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Spectre POS uses WooCommerce's standard Products screen. You can add a product manually, edit an existing one, set its barcode, and create variations (sizes, weights, colors). The bowling catalog is added for you by Spectre's *Catalog Sync* — this page covers the products you create or edit by hand.

Open Products

In the WordPress admin sidebar, go to **Products** → **All Products**. You see the catalog list with name, SKU, stock, price, categories, and date.

Add a product

1. Click **Add New** at the top of the Products list.
2. Enter the product **Name** and **Description**.
3. In the **Product data** panel, choose the product type:
 - **Simple product** for a single SKU.
 - **Variable product** when the product has variations (e.g. different shoe sizes).
4. Fill in:
 - **Regular price** (and **Sale price** if applicable)
 - **SKU** under the **Inventory** tab
 - **Tax class** and **Tax status** as needed
 - Categories and images on the right side
5. Click **Publish**.

Set the barcode

Spectre POS scans barcodes against two postmeta fields:

- `_global_unique_id` — your primary barcode (UPC, EAN, or any unique scan code).
- `_upc` — a secondary fallback.

In the product editor, scroll to the **Inventory** tab and enter the barcode in the field provided. For **variable products**, set the barcode on each variation under the **Variations** tab — each variation has its own barcode metabox.

“**Tip:** A barcode must be unique. If two products share the same barcode, the scanner can't tell them apart and the cashier will see a search list instead of the product going straight into the cart.

Variable products

For products that come in multiple sizes, weights, or colors:

1. Set the product type to **Variable product**.
2. Open the **Attributes** tab and add each attribute (e.g. "Size"). For each, tick **Used for variations** and **Visible on the product page**.
3. Open the **Variations** tab.
4. Use **Add variation** for each combination, or **Create variations from all attributes** to generate them in bulk.
5. For each variation, set **Price**, **SKU**, **Barcode**, and **Stock** if you track it.

Inventory

Stock tracking is optional. Open the **Inventory** tab and tick **Manage stock?** to enable per-product stock counts. If you opted in during onboarding, the bowling catalog already has stock tracking enabled in bulk.

Tips

- For the cashier app to show a product, it must be **Published**. Drafts and private products don't appear.
- Image and price changes show in the cashier app after the next sync (usually within a minute).
- Use **Categories** liberally — they make the product grid in the POS easier to browse.

