



1 Overview

Squarespace's built-in checkout doesn't connect to Authorize.net — so to take payments through your TacticalPay gateway, you add an **Ecwid** store to your Squarespace site and connect Ecwid to Authorize.net instead. Ecwid runs the catalog, cart, and checkout; Squarespace displays it. This guide walks you through the whole setup — embed the store, connect your gateway with the **Authorize.Net Accept Hosted** payment method, then place a test order to confirm everything works.

Tip: Running Ecwid on Wix, WordPress, or another site builder? The Ecwid steps are the same — skip Section 4.

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PART ONE · SETUP

2 What You'll Need

- **Your TacticalPay credentials email** — it carries your Authorize.net **API Login ID**, **Transaction Key**, and **Signature Key**.
- **Authorize.net Merchant Interface access** — sign in at `login.authorize.net` (Merchant Interface 2.0). You'll use it to check your test order.
- **An Ecwid account on a paid plan** — Authorize.net is available on Ecwid's **Venture**, **Business**, and **Unlimited** plans, not the free plan.
- **A Squarespace plan with Code Injection** — Ecwid lists Squarespace's **Business** or **Commerce** plan as required to embed a store.
- **Admin access** to both Ecwid and Squarespace, and your Ecwid store currency set to **US dollars (USD)** to match your gateway.

Important — check Ecwid's and Squarespace's policies before you build: Ecwid is owned by Lightspeed, whose Acceptable Use Policy states that its customers must not be firearms stores, and Squarespace sets its own rules on what you can sell. Either platform can suspend a store it decides is out of policy. **Selling firearms? We often recommend WooCommerce or BigCommerce instead** — both have a long track record with firearms merchants and connect to your TacticalPay gateway through Authorize.net (setup guides at tacticalpay.com/knowledge-base/payments). Whichever platform you choose, review its current terms. This isn't legal advice; if you're unsure where your business stands, confirm with an attorney.

3 Gather Your Gateway Credentials

You'll paste three values into Ecwid. Treat them like a password — share them only with whoever is building your site, and enter them only in Ecwid's Authorize.net payment settings.

Credential	Where it comes from
API Login ID	Your TacticalPay credentials email. It identifies your gateway account — it is not the username you sign in to Authorize.net with.
Transaction Key	Your TacticalPay credentials email. A 16-character key that authenticates each transaction your store sends.
Signature Key	Your TacticalPay credentials email. A 128-character key Ecwid uses to verify payment responses.



Important — new keys retire old ones: Authorize.net lets you generate a new Transaction Key or Signature Key under **Account > Account and API Settings > API Credentials & Keys**. Doing so retires the current key — within 24 hours, or immediately if you check that box — and every website, shopping cart, or plugin still using the old key stops processing until it's updated with the new one. Use the keys from your credentials email unless you have a reason to replace them.

4 Add Your Ecwid Store to Squarespace

Ecwid gives you two pieces of code: an **integration code** that goes on your store page, and a **script code** that goes in your site footer. Both are on the same Ecwid screen.

- 1 In your Ecwid admin, go to **Sales channels > Squarespace** and click the first **Copy Code to Clipboard** to copy the integration code.
- 2 In Squarespace, open **Pages**, select the page where your store should live — or add a new one — and click **Edit**.

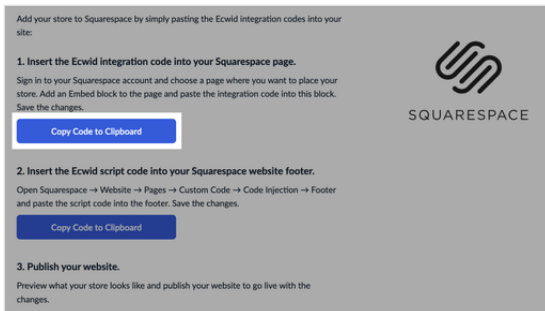


Fig. 4a — Ecwid's Squarespace screen: the first Copy Code button is the integration code.

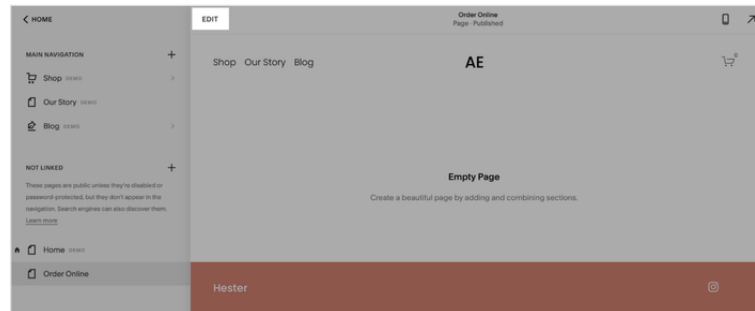


Fig. 4b — Squarespace Pages: pick your store page, then click Edit.

