

# Product Sorting

for Magento 1.x

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Congratulations on installing 'Sort By' extension which adds sorting options on product listing pages of Magento to let customers sort the products according to their needs. Please review the 'How to Install' section if you are not sure how to install the extension.

## How to Install

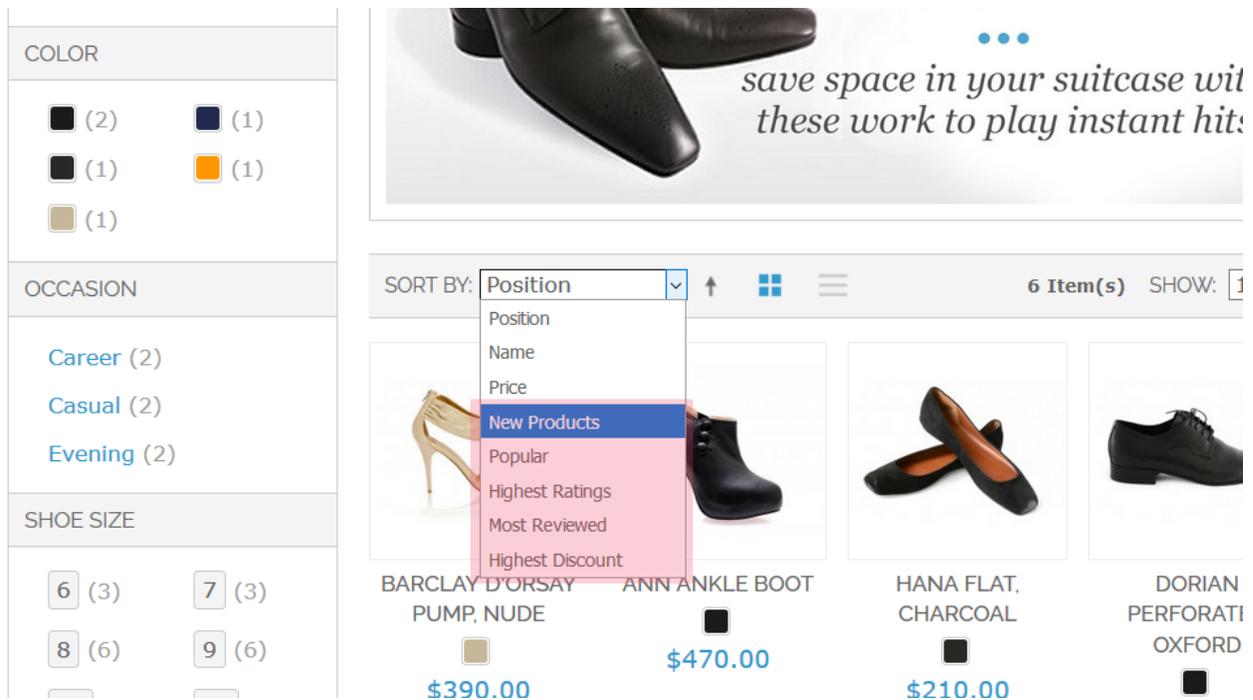
Before you begin, please make sure that you have downloaded the extension.

Installation steps:

1. Extract the archive.
2. If your Magento installation is on local machine (i.e. on the machine where you have downloaded the extension), copy the 'app' directory in your Magento installation directory.
3. If you want to install the extension on server, upload the extracted 'app' directory in the Magento installation directory. You may need to use some FTP client, e.g. FileZilla.
4. Log into the admin panel and navigate to System -> Tools -> Cache Management.
5. Press 'Flush Magento Cache' button.
6. That's it!

## What you'll see on frontend

After successful installation, when you check the frontend, you'll see following sorting options on frontend – New Products, Popular, Highest Ratings, Most Reviewed and Highest Discount.



