How to Read the 5-Day Decision Levels

Think of the levels as **places to pay attention—not automatic buy or sell signals**. The five-day profile highlights prices where volume previously concentrated, which can help frame a reaction when price returns. Use this sequence: **location → price and delta response → structural confirmation**.

1. Location: Find the decision area

- **HVN peaks** mark local areas of concentrated volume—prices where the market spent time trading.
- **POC** is the profile's highest-volume price area.
- **VAH and VAL** mark the upper and lower boundaries of the five-day value area.

These levels can matter on a revisit because traders may respond to prices the market previously accepted or rejected. A level is context, though: it can hold, or price can move through it and establish value beyond it.

2. Price and delta: Read the reaction on the 5-minute chart

When price reaches a level, watch how it behaves—and wait for a **5-minute candle to close** before treating the reaction as evidence.

- **Rejection:** Price tests the level, fails to continue through, and closes back away from it.
- **Possible absorption:** Delta shows strong buying or selling, but price makes little progress in that direction. The other side may be absorbing that pressure.
- **Acceptance:** Price pushes through and holds beyond the level, especially if delta supports the move. That can suggest the level is giving way rather than rejecting price.

Delta is most useful alongside price action; positive or negative delta alone doesn't prove which side is in control.

3. Structural evidence: Look for confirmation

After a reaction at the level, look for evidence that price is actually shifting direction. Examples include:

- A **sweep and reclaim** of a nearby high or low.
- **CISD** or another clear change in short-term delivery.
- Your **FVG-123** pattern supporting the move.
- A 5-minute close on the expected side of the **9 EMA**.

The clearest read is when these clues align with the level reaction. If price closes through the level and structure continues in that direction, treat it as possible acceptance—not a confirmed reversal.

In short: the level tells you *where to watch*; price and delta show *how the market responds*; structure helps confirm *whether that response is developing*. The plotted profile levels are estimates from chart-bar volume, so treat them as reference areas rather than exact boundaries.

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