Installation & Requirements

Creator Suite · https://sitenitro.com/docs/installation-requirements/

Creator Suite works with any WordPress site running a supported version of WordPress and PHP. This guide covers installing both the free and Pro versions.

Requirements

- WordPress 5.9 or higher
- PHP 7.4 or higher
- Any WordPress theme (classic themes, block themes, and page builders like Elementor are all supported)

No custom database configuration or server modules are required beyond a standard WordPress installation.

Installing Creator Suite (Free)

The free version is available from the WordPress.org plugin directory.

1. In your WordPress admin, go to **Plugins → Add New**
2. Search for **Creator Suite**
3. Click **Install Now**, then **Activate**

> **[SCREENSHOT: WordPress plugin search results showing Creator Suite with Install Now button]**

That's it — the plugin is ready to use. You'll see a new **Creator Suite** menu item in your admin sidebar with sections for Reviews, Comparisons, Roundups, and Guides.

> **[SCREENSHOT: WordPress admin sidebar showing the Creator Suite menu expanded with all submenu items]**

Installing Creator Suite Pro

The Pro version is downloaded from your Site Nitro account after purchase.

1. Purchase a Pro license at sitenitro.com/plugins/creator-suite
2. Download the `creator-suite.zip` file from your Site Nitro account
3. In your WordPress admin, go to **Plugins → Add New → Upload Plugin**
4. Choose the zip file and click **Install Now**

> **[SCREENSHOT: WordPress Upload Plugin screen with the creator-suite.zip file selected]**

If you already have the free version installed, WordPress will ask if you want to replace it. Click **Replace current with uploaded** — all your existing content and settings will be preserved.

> **[SCREENSHOT: WordPress "This plugin is already installed" prompt with the Replace button highlighted]**

5. Click **Activate Plugin**

Activating Your Pro License

After activating Creator Suite Pro, you need to enter your license key to unlock Pro features.

1. Go to **Creator Suite → Settings**
2. Click the **License** tab
3. Enter your license key in the field provided
4. Click **Activate License**

> **[SCREENSHOT: The License tab in Creator Suite Settings showing the license key input field and Activate button]**

Once activated, you'll see your license status, plan name, and expiration date. All Pro features are immediately available.

> **[SCREENSHOT: The License tab showing an active license with plan details and status]**

Your license key is included in the purchase confirmation email from Site Nitro and is always available in your Site Nitro account.

After Installation

Once the plugin is active, you're ready to start creating content. Here's where to go next:

- **Create your first review** — Go to Reviews → Add New. See Your First Review for a walkthrough.
- **Explore Settings** — Go to Creator Suite → Settings to customize colors, configure schema output, and set up affiliate disclosure text.
- **Import content with JSON** — If you're generating review content with AI tools, the JSON import feature lets you paste structured data directly into the editor. See Importing Content with JSON.

Upgrading from Free to Pro

Upgrading preserves all your existing content — reviews, comparisons, roundups, guides, settings, and custom fields are all kept intact.

1. Download the Pro zip from your Site Nitro account
2. Go to **Plugins → Add New → Upload Plugin**
3. Upload the zip — WordPress will prompt you to replace the existing version
4. Activate and enter your license key

No content migration is needed. Pro features become available immediately after license activation.

Downgrading from Pro to Free

If your Pro license expires and you choose not to renew, you can switch back to the free version at any time.

1. Download the free version from WordPress.org or the plugin directory
2. Upload it via **Plugins → Add New → Upload Plugin** and replace the Pro version

All your content is preserved. Reviews, comparisons, roundups, and guides continue to display on your site. Pro-only features (custom review types, advanced SEO fields, additional layouts) will no longer be editable, but any content created with Pro features remains published and visible to visitors.