

GJC Web Design Virtuemart 3.0 J3

Product Review Package v2.1.3



Installs as a native Joomla Package. You can download it here - [Download](#)

Price is €50.00 Test Site Here [GJC Web Design Product Review](#)

Description

The package is designed to provide an 'Amazon' like product review. **From version 2.1.00 it is now possible for Guest Shoppers & Public to be incl. in the system and invited to leave reviews.** The Admin can of course add new reviews and moderate/edit existing reviews. Rich Snippets are also incl. for the product detail reviews.

Full SEF routing is provided and Amazon style useful ratings are included.

From release 2.0.2 **correctly groups and handles parent/child reviews** into one overview of the reviews. Ratings are now displayed in product details with a small override snippet.

Code is provided for also showing ratings in the VM Modules.

There is also now an importer for the old VM Reviews.

Includes German and Italian translations.

Incorporates the latest Google required Structured data in JSON form. The native VM snippets sublayout is not required.

This package handles **"one off" products** as it stores each purchased products details and user information to a separate component which the administrator has full control over. Even if the product is later deleted from VM there record is still kept along with the image in the VMReview component.

The reviews can be shown on each product by a simple template override.

It can also be set up to send review reminder emails to the purchaser after a set period of time by running a script through Joomladdons.eu clever Zoombie Plugin. There is now an importer to import all your current orders into the component. The Zoombie plugin can then be set to send an email (plain text or html) to each client asking for a review.

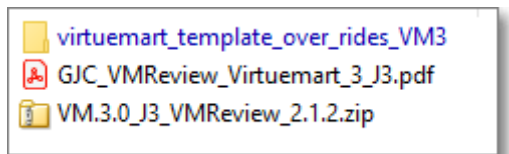
From version 2.1.1 there is a function for recipients to opt out of receiving emails via a link in the email.

The Zoombie Plugin is now included in the zip.

This is a 3rd party extension and therefore is NOT supported by GJC Web Design!

Step 1: Install GJC VMReview package

After downloading the package unzip it. Then unzip VM.3.0_J3.VMReview.2.1.2_UNZIP_1st.zip.



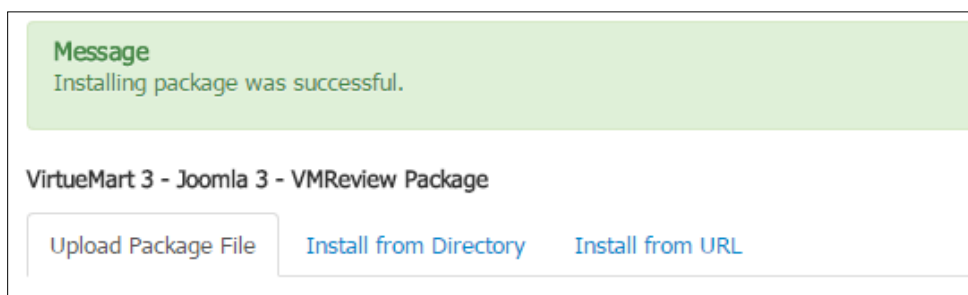
Use the standard Joomla Installer to install the zip file VM.3.0_J3.VMReview.2.1.2.zip.

IMPORTANT: the component language files are now moved to the language folder of the component as per the new Joomla recommendations .

If you are upgrading then you must delete the old en-GB.com_vmreview.ini & en-GB.com_vmreview.sys.ini etc in the old /language/en-GB path in the frontend and admin. If you have made translations please combine them with the new language ini.

The zoombie_vmreviews plugin has also been done so also delete the en-GB.plg_zoombie_vmreview.ini & en-GB.plg_zoombie_vmreview.sys.ini from the admin language folders

This will install the component, a module and 5 plugins.



Inside the 'virtuemart_template_over_rides' folder is the 'html' folder containing the necessary VM template over rides. **Copy the complete 'html' folder to templates/{YOUR_TEMPLATE}/**

If you already have over rides of the same name in this folder you will need to combine the changes - or contact me.

If you don't require that the appropriate reviews display on the product pages just delete the default.php file. If you do require this then read further on page 12 how to enable.

This also applies to the ratings. This again is displayed by a small over ride template default_gjcshowrating.php.

This can replace any current ratings display code in your template .. see also page 12.

The same technique can be used to show ratings in modules etc by some copy/paste code.

SEF urls for the reviews

Menu items to the core VMReviews component are required for the SEF urls.

If your site is a single language just make a menu as in [Step 7](#) .. this can also be a hidden menu.

If multi-lingual make the same type of menu in each required language and set these menus language correctly.

The menu alias will be the first segment in your SEF reviews url:

e.g.

