

# How to Trade Different Types of ABCD Pattern

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### **Outline**

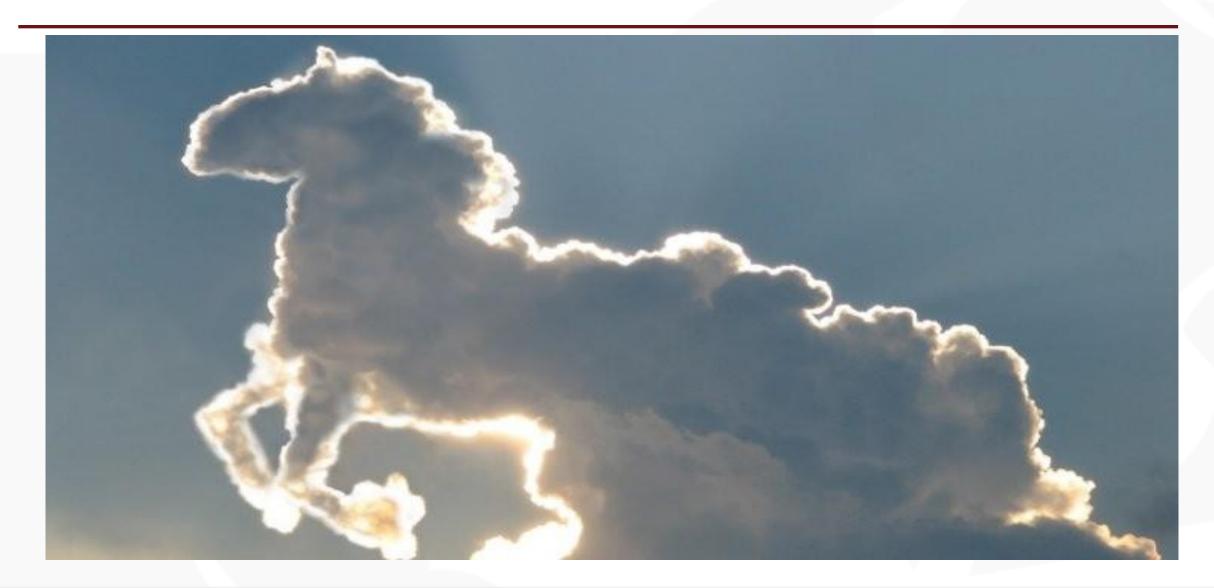
#### 1. Introduction

- 1. Why do we trade patterns?
- 2. The downside of trading patterns
- 3. Why did I choose ABCD pattern as my personal edge
- 2. Market stages
- 3. Rules
- 4. Type of ABCD patterns.
- 5. Tips for Getting Better Entries



#### 1. Why do we trade patterns:

- A)Patterns have been used for so many years
- B)Patterns are self fulfilling prophecy
- 2. The downside of trading patterns
- A)The clustering illusion.
- B)Patterns could cause us to force a trade





• Examples of an ABCD pattern which failed



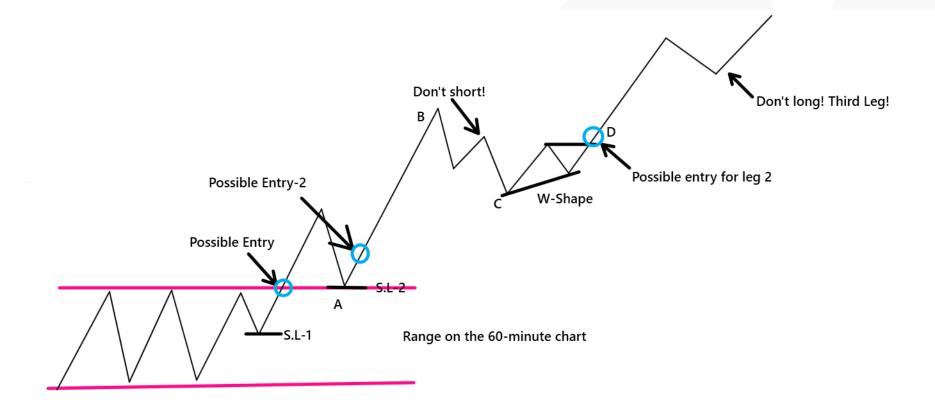


#### -Why ABCD pattern?

- 1)The trend is your friend.
- 2)Keeps you from chasing a stock(ORBs).
- 3)Easy to spot.

