



## Stock Guide

**NOTICE:** Alerts are NOT buy signals. Alerts point to stocks that are experiencing unusual activity and breaking certain thresholds. Please utilize the many features on the platform to analyze a stock before placing a trade.

- **Pre- Market Alert: (Blue)** This alert only occurs prior to the market opening and is triggered when a stock is experiencing unusually high volume or breaking certain volume thresholds within this designated time period. The stock must also be trading within certain price parameters respective to the previous day's close before this alert can trigger. Before any stock can receive an alert in this category it must meet a minimum share and dollar volume requirement which is calculated by our system according to the stock price.
- **Volume Active Alert: (Purple)** This alert only occurs after the market opens and is triggered when a stock is experiencing an unusual increase in volume, breaking certain technical volume thresholds, or a specific combination of both these factors. This type of alert also requires that the stock be trending upward briefly when the other volume required criteria are met. Before any stock can receive an alert in this category it must meet a minimum share and dollar volume requirement which is calculated by our system according to the stock price.
- **Price Spike Alert: (White)** This alert is triggered when a stock experiences a rapid increase in price in a very short time frame. The percentage of the price increase required to trigger this type of alert is calculated by and proportionate to the stock price. The stock must also continue its upward trend after the initial trigger. Before any stock can receive an alert in this category it must meet a minimum share and dollar volume requirement which is calculated by our system according to the stock price.
- **Retracement Alert: (Light Blue)** The initial trigger for this alert occurs when a stock experiences an extreme increase in price in the premarket compared to the previous days close. Our system then waits for the stock to retrace or experience a significant decrease in price before it can qualify and meet the final criteria to trigger this alert. Before any stock can receive an alert in this category it must meet a minimum share and dollar volume requirement which is calculated by our system according to the stock price.
- **Rapid Decline Alert: (Red)** This alert is triggered in the premarket when stock price is down significantly from the previous days close and continues to trend downward within a certain time frame. The percentage a particular stock must be down to trigger this alert varies based on the stock price. Before any stock can receive an alert in this category it must meet a minimum share and dollar volume requirement which is calculated by our system according to the stock price.
- **Usual Suspect Alert: (Orange)** This alert occurs in the premarket only and is triggered by a multiple real-time and historical criteria. This criteria focuses on stocks that have recent recurring patterns of large intraday gains. Before any stock can receive an alert in this category it must meet a minimum share and dollar volume requirement which is calculated by our system according to the stock price.

- **Option Active Alert (Pink)** This alert occurs only after the market opens and is triggered when there is aggressive buying of call options, in a particular stock, within a very short time frame. The corresponding call option must meet a minimum volume threshold prior to triggering this alert. There is no minimum share or dollar volume requirement for the stock on this particular alert. While the majority of our alerts are used for intraday trades and short-term swing trades, this alert can be used for longer term trading strategies.
- **Alpha Gold Alert (Gold)** This alert occurs only after the market opens and is triggered when there is a large accumulation of a specific options contract, in a particular stock, within a single trading day. A minimum dollar volume threshold must be met for this particular alert. While the majority of our alerts are used for intraday trades and short-term swing trades, this alert is often used for longer term trading strategies.

### **Alert Log**

NOTE: Stocks must meet our minimum share and dollar value criteria before an alert will be triggered. We do not alert stocks under \$0.40 or stocks that have gapped up by 65% or more, as these gaps tend to retrace. Stock alert times and prices are noted by the yellow cross-hairs on the stock chart and in the panel above the chart. There are NO alerts for the after-hours trading session. Our alert algorithms are recalibrated during the lunch timeframe so fewer alerts will appear after the lunch timeframe.

Alert notifications: Turn on visual alert notifications – use the toggle next to 'ALERT LOG'. Visual alerts are enabled when the toggle is green. Visual alert color-coding: green for stock alerts; bright pink for options alerts; and red for stock halts. Visual alerts are disabled by default. Enable/disable audio alerts using the speaker icon.