/en/**reviews**/article-reviews/classic-hat/stars-5

/de/**rezension**/produkte-rezension/klassik-hut/stars-5

The next segment is (/article-reviews/) is set by the language constant

VMCUSTOM_SHOWREVIEWS_SEO_VIEW="article-reviews"

This is required in all languages in both:

components\com_vmreview\language\en-GB\en-GB.com_vmreview.ini

plugins\vmcustom\showreviews\language\en-GB\en-GB.plg_vmcustom_showreviews.ini

etc

The 3rd segment (/classic-hat/) is automatically retrieved from the Virtuemart product alias

The 4th segment (/stars-5/) is again set by a language constant

VMCUSTOM_SHOWREVIEWS_SEO_STARS="stars"

again required in all languages in both:

components\com_vmreview\language\en-GB\en-GB.com_vmreview.ini

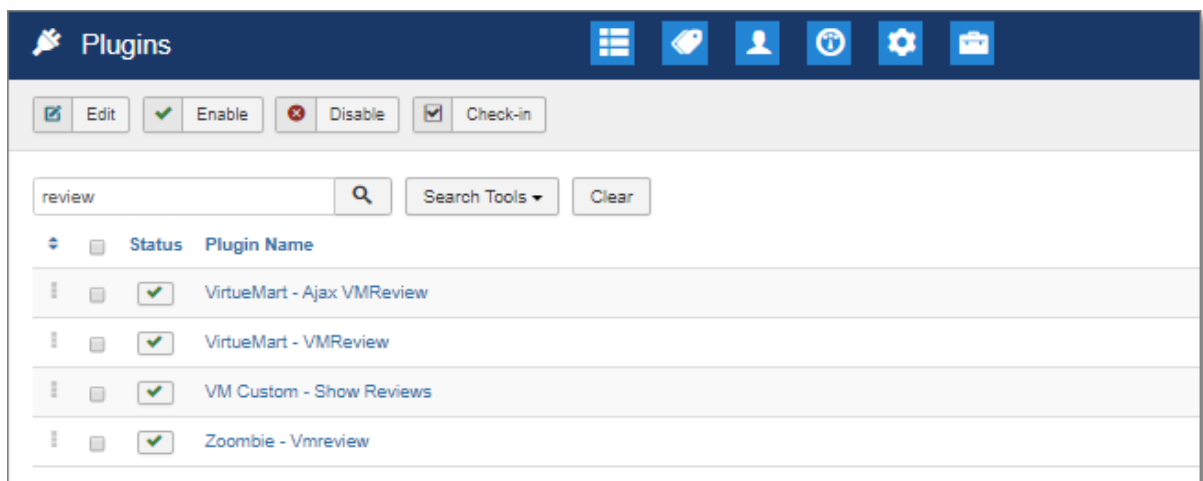
plugins\vmcustom\showreviews\language\en-GB\en-GB.plg_vmcustom_showreviews.ini

etc

Step3: Configure and enable the plugins

In Joomla Admin ->Extensions->Plug-in Manager search for 'review' and enable the three plugins

Virtuemart - VMReview, VM Custom - Show Reviews & Zoombie - VMReview



Open each of the plugins and configure.

VirtueMart - Ajax VMReview

The VirtueMart - Ajax VMReview enables the posting of the reviews from the forms plus the "helpful" ratings etc.

It must be enabled.

Virtuemart - VMReview plugin

The Virtuemart - VMReview plugin configures who and how the reviews are submitted and what is shown on the clients Account page. It can be configured to automatically publish reviews (or have them moderated), max & min lengths required, number of stars for the rating, send an email to the Admin when a review is submitted and the names to show.

Whether Captcha is shown on the public pages is controlled here but if enabled it must be correctly configured and enables in Joomla. Both v2 & v3 are possible.

It is also responsible for loading the JS and CSS assets etc

It must be enabled.

VM Custom - Show Reviews Plugin

The VM Custom - Show Reviews is used to show the appropriate review on the Virtuemart product page. It can be configured for minimum rating to show, how many, and many other parameters.

You can add a heading in the pretext (accepts html)

Save

Save & Close

Close

Help

VM Custom - Show Reviews

vmcustom / showreviews

VM Custom plugin to show the reviews from the GJC Product Reviews component in a product page

Minimum Rating

1

How many to show

5

Order by

Random

Show names

☒ Yes
☐ No

Show real names?

☒ Yes
☐ No

Show reviewers city

☒ Yes
☐ No

Show product country

☒ Yes
☐ No

Show totals

☒ Yes
☐ No

Status

Enabled

Access

Public

Ordering

0. VM Custom - Customer tex...

Plugin Type

vmcustom

Plugin File

showreviews

Zoombie - System Plugin

Configure as follows:

Plugins: System - Alikonweb Zoombie

Save

Save & Close

Close

Plugin

System - Alikonweb Zoombie

system / zoombie

Zoombie Plugin to run VM Reviews reminders

Mode Setting

1. Cron: setup a standard cron job in your web server cPanel to run this script every 12 hours. The path will be something like '/usr/local/bin/php -f /home/(username)/public_html/cli/cli2zoombie.php'. Consult your host.

2. Webcron: this script will be triggered by any requests (page activity) on the front end of your website. this is the recommended mode.