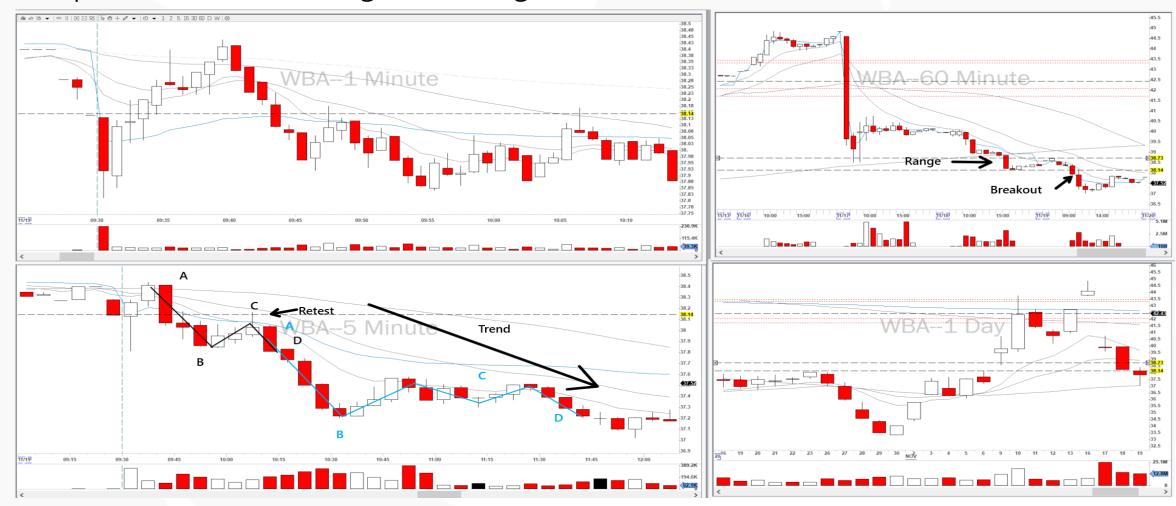


- -Any clean stock would usually move through these stages
- 1)Range.
- 2)Breakout + Retest.
- 3)Trend.
- -When trading ABCD patterns, you want to catch the continuation after the breakout which is the retest, and the first pullback after the trend starts.
- -It's best to identify a range on the 5-, 60-minute charts.





• Example of a stock illustrating market stages



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### Rules

1)The daily chart should support the intraday direction.

- -Examples:
- -If the daily chart is up trending, look for an ABCD pattern to the long side
- -If there's a shooting on the previous day, look for an ABCD pattern to the short side
- -If the stock is bouncing of the 9EMA on the daily chart, or any strong MA, look for an ABCD pattern to the direction of the bounce.
- 2)The 60-minute chart should support the direction of the trend.
- 3)Intraday trend should be visible
- 4)There should be a pullback to a level/moving average, preferably the 9EMA on the 5-minute chart
- -Exception: Huge move followed by a doji, hammer(Preferably double doji's)
- 5)Trade the first two legs up only
- 6)The pullback should be at least 50-70%, if the trend is so strong, 30-50% could be enough, but not less!
- 7)Pay attention to the ATR!

**Confirmations**: Hammer/Reverse hammer, spinning top, tweezer candlesticks, harami candlesticks at the pullbacks, candle patterns on smaller time frames

#### **Notes:**

- -You can take an ABCD pattern for the breakout(For example a break of a range)
- -Earlier on the day one can trade ABCD patterns on the 1-minute chart(Before 10:00AM); However, make sure the stock isn't extended from the 9EMA on the 5-minute chart and make sure that the setup you're taking on the 1-minute chart isn't forming within the third consecutive candle on the 5-minute chart.

#### **Exception:**

Don't take an ABCD pattern on the 1-minute chart within a big second 5-minute candle



