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Before using the Oval Calculator, Spectre Cloud lets you choose how oval measurements are displayed and recorded throughout the app. The **Oval Cut Direction** setting controls whether ovals are expressed as **Vertical × Horizontal (V/H)** or **Horizontal × Vertical (H/V)** — matching whichever convention your shop already uses.

📏 What Is the Oval Cut Direction Setting?

When a drilled finger or thumb hole is not perfectly round, its shape is described as an oval with two measurements: one across the short axis and one across the long axis. The order in which those two values are written — and the direction they are labeled — varies between driller conventions and regional standards.

- 📏 **V/H (Vertical first, then Horizontal)** — The vertical measurement (along the span direction, toe-to-heel) is listed first, followed by the horizontal measurement (side-to-side). Common in many IBPSIA-trained shops.
- 📏 **H/V (Horizontal first, then Vertical)** — The horizontal measurement is listed first. Preferred in some regional drilling traditions and older pro shop workflows.

Spectre Cloud uses whichever format you select here — consistently across spec sheets, oval calculations, and printed reports — so your records always match the way you speak and write measurements in your shop.

☐☐ How to Change the Oval Cut Direction Setting

☐☐ Desktop

1. Click your **Pro Shop name** (or the profile icon) in the top-right corner of the screen.
2. Select **Settings** from the dropdown menu.
3. Navigate to the **Spec Sheet** (or **Oval**) settings section.
4. Locate the **Oval Cut Direction** option.
5. Select either **V/H** or **H/V** to match your shop's convention.
6. Click **Save** (or your changes may save automatically — confirm on screen).

☐☐ Mobile / Tablet

1. Tap the **avatar icon** or your shop name at the top of the screen.
2. Tap **Settings**.
3. Scroll to the **Spec Sheet** or **Oval** section.
4. Tap **Oval Cut Direction** and choose **V/H** or **H/V**.
5. Confirm your selection — the setting saves automatically.

☐☐ V/H vs. H/V at a Glance

Format	First Value	Second Value	Example Display
V/H	Vertical (toe-to-heel)	Horizontal (side-to-side)	<input type="text" value="1-1/16 × 1"/>
H/V	Horizontal (side-to-side)	Vertical (toe-to-heel)	<input type="text" value="1 × 1-1/16"/>

Both formats describe the same physical hole — only the order of the two values on screen (and on printed spec sheets) changes.

☐☐ When to Configure This

- Set this **before** you begin entering oval measurements for the first time — changing it later will affect how new entries are labeled, but will not retroactively reformat saved spec sheets.
- If your shop is **migrating from another system** (such as Ebonite ProShop Coordinator or a paper-based workflow), match the format you previously used to keep your historical records consistent.
- For **multi-staff shops**, the setting applies account-wide — all staff members will see the same oval direction format once it is saved.

Related Sections

- 5.2.2 — Setting up: Oval Measurement Units (inches vs. millimeters)
- 5.1 — Overview of the Oval Calculator
- 5.3 — Entering Oval Measurements on a Spec Sheet
- 2.x — Settings Overview

Tip: Not sure which convention your shop uses? Check an existing paper spec sheet or your previous software — whichever value you wrote first (and labeled as the primary measurement) is your preferred direction. When in doubt, **V/H** aligns with IBPSIA standard documentation in most regions. [△](#) *Verify the exact setting name and save behavior with the Spectre team if your Settings screen looks different from the steps above.*

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