3. For testing consult the handbook and plugin 'Zoombie - Vmreview'.

Task Starter Engine

☐ Cron
☒ Webcron

Schedule

1 min

Mail

☐ No
☒ Yes

Attach

☒ No
☐ Yes

You can enable the email for a short period to check that it is firing - the admin email address will receive an email each minute but remember there has to be some frontend activity to trigger it (just

click around somewhere on your site or use the site menu). The Zoombie plugin can be set to run every 12 hours to check if any reminder emails need to be sent.

The Webcron is triggered by Frontend activity... so if testing you must browse the frontend to trigger the Webcron.

If you have some problems with the Webcron you can try a normal Cron and trigger via your cPanel etc.

The path is something like /usr/local/bin/php -f /home/(username)/public_html/cli/cli2zoombie.php

It appears the Alikon Zoombie site is now dead... Please note that ALL the Zoombie code is originally from this developer and therefore I can only offer minimal support.. the settings mentioned all work on the majority of standard web server setups.

Zoombie - VMReview Plugin

The Zoombie - VMReview has a setting for the number of days to wait before sending a reminder email from a configurable Status, when to repeat, whether the email is plain text or html and the html email editor. You can disable the email to the Admin and set the maximum number of emails per trigger. This should be set especially after an import of existing orders to around 200-300 per trigger.

There is also a debug setting for testing and to display debug messages .

For multilingual sites it is recommended to use the lang constant
VMCUSTOM_REVIEW_HTMLEMAIL_DEFAULT

in the Html Email text field and use/edit this lang constant in your language ini
administrator\language\en-GB\en-GB.plg_zoombie_vmreview.ini etc

The language constant for the optout link is {optoutlink}

An example email is

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VMCUSTOM_REVIEW_HTMLEMAIL_DEFAULT="Dear {name},<br /><br />On the {date} you bought  
our {product}<br /><br />If you are satisfied with this product we would be delighted if you would  
leave a review on our site.<br /><br />If registered simply login and browse to 'Your Account' where  
you will be able to submit your review.<br /><br />If you purchased as a guest then click the link  
below.<br />{link}<br /><br />If you wish to opt out from these reminders then click the link  
below.<br />{optoutlink}<br /><br /><br />Yours faithfully,<br /> {site}"
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VMCUSTOM_REVIEWS_LINK="Leave A Review"
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VMCUSTOM_REVIEWS_OPTOUTLINK="Opt out from these reminders"
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VMCUSTOM_REVIEWS_SUBJECT="Reminder from "
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Sadly there appears to be a bug in Joomla when the lang is programmatically set; any over rides configured by the standard Joomla lang over rides system are ignored. This means the changes must be made in the ini files - also keep backups of these as they will be over written if the extension is upgraded and will need to be re-inserted.

Save

Save & Close

Close

Help

Plugin

Basic

Testing the email reminder system

1. On this plugin set the 'Debug' on Yes.
2. On this plugin set the On 'Debug send mail' on Yes if you want to send the actual emails.
3. Fill in a test VM Order ID : N.B. NOT the Order Number!!
4. Fill in the email address you want the test sent to.
5. Click the test button
6. The full debug will be visible in a new window and emails will be sent if chosen and the Admin will receive an email.

Status to send reminder

C

How often to check

5 min

First reminder

1 day

Resend reminder

5 days

Maximum reminders

7

Html email

☐ No

☒ Yes

Html Email text



Editor

Code

Preview

Rich text editor toolbar with various icons for text formatting, alignment, and insertion.

VMCUSTOM_REVIEW_HTMLMAIL_DEFAULT

VMCUSTOM_REVIEW_HTMLMAIL_DEFAULT

Path:

Words: 1

Module Menu Contact Article Image

Send Admin email

☐ No

☒ Yes

Number of emails

300

Debug

☐ No

☒ Yes

On Debug send mail

☐ No

☒ Yes

Debug a single order

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Debug a single order email

test2@gjowebdesign.com

Test your email:

TEST

Testing the reminder sending

You can manually test your manual setups by running the scripts from your browser :

1. On plugin ' Zoombie - Vmreview ' set the 'Debug' on Yes.
2. On plugin ' Zoombie - Vmreview ' set the On 'Debug send mail' on Yes if you want to send the actual emails.
3. Fill in a test VM Order ID : N.B. NOT the Order Number!!
4. Fill in the email address you want the test sent to.
5. Save the plugin!
6. Click the test button
7. The full debug will be visible and emails will be sent if chosen and the Admin will receive an email.
8. When finished set the **debug** back to No and save the plugin.

You will feedback printed on the screen and the emails will go to the chosen email address IF you have selected **On Debug send emails**

It is also possible to test the cron scripts by setting the Debug ON in **Plugins: System - Alikonweb Zoombie** and Saving the plugin.

Then set your Cron to run every minute and you will receive the emails for the order and email set in the **Plugins: Zoombie - Vmreview** plugin.

