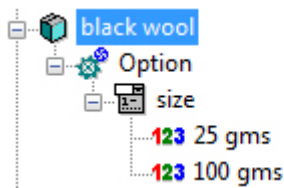


## Using Associated Products in Actinic

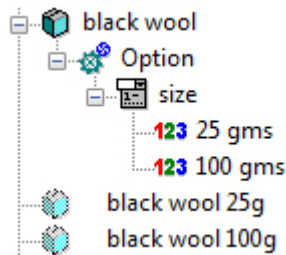
Associated products can be used in Actinic when you have product variants (i.e. products with size, weight or colour options) and want to monitor stock of those individual options, or use those options to calculate shipping charges when using weight based shipping.

The example below shows how to set up associated products in V9 to be used for weight based shipping calculations.

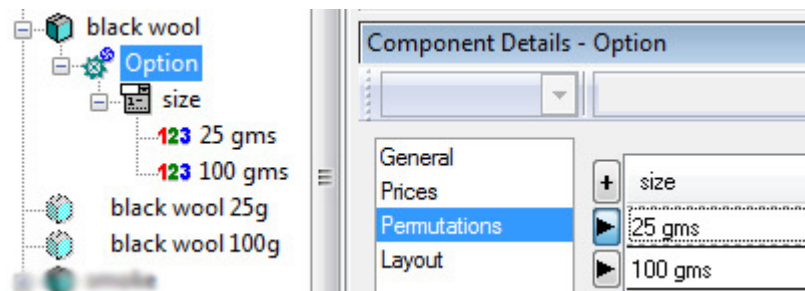
1. Create your product with a component, attribute and choices (product options). In this example the product is 'black wool' and it comes in 2 sizes: 25g and 100g.



2. Create 2 new products: one called 'black wool 25g' and one called 'black wool 100g'. Give them a price and a weight, then tick the box for each one to 'Hide on web site'



3. Select the component of the original product and click 'Fill List'. If you have already filled the list with the options from the main product you will need to delete each row and then fill list again. (This area is a bit fiddly to work with as Actinic does not allocate enough space for all the columns to be viewed at the same time.)



4. On the Component Details panel, in the Product column search for the two new products you just created (the hidden ones) and select one for each row.

5. Tick the box in the next column for 'Name from Associated Product'.
6. Two boxes further to the right is another column for 'Shipping from Associated Product' – tick this.
7. In the 'Pricing' box choose 'Associated Product'
8. Click 'Apply Changes'. You should now have a component that looks like this:

+	size	Valid	Pricing	Price	Product	Name fr...	T...	Shipping from Asso...
▶	25 gms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Associated Produ...	£0.00	black wool 25g...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
▶	100 gms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Associated Produ...	£0.00	black wool 100...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

9. The name and price for each of the hidden associated products will now show up as options in your drop down list for your main product.



In this example, as we entered a weight for each of the associated products and ticked 'Shipping from Associated Product' in the permutation list for the component of the main product, the weight of the associated product will now be used in the checkout to calculate shipping costs (assuming that you have set up shipping in Business Settings to be based on weight).