Connect Authorize.net to a Site You Built with AI

TacticalPay | For sites built with Claude, ChatGPT or another AI tool

Four steps. About an hour.

Take card payments on a site an AI built. The AI writes the code. You add the keys and test it.

Before You Begin

- Using Shopify, WooCommerce, BigCommerce, Wix or Squarespace? Use your platform's guide at tacticalpay.com/knowledge-base/payments.
- Your site must run server code. Not sure? Ask the AI.
- Your site must be SSL secured (https://).

1 Get Your Keys · about 5 minutes

First, pick your card form: Accept Hosted (Authorize.net's payment page, easiest) or **Accept.js** (card boxes that match your design, needs one extra key). Not sure? Pick Accept Hosted.

1. Sign in to your TacticalPay dashboard at tacticalpay.com/login.
2. Go to Online payments → **Codes & guides**.
3. Copy your **API Login ID** and **API Key**.

On your dashboard	The AI may call it	Keep it
API Login ID	API Login ID	**Public.** OK on your checkout page.
API Key	Transaction Key	**Secret.** Server only.

Picked Accept.js? Also make a **Public Client Key** in Authorize.net: Account → Settings → API Credentials & Keys.

You won't need your Authorize.net username, password or Gateway ID.

2 Store Your Keys Safely · about 5 minutes

1. Ask the AI where your web host keeps **environment variables** (secrets).
2. Paste your keys there yourself. The AI will tell you what to name them.

Important: never paste a key into the AI chat.

3 Ask the AI to Build Checkout · about 30 minutes

Paste this into the AI. Keep the card form you picked in step 1 and delete the other line.

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Add card checkout to my site using Authorize.net.
- Use Authorize.net's card form so card numbers never touch my site. [pick one:]
    • Accept Hosted: developer.authorize.net/api/reference/features/accept-hosted.html
    • Accept.js: developer.authorize.net/api/reference/features/acceptjs.html
- Read my keys from environment variables. Never put the API Key in browser code.
- Set prices on the server.
- Send the billing ZIP code and CVV with each sale.
- Mark orders paid only after Authorize.net approves the payment.
- Use my live Authorize.net account, not the sandbox.
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Important: you're responsible for your site's code. Have a web developer review checkout before you launch.

4 Test With a Real Sale · about 15 minutes

1. Buy something small with your own card.
2. Check that the order shows paid, and the sale is in login.authorize.net under Transaction Search → **Unsettled Transactions**.
3. Try a wrong card number. It should fail.
4. Right-click your checkout page → **View Page Source**. Search (Ctrl+F) for your API Key. It shouldn't be there.
5. Ask the AI how to check that buyers can't change prices.
6. Void the test sale in Authorize.net the same day. After the nightly batch, refund it instead.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Fix
"User authentication failed" (E00007)	A key is wrong, or the code uses the sandbox. Tell the AI to use the live addresses.
Approved, but no real sale	Test Mode is on. Account → Settings → Test Mode → **Turn Test Mode Off**.
A good card is declined	Tell the AI to send the billing ZIP and CVV.
Paid, but the order isn't marked paid	Tell the AI the payment-confirmation step isn't working.
The AI asks for a Signature Key	Account → Settings → API Credentials & Keys → **New Signature Key**.
No API Key on your dashboard	Account → Settings → API Credentials & Keys → **New Transaction Key**. Enter the PIN they send. Your old key works 24 more hours, so update GunBroker and anything else that uses it.

Need help? For your keys or Authorize.net account, open a ticket at tacticalpay.com/support. For your site's code, ask your AI tool or a web developer.