

XAUUSD Pin Bar strategy

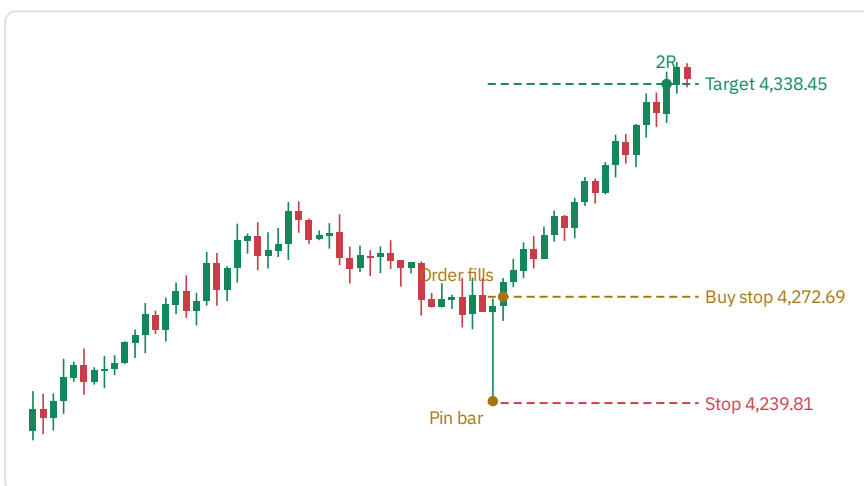
Pin bar rules for gold with a trend and location filter, a buy-stop entry and a free Pine Script. By M. A. Horaira, updated 10 October 2026.

THE RULES

- **Market:** XAUUSD on the 1-hour chart
- **Pin bar:** a candle whose lower wick is at least two-thirds of its range, so the body sits in the top third, with a range of at least one ATR (14)
- **Location:** the pin's low is the lowest low of the last 20 candles
- **Trend filter:** it closes above the 200 EMA (bearish pins, the mirror image, close below it)
- **Entry:** a buy stop just above the pin's high, plus 5% of an ATR; cancelled if it hasn't filled within 2 candles, or if a candle closes below the pin's low first
- **Stop loss:** just below the pin's low, by the same buffer
- **Target:** twice the risk (2R)

WORKED EXAMPLE

XAUUSD 1H above the 200 EMA: pin
O 4,268.00 H 4,272.10 L 4,240.40 C
4,269.80 (wick 87%, new 20-candle
low). Buy stop 4,272.69, stop
4,239.81 (\$32.88), target 4,338.45
(2R). \$10,000 at 1% = 0.03 lots: –
\$99 / +\$197.



Illustrative chart drawn to show the rules, not a real day's prices.

LOT SIZE

Lots = money at risk ÷ (stop in dollars × 100). One lot of gold is 100 ounces, so a \$1 move is \$100 a lot. Risk the same 0.5% to 1% on every trade.

BEFORE EVERY TRADE

- ☐ Lower wick at least 2/3 of the range?
- ☐ Range at least 1 ATR?
- ☐ Lowest low of the last 20 candles?
- ☐ Close above the 200 EMA?
- ☐ Cancel after 2 candles, or a close below the pin?

BACKTEST IT BEFORE YOU TRADE IT

1. Open the chart on TradingView.
2. Pine Editor → paste the free script → Add to chart.
3. Settings → Properties: add your commission and slippage.
4. Look for 100+ trades, a profit factor above 1 after costs, and a drawdown you can live with.
5. Check the same settings on other dates, then demo trade for a few weeks.
6. Free script: pipledgerfx.com/downloads/xauusd-price-action-strategy.pine

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