symbol Name & Broker Variations (Critical)

This section prevents “silent failure” where the EA is installed correctly but does nothing because it is attached to the wrong symbol.

4.1 Why symbol naming matters

Different brokers label Gold differently. Common examples include:

- XAUUSD
- GOLD
- XAUUSDm
- XAUUSD.r
- XAUUSD#
- XAUUSD-ECN

Apex Gold Algo must be attached to the correct Gold symbol chart that actually updates with price.

4.2 How to find your broker’s correct Gold symbol

1. Open Market Watch (View → Market Watch, or Ctrl+M)
2. Right-click inside Market Watch → select Symbols (or “Show All,” if available)
3. Search for XAUUSD or Gold
4. Enable/show the symbol your broker provides
5. Right-click the symbol → Chart Window
6. Confirm the chart shows live price movement

4.3 Pass/Fail check (symbol)

- I can see the Gold symbol in Market Watch
- I opened its chart successfully
- Price updates/ticks are moving normally
- The symbol name matches the broker-provided instrument (not a placeholder)

Stop here if: you cannot confirm the correct symbol.

Do not proceed to activation until this passes.

5) Attach Apex Gold Algo to the Correct Chart

5.1 Open the correct chart first

1. In Market Watch, right-click your verified Gold symbol
→ Chart Window
2. Confirm you are on the intended chart (top-left symbol label matches your broker's Gold symbol)

5.2 Attach the EA

1. In Navigator → Expert Advisors, drag Apex Gold Algo onto the Gold chart
2. (or double-click it)

You will see the EA settings window. Do not click "OK" yet. Leave this window open and proceed to the next step. If you accidentally closed it or clicked "OK," please repeat the attachment steps to ensure the installation is completed correctly.

6) Enable Required Permissions (Activation Readiness)

There are two layers of permissions: MT5 global and EA-specific.

6.1 Enable the global MT5 Algo Trading switch

1. On the MT5 top toolbar, find "Algo Trading"
2. Turn it ON, it should look like the visual below.

If it is OFF, the EA cannot trade even if installed correctly.



6.2 Enable EA permission inside the settings window

In the EA attachment settings window:

- 3) In the Common tab
- 4) Check "Allow Algo Trading" (wording may vary slightly)



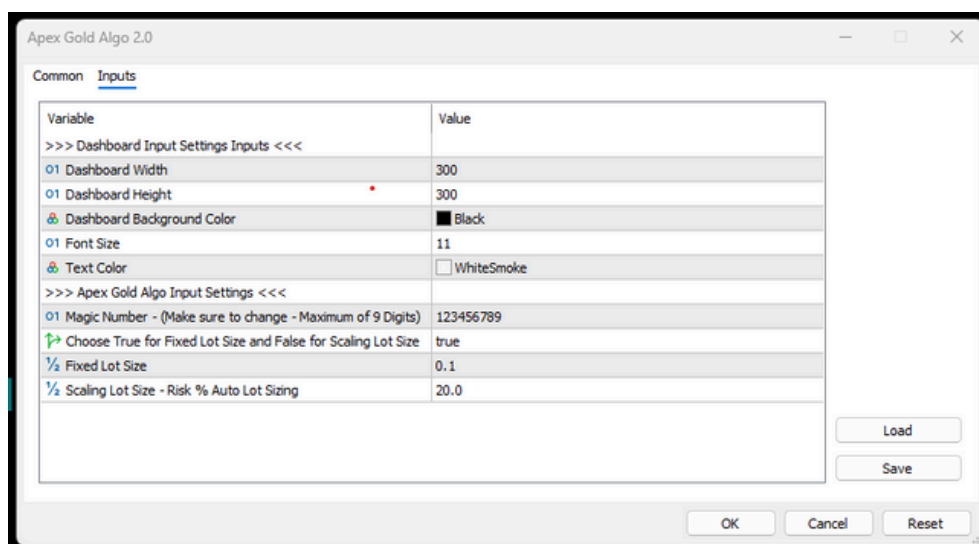
Please still don't click "OK" , proceed to the next step 6.3

Stop here if: you cannot enable Algo Trading due to account restrictions or platform policy.

6.3 Set Your Initial Risk / Lot Size (Recommended)

Before running live, update the EA **Inputs** to a conservative starting level that fits your account size, leverage, and rules (especially for prop firm accounts).

- **Recommended:** Set your risk/lot size to your intended “safe baseline” now.
- **If you're unsure:** You may leave the **default settings** temporarily to confirm the EA is installed correctly and operating normally, then adjust your risk/lot size once you've reviewed the dedicated risk guide.



Important: Brokers enforce margin and volume limits. If your lot size/risk is too high for your account, orders may be rejected.

Next step for the correct configuration:

→ **PDF #8 – Lot Size & Risk Configuration Guide**

→ **PDF #10 – Margin, Free Margin & Leverage Explained**
(if you see margin-related issues)

7) Confirm the EA Is Running (Without Assuming Instant Trades)

7.1 What you should check immediately

After attaching the EA:

- Confirm the EA remains on the chart (no removal)
- Check for messages in Experts and Journal tabs (bottom terminal)
- Confirm MT5 connection remains stable

7.2 “Inactive” can be normal

“Inactive” status can be normal depending on market state, rollover, and conditions.

If you see “Inactive” and you’re unsure:

- Use PDF #6 – Why Apex Gold Algo Says “Inactive”
- Use PDF #7 – Expected Behavior After Setup (What Is Normal)

8) Installation & Activation Checklist (Pass/Fail)

Use this to confirm everything is correctly installed.

8.1 File placement & loading

- EA file is inside MQL5 → Experts
- MT5 was restarted after copying
- EA appears in Navigator under Expert Advisors

8.2 Correct chart & symbol

- EA is attached to the broker's correct Gold symbol chart
- The chart symbol matches Market Watch and updates with price

8.3 Permissions

- MT5 Algo Trading is ON
- EA Common settings Allow Algo Trading is enabled

8.4 Basic verification

- No recurring errors appear in Experts/Journal
- MT5 remains connected and stable
- I understand trades may not be immediate and behavior depends on conditions

If any box fails: stop and fix it before troubleshooting anything else.

9) Common Mistakes to Avoid

1. Copying the EA file into the wrong folder (or not restarting MT5)
2. Attaching the EA to the wrong symbol (XAUUSD vs GOLD variants)
3. Forgetting to enable Algo Trading globally in MT5
4. Forgetting Allow Algo Trading in EA Common settings
5. Not checking Experts/Journal for broker rejections or permission errors
6. Assuming "no trade yet" means broken (often it is normal timing/conditions)

10) Normal vs Not Normal Right After Installation

10.1 Normal

- EA loads successfully, but does not trade immediately
- "Inactive" appears in specific situations (waiting state)
- Pending orders may appear/disappear depending on internal logic

10.2 Not normal (action required)

- EA does not appear in Navigator after restart (folder issue)
- Algo Trading cannot be enabled (restriction issue)
- Chart symbol is not the broker's real Gold symbol (symbol mismatch)
- Repeated critical errors in Experts/Journal

11) Final Readiness Confirmation (Mandatory)

You are correctly installed only if:

- The EA appears in Navigator and is attached to the correct Gold symbol chart
- MT5 Algo Trading is ON and EA permissions are enabled
- The Gold symbol is verified and updating with price
- You have checked Experts/Journal and see no recurring blocking errors
- You understand trading behavior is condition-based and not guaranteed

If any item is not true, do not proceed until corrected.