- 3 Click **Add Section** and choose **Add Blank**. Hover over the new section, click **+ Add block**, and select **Code**.

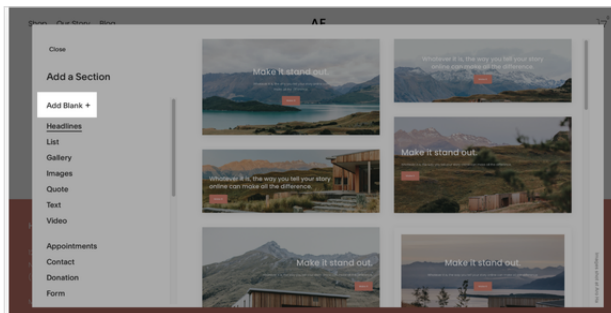


Fig. 4c — Add a Section: choose Add Blank.

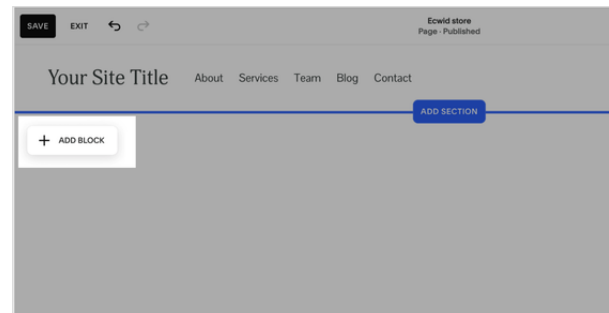


Fig. 4d — The new blank section: click + Add Block, then pick Code.

- 4 Click the pencil icon on the Code block, delete the sample code, and paste your integration code. Make sure **HTML** is selected, then resize the block so the store displays at full size.
- 5 **Save** the page.
- 6 Back in Ecwid's Squarespace screen, click the second **Copy Code to Clipboard** to copy the script code.
- 7 In Squarespace, go to **Website > Pages > Custom Code > Code Injection**, paste the script code into the **Footer** section, and click **Save**.

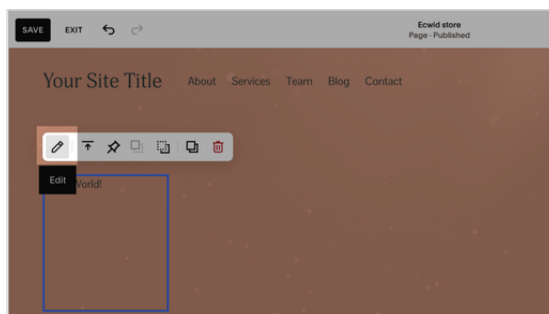


Fig. 4e — Code block (Step 4): click the pencil to open the code editor.

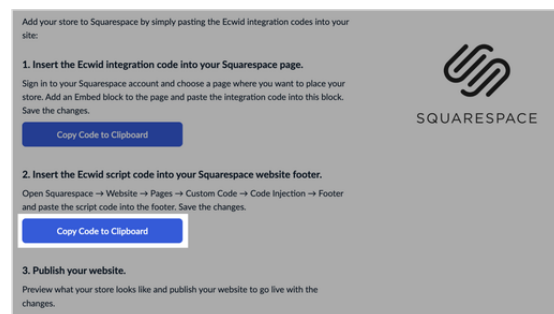


Fig. 4f — Ecwid (Step 6): the second Copy Code button is the footer script code.



Preview the page — your Ecwid store should now appear on it, as in Fig. 4g.

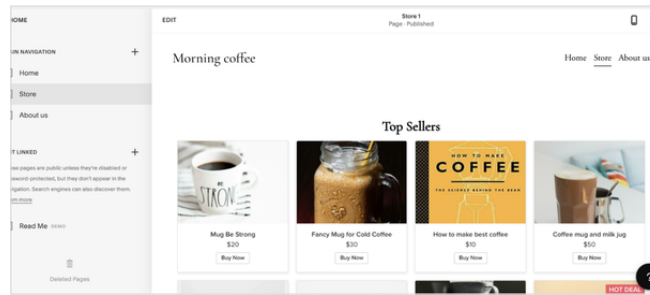


Fig. 4g — Done: the Ecwid store showing on a Squarespace page.

5 Add Authorize.net in Ecwid

Ecwid connects to your gateway through **Authorize.Net Accept Hosted**. Customers enter their card on Authorize.net's secure, mobile-friendly payment form — card numbers never touch your website.