It is also possible to run the CLI script by using the url:

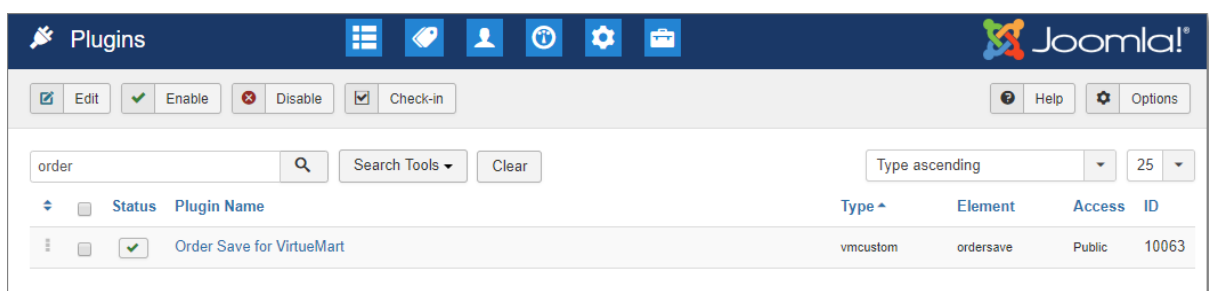
<https://YOUR-Site.com /cli/cron2zoombie.php?bypass=1>

Order Save for VirtueMart

Search for 'order' in Joomla Admin ->Extensions->Plug-in Manager to find the order save plugin.

This plugin saves any confirmed purchased items to the VMReview component when they are updated to the "Chosen" Status.

You can also choose to allow un registered shoppers orders to be saved.



Plugins: Order Save for VirtueMart

Order Save for VirtueMart

Virtuemart Plugin to save order details incl. images for each order. Needs the GJC VMReview 3.0.0 component.

Status: **Enabled**

Access: **Public**

Ordering: **0. GJC Any Price Custom Plu...**

Plugin Type: **vmcustom**

Plugin File: **ordersave**

Status to save products: **C**

Allow non-registered users: **Yes**

Name to show: **First Name**

Product image handling: **Copy - original remains**

Image folder: **/media/ordersave/**

Switch on Debug: **No**

You can set when to save the individual purchased products by their VM Status - e.g. Confirmed (C) or Shipped (S) etc.

You can also set the image handling .. do nothing, Copy the image to a preset folder or Move the image (i.e. delete the original from VM - useful if you have one off items) & if full or firstname is saved. There is also a debug option: this will "fail" the final save but print out all the info so you can check if everything is working.

Step4: Testing the Ordersave plugin

In Joomla Admin ->Components->Virtuemart and click on Orders.

It is simpler to first make yourself a test order in your shop. Find this order and set it's Status to what you have set in the plugin (C or S etc).

Order number	Name	Email	Payment Method	Print View	Order Date	Last Modified	Status
4ef606	Test One	test1@gjcwebdesign.com	Cash on delivery		Tuesday, 17 March 2015 16:53	Tuesday, 17 March 2015 16:53	Confirmed

When you update this Status the message will come back:

Notice
Order saved to GJC Reviews table

Message
1 order(s) have been updated

The screenshot shows the 'Order_reviews' form in Joomla!. At the top, there are buttons: 'Save', 'Save & Close', 'Save & New', 'Save as Copy', and 'Close'. The form fields are as follows:

- ID: 4
- Reminder: Not sent
- Status: Unpublished (dropdown menu)
- Virtuemart Order Id: 4
- Order Number: 4ef606
- User Id: 436
- User Name: test1
- Email: test1@gjowebdesign.com
- User Realname: Test
- User City: Sydney
- User Country: Australia
- Product Name: Dress
- Product Image: /media/ordersave/73/dress.jpg

Below the 'Product Image' field, there is a small thumbnail image of a black dress.

The status of individual reviews can be seen, e.g. if the reminder has been sent, if the client has submitted a review and if you have published it. You can retrospectively add all your old orders by using the VM Reviews Importer. You can set the limit of how many to import each run .. the system will check to see what has been imported so no duplicates will occur. Since version 2.0.3 there is now an importer for the old VM reviews.

It is to be used entirely at your own risk!

We cannot be responsible for lost data etc and you must backup your site before attempting any import!

The screenshot shows the 'VM Reviews Importer' form in Joomla!. At the top, there are buttons: 'VM Reviews List' and 'VM Reviews Importer'. A green message box at the top right says: 'Message Mail sent to test2@gjowebdesign.com'. Below the buttons, there is a red warning section:

Use at your own risk!
 This is a tool to import all your current orders into the VMReviews Component.
 It is to be used entirely at your own risk!
 We cannot be responsible for lost data etc and you must backup your site before attempting any import!

Below the warning, there is a text area with the following text:

ON each run of the import the order is checked to see if it is "Confirmed", name and image usage, (these are your settings in the vmcustom -> ordersave plugin) and if it already exists in the VMReview tables.
 NB: some will never be imported if you use Guest Checkout - only orders belonging to Joomla registered users can be imported. (others have no login so can't make a review.)

Below the text area, there is a text input field for 'Limit per import:'.

Below the text input field, there is a text input field for 'Import Orders:'.

All old orders will be entered in the VM Review component, reminders will sent in batches dependent on your Zoombie - VMReview plugin settings.

You can also check how many orders are not in the VM Review component.

There is also an importer so all your old reviews and ratings from the native VM component can be imported.

