

# VolX<sup>®</sup>

## VolContracts<sup>®</sup>

### The Volatility Exchange<sup>™</sup>

#### **The Exchange**

The VolX exchange is dedicated to trading Realized Volatility on a wide variety of assets. Market participants can trade the volatility, or movement, of an underlying asset or instrument regardless of direction.

#### **VolContract Futures**

VolContract brand of futures-like financial instruments capture the inter-day Realized Volatility of an underlying asset, index, or instrument.

The 1-month VolContract futures (1Vol<sup>™</sup>), 3-month VolContract futures (3Vol<sup>™</sup>), and 12-month VolContract futures (12Vol<sup>™</sup>) allow market participants to hedge against, invest in, or speculate on Realized Volatility on a short-term (about one month), intermediate-term (about three months), or even long-term (one year) basis.

**Form of Volatility**  
Realized Volatility

#### **Contract Types**

1-month Realized Volatility  
3-month Realized Volatility  
12-month Realized Volatility

#### **VolX Formula**

Simple standard deviation formula regardless of underlying asset

#### **Underlying Assets**

Aggressive roll-out schedule in all major asset classes: equity indices, currencies, rates, and commodities

#### **Performance Bond**

Futures-style margining

#### **Regulator**

Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC)

#### **VolX Indices**

VolX indices are available in three types, each with three time frames, for a total of nine indices per underlying asset. VolX indices are *not* used for settlement of VolContract futures. They should be used as a guide only. Please visit [www.volx.us](http://www.volx.us).

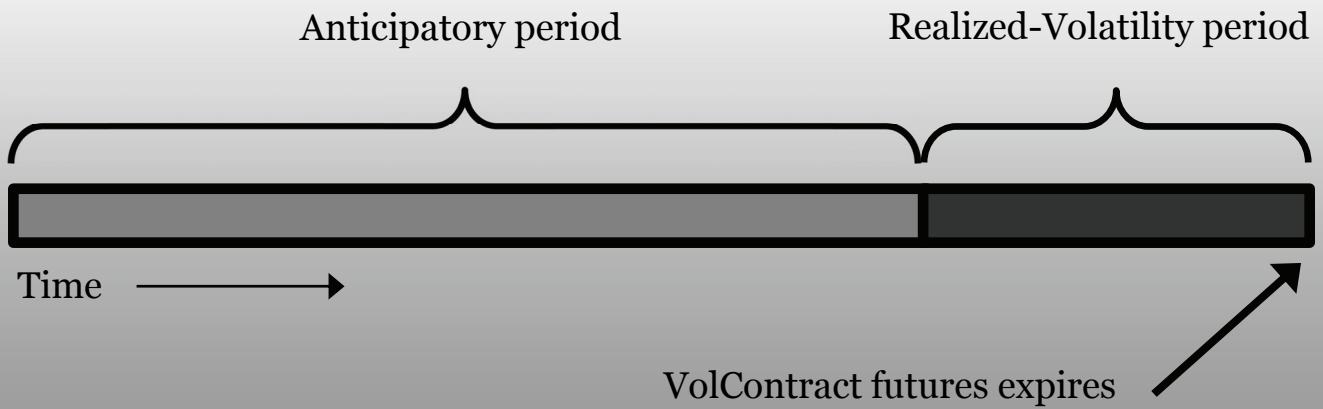
“There is nothing more powerful than an idea whose time has come.”

—Victor Hugo

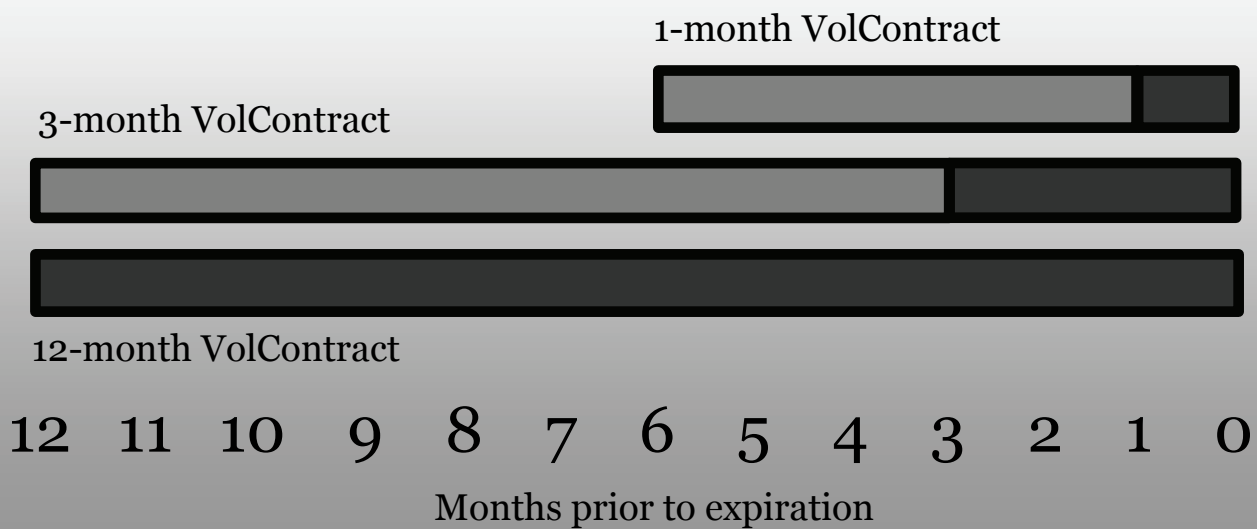
$$\sqrt{\frac{252}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n R_t^2}$$