- 1 In your Ecwid admin, go to **Payment**.
- 2 Scroll to **Add new payment methods** and click **Choose Payment Method**.
- 3 Select **Authorize.Net Accept Hosted** from the list.

Tip — already set up with Authorize.Net SIM? Longtime Ecwid stores may see the older **Authorize.Net SIM** method. You don't need to start over: open its settings, click **Advanced settings**, tick **Use Authorize.Net Accept Hosted integration**, and save. SIM is Authorize.net's retired integration; Accept Hosted replaces it.

6 Enter Your Credentials & Choose a Transaction Type

- 1 Paste the **API Login ID**, **Transaction Key**, and **Signature Key** into the matching fields. Check that no spaces slipped in before or after each value.
- 2 Paste the full Signature Key even though it's longer than Ecwid's field looks — it saves correctly.
- 3 Choose a **Transaction Type**. Most stores use **Authorize and Capture**.

Transaction type	What it does
Authorize and Capture	Approves the card and automatically submits the payment for settlement. The right choice for most stores.
Authorize Only	Approves the card and holds the funds, but nothing settles until you capture the transaction yourself in Authorize.net — before the authorization expires (30 days). Handy for special orders: confirm the card now, capture when the order ships.

7 Turn It On at Checkout

- 1 Make sure **Show at checkout** is on.
- 2 Enter the payment-method name customers will see — for example, **Credit or Debit Card**.
- 3 Click **Save**.

PART TWO · TEST & TROUBLESHOOT

8 Place a Test Order & Verify

- 1 Open your Squarespace store page the way a customer would and add a low-priced item to the cart.



- 2 Check out with your new card option, using a real card.
- 3 In Ecwid, open **My Sales** and confirm the order is there with the expected payment status.
- 4 Sign in at `login.authorize.net` and confirm a matching transaction, with the correct amount, appears in your unsettled transactions.
- 5 **Void** the test transaction in Authorize.net the same day, before it settles — a void cancels the charge before it ever posts. (Once it settles, you'd need a refund instead.)

Tip: Order in Ecwid, matching transaction in Authorize.net? You're live and ready for customer payments.

9 Optional — Sandbox Testing

Want to test without a real card? Authorize.net offers free sandbox accounts for developers. Most merchants skip this and use the live test in Section 8.

- 1 Create a sandbox account at `developer.authorize.net` and note its API Login ID, Transaction Key, and Signature Key.
- 2 In Ecwid, go to **Payment**, open the **Authorize.Net Accept Hosted** settings, and enter the sandbox credentials.
- 3 Click **Advanced settings**, enter `https://test.authorize.net/gateway/transact.dll` as the **Endpoint URL**, check **Enable test mode**, and click **Save**.
- 4 Place test orders using Authorize.net's published test card numbers.

Switch back before you go live: re-enter your live TacticalPay credentials, remove the sandbox Endpoint URL from Advanced settings, uncheck **Enable test mode**, and click **Save**. Live credentials pointed at the sandbox — or sandbox credentials pointed at live — fail with Error 13.

10 Troubleshooting

Most setup issues trace back to a single credential or setting. Find what you're seeing below.

What you see	What to do
Credentials rejected	Re-paste all three values from your credentials email and check for extra spaces. Use the API Login ID — not the username and password you sign in to Authorize.net with.
Error 123 — account lacks permission	The API Login ID field holds something else, usually a Merchant Interface username. Paste the API Login ID from your credentials email.
Error 99 — transaction can't be accepted	The Transaction Key in Ecwid doesn't match your current key. Re-paste it from your credentials email. If a new key has been generated in Authorize.net since then, use the newest one — the old key is retired (see Section 3).
Error 13 — login ID invalid or account inactive	Ecwid's credentials don't match the endpoint it's using. Confirm your live credentials are entered, test mode is off, and no sandbox Endpoint URL is set (Section 9).
Error 14 — relay response or receipt URL invalid	In your Authorize.net account settings, open Response/Receipt URLs and add <code>https://app.ecwid.com/authorizenet/STORE_ID</code> — replace STORE_ID with your Ecwid Store ID.
Order shows Awaiting Payment	Normal for some orders — Ecwid switches it to Paid automatically once Authorize.net processes the payment, which can take up to several days. Confirm the transaction in Authorize.net before retrying or charging the customer again.
Card option missing at checkout	Confirm Show at checkout is on, your Ecwid plan is Venture or higher, your store currency is USD, and the method isn't limited to certain shipping options.
Store doesn't appear on the Squarespace page	Confirm the Code block holds the complete integration code with HTML selected, the script code is in the Code Injection Footer, both are saved, and your Squarespace plan includes Code Injection.

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