### **Filter**

The Alert Log can be filtered to show stocks that meet your trading criteria. Click the NASD/NYSE, then choose the exchange or stock price limits that meet your trading criteria.

## Charting

Our real-time institutional grade charting library offers numerous time and display settings along with extensive libraries of drawing tools and studies. For a full description of the available studies visit

<https://intercom.help/blackboxstocks/en/articles/3767635-stock-options-chart-studies-keys>

One study is exclusive to BlackBox - the [BBS] Dark Pool Volume Profile. This study will provide a profile of the dark pool trade price and volume levels as tracked by our system.

Users can save chart settings under the 'Views' drop-down menu. Custom views are saved as a cookie. If you are using a cookie blocker, add BlackBoxStocks.com as an approved site.

Earnings dates are estimated until confirmed by the company issuing the stock.

## Volatility Indicator

The Volatility Indicator is our summary and substitute for Level 2 data. This indicator looks at volume traded on both the bid and the ask to determine the immediate buying or selling pressure within a 10-second window.

The Volatility Indicator considers all trade data, including dark pools and hidden orders. The Volatility Indicator should be used in conjunction with support and resistance on the chart.

## Alert Stream/Scanner/News/Chat panel

Alert Stream – Shows all stocks that meet a single component of our alert criteria. Use the 'Filter' to filter data for: Dark Pool Prints/Blocks, 52-week Highs or Lows, Stock Price Spikes, Stock Halts, or Low Float stocks.

NOTE: Dark Pool Print/Blocks are not 'buy' signals. These are large trades executed on the dark exchanges and reported in real-time but they do not include data on whether the trade was a buy or a sell. Dark Pool data is best used as levels on a chart to watch as possible support and/or resistance levels. Use the the [BBS] Dark Pool Volume Profile study to view the dark pool levels on the BlackBox charts.

Premarket (sun icon) & Postmarket (moon icon) scanners – Displays the top 40 stocks with the largest price increases (green triangle up) and decreases (red triangle down) during that specific trading session sorted by the percentage increase or decrease in price. The volume and percentage gain information is ONLY for the premarket or postmarket trading sessions. Data is pulled from NASDAQ, NYSE, AMEX, and dark pool exchanges to provide a complete picture of a stock's trading activity.

Market Scan (flame icon) – Displays the top 100 stocks with largest price increases and decreases during regular market session sorted by the percentage increase or decrease in price. Data is pulled from NASDAQ, NYSE, AMEX, and dark pool exchanges to provide a complete picture of a stock's trading activity.

Volume Ratio (bar graph icon) – Displays the top 20 stocks with the largest increase in volume compared to the stock's 10-day average volume. Stocks are ranked by those with the highest ratio. Green and red triangles indicate whether the stock is trading above or below yesterday's closing price.

News (newspaper icon) – Our multi-source news feed including: The Fly on the Wall, Global Newswire, Business Wire, PR Newswire, Canada Newswire, and more. Two filters are available: 'Options News' for options related news and 'Ratings' for analyst ratings.

Chat (chat bubble icon) – Main chat window. Monitored chat for member questions and other trade related information.

## **Live Channels**

Live Channels (flashing red/white broadcast icon) – Click to join our live trading rooms. Join Teah's room for trades on smaller/low float stocks. Join OptionsAudio to listen in on our live options trading room.

## **Education tab**

FAQ – our library of Frequently Asked Questions

Calendar – a complete listing of our education classes with registration links for each class

## **TradeStation Integration**

If you have a TradeStation account, you can place simulated or live trades directly through BlackBox. To enable TradeStation trading, go to Account, My Settings, then check 'Enable TradeStation Trading'. Once enabled, you can place trades by clicking on a ticker symbol or options contract, then click the \$ sign to bring up an order window. If you do not have a TradeStation account, use this link

<https://getstarted2.tradestation.com/intro?offer=0147AFQG> to create a new account and receive the BlackBox discounted commission rate.