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Liquidity Grab / Stop Hunt — LQ Grab

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1. What is Liquidity Grab? SMC Concept

Liquidity Grab (Stop Hunt) is a deliberate price movement by Smart Money to **execute orders at levels where stops and orders of other participants accumulate**.

SMC Philosophy: Institutions need a counterparty to fill large positions. Retail stops placed below Swing Lows or above Swing Highs = available liquidity. Smart Money pushes the price to these levels, "captures" the liquidity, and then reverses.

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2. Types of Liquidity

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Buy-side Liquidity (BSL):
  → Short stops and Buy orders accumulated ABOVE:
    - Recent Swing Highs
    - Equal Highs (EQH)
    - Major resistances
    - Round levels (psychological)

Sell-side Liquidity (SSL):
  → Long stops and Sell orders accumulated BELOW:
    - Recent Swing Lows
    - Equal Lows (EQL)
    - Major supports
    - Round levels
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3. Identifying LQ Grab

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Pattern Bullish LQ Grab (sweep of SSL):
  1. Price makes a visible Low (Swing Low or EQL) → SSL accumulated
  2. Price "sweeps" below that Low (touches or exceeds with wick)
  3. Bar CLOSES above the swept Low (Close > swept Low)
  4. Followed by an impulsive bullish move

Pattern Bearish LQ Grab (sweep of BSL):
  1. Price makes a visible High (SH or EQH) → BSL accumulated
  2. Price sweeps above that High (wick or short Close)
  3. Bar CLOSES below the swept High
  4. Followed by an impulsive bearish move

Visual characteristics:
  - Long wick exceeding the previous level
  - Close returning to the opposite side
  - Volume spike at sweep (optional but confirming)
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4. LQ Grab Patterns

Pattern	Description	Signal
Sweep of SSL	Wick below recent SL + Close > SL	Bullish entry
Sweep of BSL	Wick above recent SH + Close < SH	Bearish entry
Double Bottom Sweep	Sweep below EQL (Equal Lows)	Strong bullish
Double Top Sweep	Sweep above EQH (Equal Highs)	Strong bearish
Stop Cascade	Multiple consecutive SLs swept	Bearish excess → imminent bottom
PWL Sweep	Sweep below Previous Week Low	Weekly bullish setup

5. Trading Signals

5.1 LQ Grab Bullish (Sweep of SSL)

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Setup:
1. Identify SSL zone (recent SLs, EQL, major support)
2. Price drops quickly below SSL (wick or bar)
3. Bar CLOSES above SSL (= confirmed sweep)
4. Entry Long:
   - Aggressive: at Close of sweep bar
   - Standard: at first bullish bar after sweep
   - Conservative: at retest of SSL (which becomes support)
5. SL: below sweep Low (extreme of wick)
6. TP: last Swing High or FVG/OB above
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5.2 LQ Grab Bearish (Sweep of BSL)

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Setup:
1. Identify BSL zone (SH, EQH, resistance)
2. Price sweeps above BSL
3. Bar CLOSES below BSL
4. Entry Short at Close or first bearish bar
5. SL: above sweep High
6. TP: last Swing Low or Demand Zone
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5.3 Confirmation and Entry

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Strong confirmation:
  ✓ Sweep bar = pin bar or hammer/shooting star
  ✓ Volume spike at sweep
  ✓ FVG or OB at sweep
  ✓ Confluence with Support/Demand Zone or Fibonacci

Entry timing:
  → At Close of sweep bar (15M or 5M entry for 1H sweep)
  → Or HTF: wait for LTF entry setup (OB, FVG on 5M)
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6. LQ Grab vs False BOS

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LQ Grab:
  - Wick exceeds level + Close returns opposite
  - Signal: reversal (against sweep trend)

False BOS:
  - Close exceeds level + NEXT bar returns opposite
  - Equally relevant as LQ Grab for reversal

Difference:
  - LQ Grab: within the bar (wick)
  - False BOS: full bar exceeds, but bears/bulls return immediately

Both are potential stop hunt and reversal signals.
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7. MTF and PSEDYS

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LQ Grab on 4H: major event → reversal or deep retracement
LQ Grab on 1H: meso setup → entry on retracement
LQ Grab on 15M: exact timing for entry

MTF Flow:
  4H LQ Grab bullish (sweep SSL) →
  1H: bullish structure confirmation →
  15M: entry Long at SSL retest
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# LQ Grab detection
def detect_lq_grab(highs, lows, closes, swing_lows):
    events = []
    for i in range(1, len(closes)):
        for sl in swing_lows:
            if sl['index'] < i:
                # Bullish LQ Grab: wick below SL + Close > SL
                if lows[i] < sl['price'] and closes[i] > sl['price']:
                    events.append({
                        'type': 'bullish_lq_grab',
                        'swept_level': sl['price'],
                        'sweep_low': lows[i],
                        'close': closes[i],
                        'index': i
                    })
    return events
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8. Practical Exercises

Exercise 1: BTC wick below EQL with Close back above

Situation: BTC. Equal Lows at 60500 (2 identical LLs → SSL accumulated). 1H Bar: Low=60100, Close=61000. Volume spike.

Answer: Bullish LQ Grab — entry Long. Sweep below EQL (60500) with Close back at 61000 = classic stop hunt. SSL captured (Long stops below 60500 executed). Volume spike confirmed. Entry Long at 61000-61200 (Close of sweep bar). SL below 60100 (sweep Low) = 60000. TP at last SH = 64000+. R:R: (64000-61000)/(61000-60000) = 3 — excellent.

Exercise 2: Sweep of BSL on 4H without confirmation

Situation: ETH. BSL at 3500 (EQH). 4H Bar: High=3520, Close=3510 (slightly below 3500). Normal volume. ADX = 15.

Answer: Weak setup — skip or minimal sizing. Partial sweep (Close=3510 < 3500 but marginal). Normal volume = Smart Money not aggressively involved. ADX = 15 = non-trending market. Weak LQ Grab. Wait for clearer confirmation bar: large bearish bar with Close < 3480 or bearish FVG/OB formed. Without clear confirmation = low probability.

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9. Cheat Sheet

Concept	Rule
SSL	Sell-side Liquidity: below SL/EQL/support
BSL	Buy-side Liquidity: above SH/EQH/resistance
LQ Grab Bullish	Sweep SSL (wick below Low) + Close > Low
LQ Grab Bearish	Sweep BSL (wick above High) + Close < High
Entry Bull	Close of sweep bar or first bullish bar
SL Bull	Below sweep Low (extreme of wick)
Confirmation	Volume spike + Pin bar + Confluence
MTF 4H grab	Major event → potential reversal
Equal Highs/Lows	Strong BSL/SSL zones (multiple tests)
False BOS	Close exceeds + immediately returns = similar LQ
Cascade	Multiple consecutive SSLs swept = capitulation

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