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# The Life of a VolContract Futures



# Three Realized-Volatility Periods\*



\*All time frames are approximate.

# Comparison to Existing Products

Features	VolContracts (realized volatility)	VIX <sup>®</sup> Futures (implied volatility)	Volatility & Variance Swaps (realized volatility)	Delta-Neutral Hedging (realized volatility)
Expires to actual, or realized, volatility or variance	✓	X Expires to a forecast	✓	X Path dependency does not provide "pure" volatility exposure
Appeals to retail traders	✓	X Does not necessarily react to changes in realized volatility	X No access	X Too complicated
Appeals to option market-makers	✓	? Available on only a few equity indices, and not an effective hedge	? May be difficult to execute quickly and at favorable prices	✓
Appeals to investment banks and institutions	✓	X Not willing to risk capital on forecasting a future forecast of volatility	✓	✓
Appeals to portfolio managers	✓	? So far, has worked only based on S&P 500 <sup>®</sup>	? Losses can be extreme for variance swaps	X Requires constant monitoring
Exchange-cleared (regulated with no credit risk)	✓	✓	X Subject to credit risk	✓
Not subject to market manipulation	✓	X Special opening quote that depends on liquidity	✓	? Large swings in P&L possible due to inconsistent marking policies
Transparency and price discovery	✓	✓	X No public quote	✓
Could be traded on all assets	✓	X Only on very liquid option markets	? Must be traded in large size	✓
Easy to calculate	✓	X Formula is complex and cannot be verified without fee paid for data feed	✓	X Calculation requires execution prices and commissions for each transaction
Execution costs low	✓	✓	? No direct expense, but execution price may not be favorable	X Market spreads and commissions on all legs and follow-up trades

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## Detailed Information\*

### Contract Types

Offered with three Realized-Volatility Periods: roughly one, three, and twelve months.

- 1-month VolContract (1Vol)
- 3-month VolContract (3Vol)
- 12-month VolContract (12Vol)

The 1Vol will correspond to monthly expirations, the 3Vol will typically correspond to quarterly expirations, and the 12Vol will typically also correspond to quarterly expirations.

### Two Sizes

- A full size with \$1,000 multiplier for all financial futures
- A mini size with \$100 multiplier for commodity futures

### Tick Size

Two tick sizes, depending on the size of the VolContract futures:

- The full-size, with a minimum tick of 0.01, or \$10 per tick.
- The mini-size, with a minimum tick of 0.05, or \$5.

### Price Quote

Volatility is typically referred to as a percentage, but will be quoted without the percentage sign (“%”); e.g., 23.45% is quoted as 23.45.

### Underlying Reference Prices

The designated prices used in the VolX formula. Typically, these values are the daily “close,” “last,” “final,” or “settlement” price of the underlying asset, index, or instrument.

### Realized-Volatility Period

The period used by the VolX formula to calculate the contract settlement price of the VolContract futures.

### First Trading Day

The 1Vol should be listed about three to six months prior to expiration, and the 3Vol and 12Vol should be listed one year prior to expiration.

### Expiration Date

Typically corresponds to the associated options expiration date (not necessarily when the underlying futures contract expires).

### Settlement Style

Cash

### The VolX Formula

A mathematical formula used to calculate the annualized standard deviation of continuously compounded daily returns of an underlying asset or instrument, assuming a zero mean. The same formula is used for all Realized-Volatility calculations at VolX.

$$\text{Vol} = 100 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{252}{n} \sum_{t=1}^n R_t^2}$$

### Where

- Vol = Realized Volatility
- n = number of trading days in the period
- $R_t$  = continuously compounded daily returns as calculated by the formula:

$$R_t = Ln \frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}}$$

### Where

- $Ln$  = natural logarithm
- $P_t$  = Underlying Reference Price at time t
- $P_{t-1}$  = Underlying Reference Price at the time period immediately preceding time t

### For more information

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