### Rules





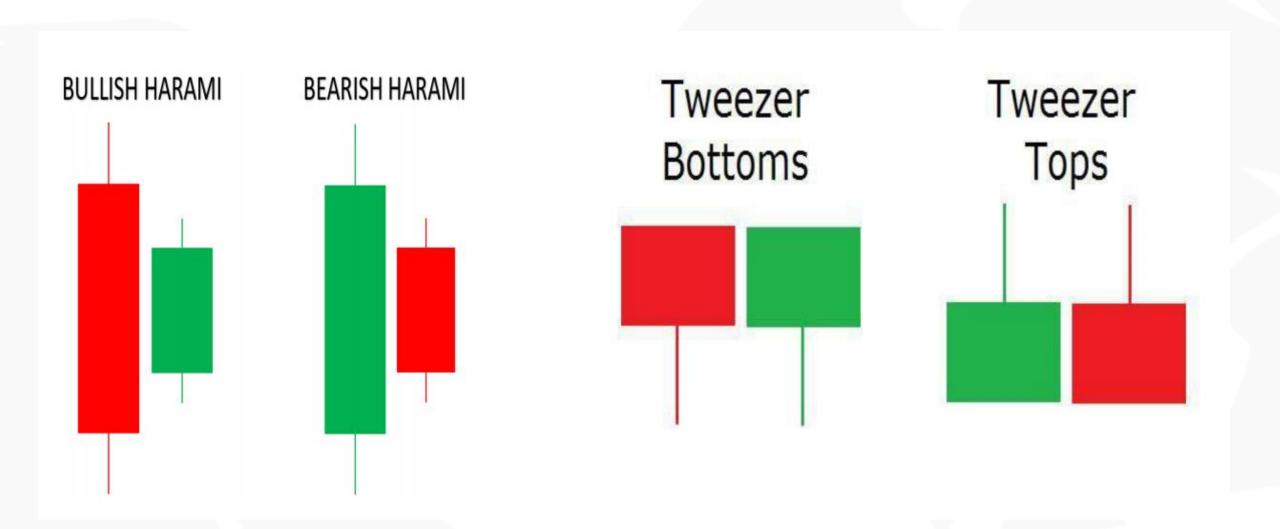


### **Exception Example**

Example of a stock extended from 9EMA on the 5-minute chart but taken after a hammer or preferably double dojis



### Important candlesticks





#### 1)Type A

- -Similar to an ascending triangle
- -The breakout happens after a long sideways consolidation
- -The consolidation continues till the moving average reaches the price action

#### **Entry:**

A)As close as possible to C

B)At the break of the consolidation

#### **Stop loss:**

A)With an early entry, stop loss is the break of C

B)If the entry is at the breakout area, stop loss would be a previous candle low or half of the range if there's a range formed

