

1. Order Flow Shows Real-Time Buying & Selling

Tracks actual market orders (buyers lifting the offer, sellers hitting the bid).

Helps you see who is in control—buyers or sellers.

2. Bid x Ask Volume

Every candle shows:-Bid volume: aggressive sellers -Ask volume: aggressive buyers

Tells you whether the market moved because of aggression, not just price.

3. Footprint Chart (Delta Chart)

Shows volume inside the candle:- Ask volume on top—Bid volume on bottom

You can see absorptions, imbalances, and trapped traders.

4. Imbalances

When Ask volume > Bid volume by 2x, 3x, or more → Buying imbalance

When Bid volume > Ask volume significantly → Selling imbalance

Strong indication of directional intention.

5. Delta (CVD – Cumulative Volume Delta)

Measures the difference between aggressive buying vs selling.

Rising Delta = buyers stronger- Falling Delta = sellers stronger

Helps detect divergence between price & volume.

6. Absorption

When large passive limit orders absorb aggressive orders.

Example:- Price tries to go up, lots of buyers hit ask - But price doesn't move → seller absorption

Indicates possible reversal.

7. Stacked Imbalances

Multiple consecutive imbalances on the buy or sell side.

Strong evidence of institutional momentum.

8. Stop Runs & Liquidity Grabs

Order flow reveals: - Where stops got triggered –Where liquidity was grabbed

Identifies fake breakouts / trap zones.

9. Trap Traders

When aggressive buying happens at the top but price falls → buyers trapped.

When aggressive selling happens at the bottom but price rises → sellers trapped.

10. Iceberg Orders

Hidden orders not visible in normal volume.

Order flow helps detect:

Sudden limit order replenishment

Absorption at key levels

Shows where big players are active.

11. Pullback vs Reversal Confirmation

Strong Delta + Imbalances = continuation

Absorption + Divergence = reversal

12. Works Best with Volume Profile + Market Structure

Order Flow tells why and how price moves.

Volume Profile tells where price is likely to react.