



A Glossary of Terms

ABCD pattern: Shown above, this is basic building block for all trades and analysis.

abcd pattern: We lower-case coordinates to indicate countertrends.

rABC pattern: An uptrend where 'C' is lower than 'A', or downtrend where 'C' is higher than 'A'. Also called a 'reverse ABC' pattern.

Impulse leg: An A-B leg that surpasses two prior highs or lows without a visually distinctive correction

Sausage: An A-B leg that narrowly fails to exceed an obvious prior high or low. This makes patterns less reliable.

Internal peak: A high (or low) made in the same direction as a trend legs being measured.

External peak: Highs (or lows) made in the opposite direction from trend legs being measured. A proper impulse leg must exceed at least one internal and one external high or low.

LTTL: 'Look-to-the-lefters' are tiny peaks (and lows) that are invaluable for assessing trend strength and creating impulse legs.

Hidden Pivots: There are just two of them: p and D . They are respectively the midpoint and end point of a C-D leg.



Midpoint Pivot: As noted, it lies halfway between p and D . It is a powerful tool for validating patterns, gauging trend strength and forecasting targets precisely.

One-Off 'A': The most precisely tradeable ABCD patterns tend to use not the obvious 'marquee' high or low for a point 'A', but a secondary high/low that can usually be found nearby.

Conventional entry: Initiating a trade with-the-trend at 'X', 25% along the C-D leg.

Camouflage entry: employing small patterns to initiate trades of larger degree, usually at 'X'. This can cut entry risk by as much as 95%. Also called a 'camo' trade.

Counterintuitive, or 'CI' entry: Trading against a breakout or breakdown. We often use rABC patterns to set this up.

Hidden Pivot levels: X is where a conventional trade is initiated. It is calculated by adding 25% of A-B to C. P is the midpoint of C-D; p_2 is at 75%, and $D=100\%$.

Pivoteer: Someone who is proficient at using the Hidden Pivot Method.

DaBoyz: Professionals who manipulate the markets in order to fleece the unwary.

TOS: The Think-or-Swim trading platform. Others include Tradestation, Interactive Brokers, CQG, Robinhood and Lightspeed. Which platform you choose is unimportant, since Hidden Pivot trading and analysis requires few bells or whistles.



Trading Room: a chat room at Rick’s Picks that emphasizes sharing actionable ideas in real time. The room consistently draws great traders from around the world.

Coffee House: a second chat room where discussion ranges from hot stock tips to recipes for Memphis barbecue to immune-system builders.

Touts: A core list of popular trading vehicles that are tracked diligently on the *Rick’s Picks* home page and continually updated.

“Take Requests” Sessions: Online events where Rick uses the Hidden Pivot Method to analyze subscribers’ favorites in real time.

Tutorial sessions: for Graduates of the Hidden pivot course, these sessions are held on alternate Wednesdays and focus on finding real trading opportunities in real time.