#### Adds:

-lt's possible to add at the break of B if you got an entry closer to C

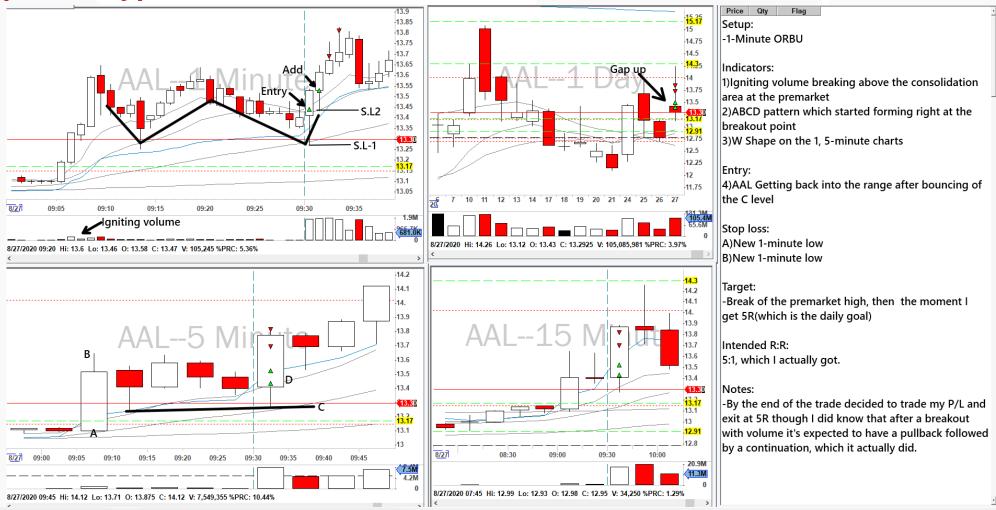




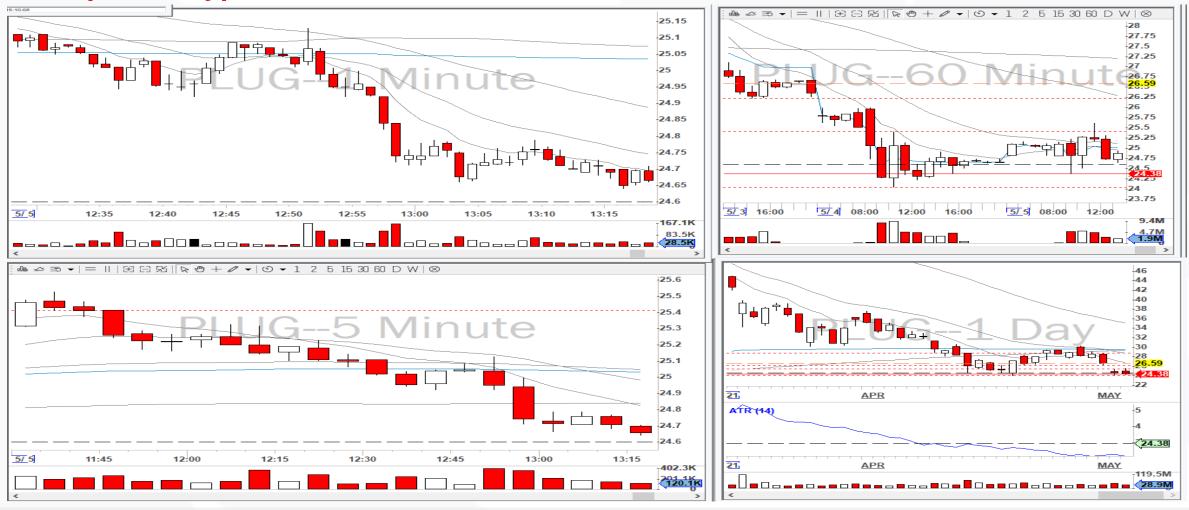




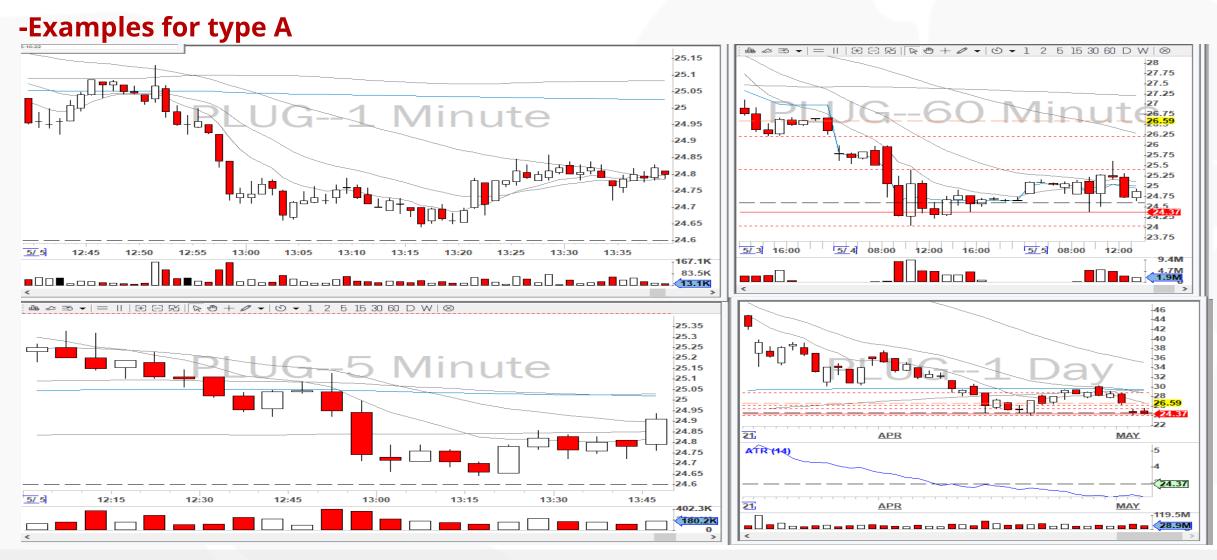












### 2)Type B

- -After an uptrend, the consolidation slightly slopping downwards
- -Most of the volume comes at the break of the previous high
- -The pullback happens slowly till it reaches some moving average

#### **Entry:**

A)As close as possible to C

B)The new high after the bounce of C

#### **Stop loss:**

A)With an early entry, stop loss is the break of C

B)With a new high after the bounce of C, stop loss is still level C

#### Adds:

-It's possible to add at the break of B if you got an entry closer to C



















#### 3)Type C

- -After an uptrend, the pullback is parabolic
- -It's possible to enter at D, only if the break at D happens literally after a Retest.
- -Wait for the stock to make W/M shape confirmation

#### **Entry:**

- A)New 1-minute high after the second bottom
- B)The break of the high of the second consolidation
- C)As close as possible to the second bottom if the second bottom is a support level

#### **Stop loss:**

- A)The break of the original C
- B)The break of the second bottom
- C)New 1-minute low if the entry is the break of the high of the second consolidation

#### Adds:

- -It's possible to add at the break of the second bottom if the entry was before the break
- -Another possible add is the break of B



### -Example of why should we wait for the W, M shape on Type C

















### -Examples for Exceptions on type C





#### -Examples for type C Exception





- 1)It's difficult to make many Rs on an ABCD pattern because of the wide stops, to make the most of it, work on adds. An ABCD pattern is a trend continuation pattern, and if we're expecting a continuation, why not adding?
- 2)Don't tighten your stops before the breaks.
- 3)Pay close attention to the trend on bigger time frames.
- 4)Pay close attention to the ATR

#### **Exception:**

Get an entry on the 1-minute chart if the stock meets both of the following criteria's

- 1)Pierce of the 9EMA on the 5-minute chart
- 2)Bounce of a previous swing high/low