Previous VM Reviews Importer

This tool will import the old VirtueMart Reviews into the new VMReview component.
Use at your own risk! No data will be erased but it is obvious when working with databases to make sure you have reliable backups first!!!!
Use this only once! Every import will import the same reviews again as there is no way to correlate the two systems unique ids!!!
You can of course delete the reviews from the admin later if duplicates are there.



Debug will dummy run the import of the number of reviews chosen but stop the script just before returning so a full read out of the process can be seen. After running just use the back button to return.
If all looks OK then do the live run.
Debug? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Also you can send a test email to check the appearance of your formatted email configured in the Zoombie - VMReview plugin.

Step5: What the user sees

After the order has been set to the Status trigger value (normally "C") the user, when he logs into his account on the site will see an extra section under the "My Account" menu.

My Reviews



Image	Product Name	Date	Price	Status	Review
	Jumper	Sunday, 28 Jun 2015 - 11:52	\$294.05		<input type="button" value="Add review"/>

Your review:

Characters written: Min 100 Characters

Your rating:

★★★★★

	Poncho	Sunday, 28 Jun 2015 - 11:52	\$48.84		<input type="button" value="View your review"/>
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Rating : ★★★★★

Your review :

This is a fantastic Poncho - very warm and waterproof -
Would recommend to anyone! Great product!

Here they can see their purchase history (per product - not just per order) and add a review.

They can also see their old reviews and their status.

	Santa Cap	Saturday, 27 Jun 2015 - 17:05	\$24.90		Add review
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Your review:

This is a fantastic Santa hat - very warm and not at all scratchy -
 Would recommend to anyone! Great product!

Characters written: Min 100 Characters

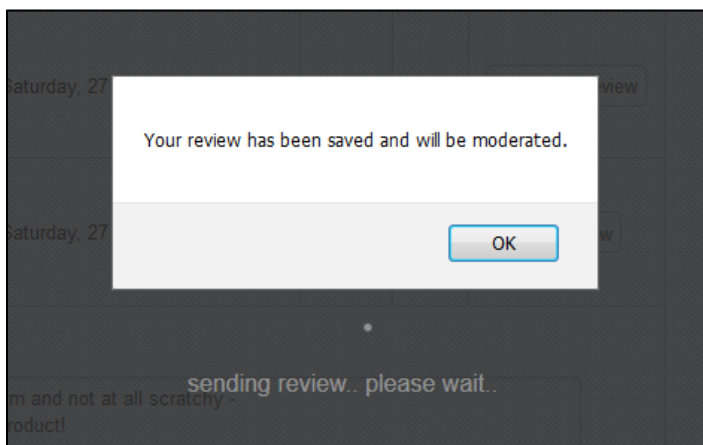
Your rating:

★★★★★

[Submit Review](#)



[My Reviews](#)

Once the review has been submitted:



The moderation settings are in the Virtuemart - VMReview plugin

The user can also check their old reviews:

	Default product	Saturday, 27 Jun 2015 - 17:09	\$50.50		View your review
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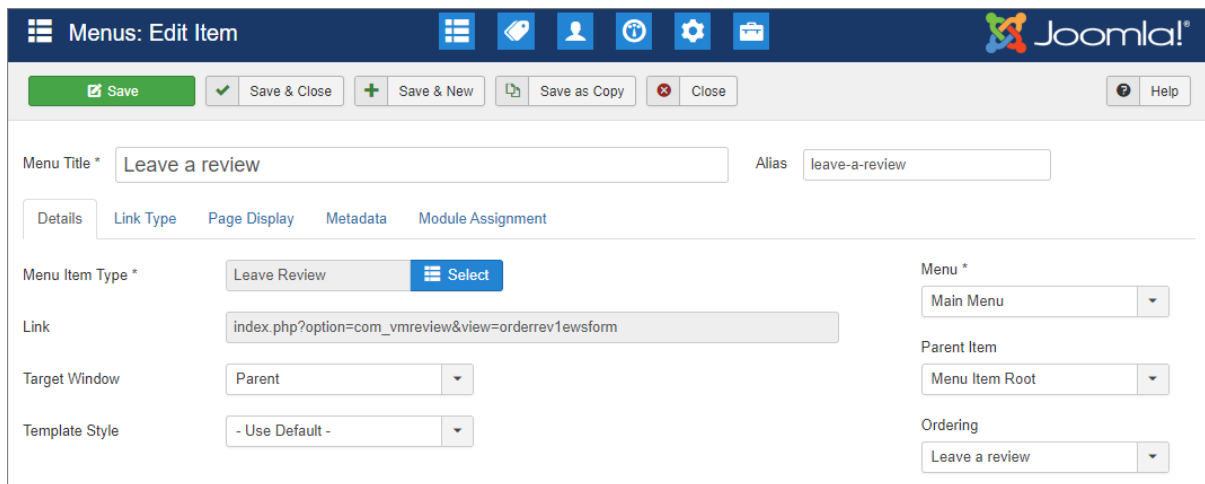
Rating : ★★★★★

Your review :

This is a fantastic Jumper - very warm and not at all scratchy -
 Would recommend to anyone! Great product!