The screenshot displays a product listing page with a left sidebar and a main product grid. The sidebar includes filters for COLOR, OCCASION, and SHOE SIZE. The main area features a banner for shoes with the text "save space in your suitcase with these work to play instant hits". Below the banner is a "SORT BY:" dropdown menu with a list of sorting options: Position, Name, Price, New Products, Popular, Highest Ratings, Most Reviewed, and Highest Discount. The "New Products" option is highlighted. The product grid shows four items: BARCLAY D'ORSAY PUMP, NUDE (\$390.00), ANN ANKLE BOOT (\$470.00), HANA FLAT, CHARCOAL (\$210.00), and DORIAN PERFORATED OXFORD. The "SHOW:" dropdown is set to 6 items.

The function of each of the sorting options is as below.

### Sort by New products

The sorting feature of new products is implemented on the base of the Magento's out of the box feature auto new products and creation date. So if you are using product image labels (New, Sale etc.), this extension will show the 'New' badged products on top. So, your customers will always be confident about the new arrivals.

### Sort by Popular products

The sorting feature of popular products let customers see the most selling products on top. It builds confidence in customers about the products.

Top selling – popular – sorting works based on the number of quantities sold for a product. They are working automatically so store admin does not need to set any product attribute for it.

### Sort by Most Reviewed products

The 'most reviewed products' sorting brings the products on top which have got most number of reviews. The customers who are buying the product first time can get some insights about the products which have got more number of customer engagement and review comments.

### Sort by Highest Rated products

The 'Highest/top rated products' sorting option can be used by the customers to choose the product from a category which has satisfied more customers. It is one of the crucial criteria to choose a product from tons of products in a category.

### Sort by Most Discounted products

If you use Magento's out of the box catalog pricing feature or special prices, this option will let the customers see the products on top which have got heavy discounts on regular price.

But, you may not need all these options. We have provided a global configuration that you can disable the options which you don't want to show on frontend and the default sorting option which the customers see on first visit of the listing.

## Global Configuration

In Admin panel, navigate to *System -> Configuration -> Catalog -> Catalog -> Frontend tab*.

Under 'Frontend' tab, you can find two settings – '**Allow Sort By Options**'. All options are selected by default. You can deselect the option which you don't want to show on frontend.

**Product Listing Sort by** - here you can choose the default sorting option. You can also override the global settings at category level.

The screenshot displays the Magento Admin Panel configuration for the Catalog -> Frontend tab. The left sidebar shows the navigation menu with 'CATALOG' selected. The main content area shows the 'Allowed Sort By Options' dropdown menu with 'New Products', 'Popular', 'Highest Ratings', 'Most Reviewed', and 'Highest Discount' selected. Below it, the 'Product Listing Sort by' dropdown is set to 'New Products'. Other settings include 'Use Flat Catalog Category' (No), 'Use Flat Catalog Product' (No), and 'Allow Dynamic Media URLs in Products and Categories' (Yes).

Setting	Value	Scope
Allowed Sort By Options	New Products, Popular, Highest Ratings, Most Reviewed, Highest Discount	[STORE VIEW]
Product Listing Sort by	New Products	[STORE VIEW]
Use Flat Catalog Category	No	[GLOBAL]
Use Flat Catalog Product	No	[GLOBAL]
Allow Dynamic Media URLs in Products and Categories	Yes	[STORE VIEW]

## Category Level Settings

They work in the same way as the global settings but the category settings are limited to respective category page only.

**Display Settings**

Display Mode	<input type="text" value="Products only"/>
CMS Block	<input type="text" value="Please select a static block ..."/>
Is Anchor	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Available Product Listing Sort By *	<input type="text" value="Best Value"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Use All Available Attributes

- Best Value
- Name
- Price
- New Products
- Popular
- Highest Ratings
- Most Reviewed
- Highest Discount

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Display Mode	<input type="text" value="Products only"/>
CMS Block	<input type="text" value="Please select a static block ..."/>
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Available Product Listing Sort By *	<input type="text" value="Best Value"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use All Available Attributes

- Best Value
- Name
- Best Value
- Name
- Price
- New Products
- Popular
- Highest Ratings
- Most Reviewed
- Highest Discount

Default Product Listing Sort By *	<input type="text" value="Best Value"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Use Config Settings
Layered Navigation Price Step	<input type="text" value=""/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use Config Settings