Non Registered Shoppers

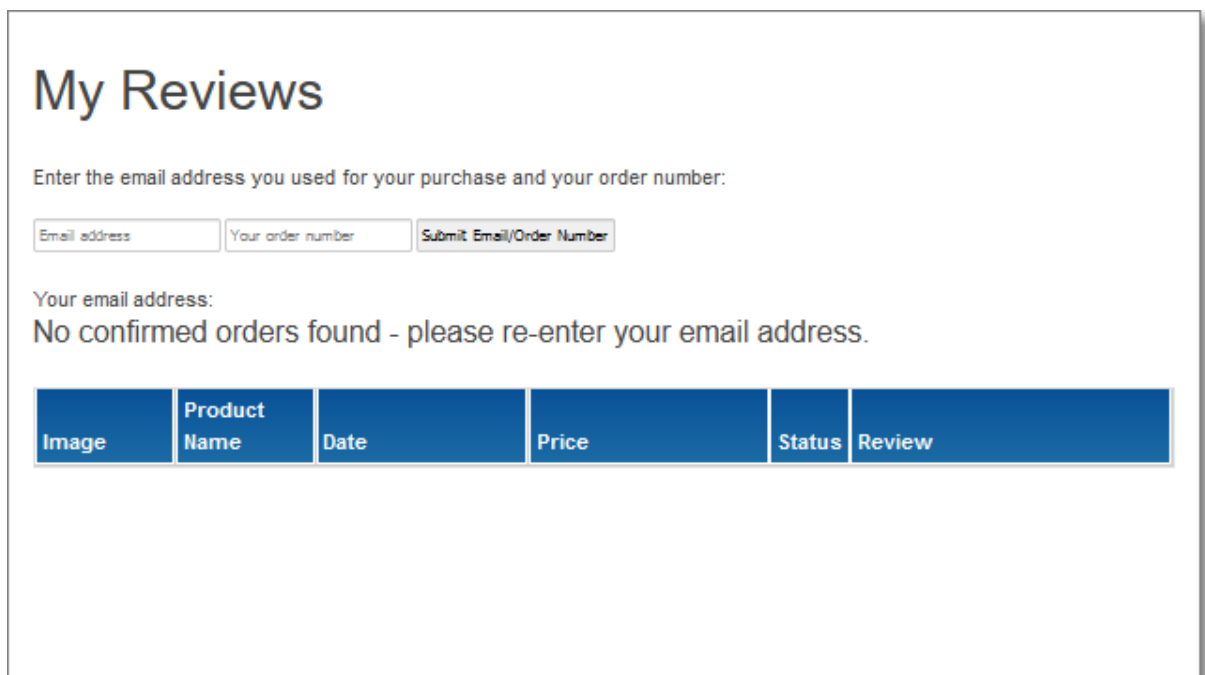
If you choose to allow non-registered shoppers then you need to create a menu item to the Reviews form page.



The screenshot shows the Joomla! 'Menus: Edit Item' interface. The 'Menu Title' is 'Leave a review' and the 'Alias' is 'leave-a-review'. The 'Menu Item Type' is 'Leave Review'. The 'Link' is 'index.php?option=com_vmreview&view=orderrev1ewsform'. The 'Target Window' is 'Parent'. The 'Template Style' is '- Use Default -'. The 'Menu' is 'Main Menu'. The 'Parent Item' is 'Menu Item Root'. The 'Ordering' is 'Leave a review'.

These shoppers are still sent reminder emails and can either use the configured menu above or click on the link in the email that will access them the order and a review form.

If they come directly to the form they must enter their email and order number to access the order:




The screenshot shows the 'My Reviews' form. It has a title 'My Reviews' and a subtitle 'Enter the email address you used for your purchase and your order number:'. Below the subtitle are two input fields: 'Email address' and 'Your order number', and a button 'Submit Email/Order Number'. Below the input fields is a message: 'Your email address: No confirmed orders found - please re-enter your email address.' Below the message is a table with the following columns: Image, Product Name, Date, Price, Status, and Review.

Image	Product Name	Date	Price	Status	Review
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My Reviews

Enter the email address you used for your purchase and your order number:

Your email address: test7@gjcwebdesign.com

Image	Product Name	Date	Price	Status	Review
	test 2 WITH anyprice	Thursday, 21 May 2020 - 21:34	€44.50	✓	<input type="button" value="Add review"/>

My Reviews

Enter the email address you used for your purchase and your order number:

Your email address: test7@gjcwebdesign.com

Image	Product Name	Date	Price	Status	Review
	test 2 WITH anyprice	Thursday, 21 May 2020 - 21:34	€44.50	✓	<input type="button" value="Add review"/>

Your review:

Charactors Min 100 Charactors

Your rating: ★★★★★

Public Reviews

If enabled the public can also leave reviews from the product details page:

VM - Category

[Laptop/tablet backpacks](#)


[T-Shirts](#)

[Test](#)

[Writing sets](#)

VM - Currencies Selector

VM - Manufacturer



51437_set.jpg

Average Rating: ★★★★★

Array

Sales price \$9.87

Colour

Choose a variant

Printing

Without printing

Choose a variant

Leave a Review

Add review

Name*

Email address*

Your review *

Characters


0

Min 100 Characters

Your rating

★★★★★

☐ I'm not a robot


reCAPTCHA
Privacy - Terms

Submit Review

Total Reviews: 2

Average Rating:

★★★★★

21-05-2020

What actually happened is that some details of the default captcha included in Joomla changed, and custom form developers that do not use a certain method to include it in their forms, need to...

Read more

Step6: Reminder Emails

If the Zoombie and Reminder Plugins have been activated the user will receive a reminder email to leave a review after the set number of days: This can be plain text or html.

Dear testtc,

On the 2018-08-07 13:44:55 you bought our

- 1: Classic Hat
- 2: Derby Hat
- 3: Baseball Cap

If you are satisfied with this product we would be delighted if you would leave a review on our site.

If registered simply login and browse to 'Your Account' where you will be able to submit your review.

If you purchased as a guest then click the link below.

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If you wish to opt out from these reminders then click the link below.

[J3.8.1 | VM3.2.4 GJC joomla336 - Opt out from these reminders](#)

Yours faithfully,

J3.8.1 | VM3.2.4 GJC joomla336

When a user leaves a review the Admin receives an email:

New Review : Joomla 3 GJC Test2 



GJC Virtuemart Reviews to me

17:14

New review received at at 27.06.2015, 17:14:03

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Rating is: 5

Review reads: This is a fantastic Santa hat - very warm and not at all scratchy -
Would recommend to anyone! Great product!

Order ID is: 12b606

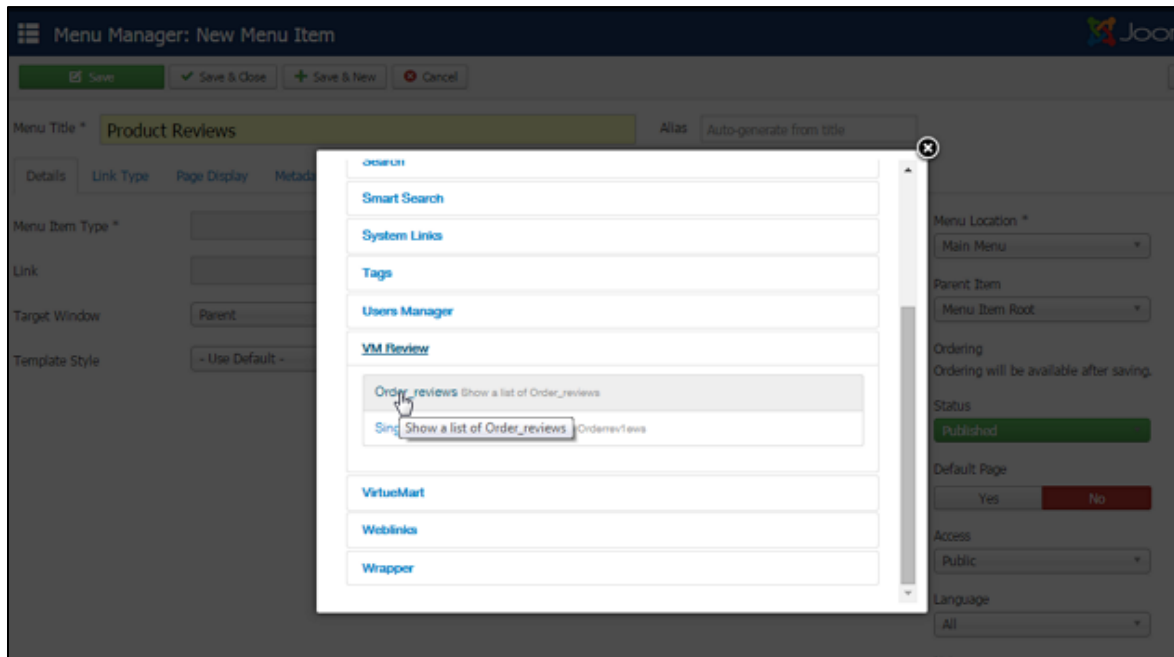
VM Order Number is: 5

VM Reviews application for Virtuemart by <http://www.gjcwebdesign.com>

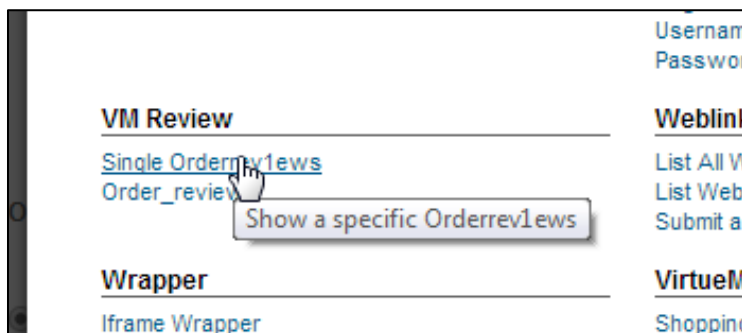
Step7: Review display

There are different ways to display the reviews on your site, either through the component, the relevant reviews on each product page or via the module.

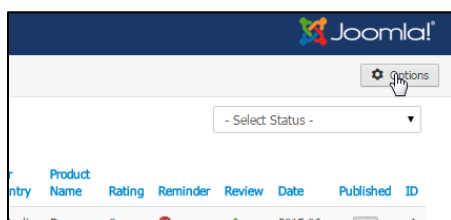
To display via the component simply make a menu to the VM Review Order_reviews view



You can also make a menu item to show a single review page.



In the options of VM Review Component there are settings for the review page.



VMreview Configuration

Save Save & Close Cancel

SYSTEM VM Review Permissions

Global Configuration

COMPONENT

Component for reviews linked to Virtuemart purchases

Order by Random

How many to show 10

Show product name ☒ No ☐ Yes

Show a link on the product name ☒ No ☐ Yes

The page will display so: (all templates can be over-ridden in the template over-rides)

Our Reviews

Rating : ★★★★★

Review : This is a fantastic Jumper - very warm and not at all scratchy - Would recommend to anyone! Great product!

Test

Rating : ★★★★☆

Review : A fantastic dress - very nice!

Test

To display the relevant reviews on each product page enable and configure the vmcustom show reviews plugin.

Plugin Manager: VM Custom - Show Reviews

Save Save & Close Close Help

Plugin

VM Custom - Show Reviews

VM Custom plugin to show the reviews from the GJC Product Reviews component in a product page

Minimum Rating 1

How many to show 5

Order by Random

Show names ☒ Yes ☐ No

Show real names? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Status Enabled

Access Public

Ordering 0. VM Custom - Customer tex...

Plugin Type vmcustom

Plugin File showreviews

Manually inserting the template over rides

You also need to ftp the default_gjcshowreviews.php & default_gjcshowreviewform.php template to your template over rides if you haven't already done this. This file is in the folder virtuemart_template_over_rides_VM3 zip that you initially unpacked.

The path will be

templates/YOUR_TEMPLATE/html/com_virtuemart/productdetails/default_gjcshowreviewform.php

&

templates/YOUR_TEMPLATE/html/com_virtuemart/productdetails/default_gjcshowreviews.php

You then just need to add the following code snippet in your templates/YOUR_TEMPLATE/html/com_virtuemart/productdetails/default.php where you want the reviews to show up.

Normally this would be where the current VM call to it's native reviews template is.

e.g. add the red code - the green is normally already there.

```
//GJC Reviews - here the extra templates are loaded
    echo $this->loadTemplate('gjcshowreviewform');
    echo $this->loadTemplate('gjcshowreviews');
//GJC Reviews
//echo $this->loadTemplate('reviews');
```

Ratings display

Again just replace your current code with:

```
//GJC Ratings
echo $this->loadTemplate('gjcshowrating');
//GJC Ratings
```

Similarly in any module or in the sublayout products.php for the category view of products just add this snippet at the start of the module template over ride to include the plugin - so at the top of the php file

```
//GJC
$language = JFactory::getLanguage();
$language->load('plg_vmcustom_showreviews', JPATH_PLUGINS . DS .
'vmcustom' .DS . 'showreviews');
$plugin2 = JPluginHelper::getPlugin('system', 'vmreview');//this is
the system plugin
$params_gjc2 = new JRegistry($plugin2->params);
$maxrating = $params_gjc2->get('maxrating', false);
//GJC
```

```
25 //GJC
26
27     $language = JFactory::getLanguage();
28     $language->load('plg_vmcustom_showreviews', JPATH_PLUGINS . DS . 'vmcustom' .DS . 'showreviews');
29     $plugin2 = JPluginHelper::getPlugin('system', 'vmreview');//this is the system plugin
30     $params_gjc2 = new JRegistry($plugin2->params);
31     $maxrating = $params_gjc2->get('maxrating', false);
32 //GJC
33 foreach ($viewData['products'] as $type => $products ) {
```

and where the stars display comment out the existing ratings code:

```
// comment out any existing rating code
//echo
shopFunctionsF::renderVmSubLayout('rating',array('showRating'=>$show
Rating, 'product'=>$product));
```

and paste:

```
//GJC
```

```

if(!class_exists('vmCustomPlugin'))
require(JPATH_VM_PLUGINS.DS.'vmcustomplugin.php');

JPluginHelper::importPlugin('vmcustom');$dispatcher =
JDispatcher::getInstance();

$reviews = $dispatcher->
trigger('plgVmShowreviews',array($product->virtuemart_product_id,
$product->product_parent_id));

$average = $reviews[0]['average'];

if(!$average){$average = 0;}

?>
<span class="vote_gjc">

<span id="plgstarrmsingle<?php echo $product->
virtuemart_product_id; ?>" class="starrs"></span>

</span>

<?php
echo "<script
type='text/javascript'>jQuery(document).ready(function(){jQuery('#pl
gstarrmsingle".$product->virtuemart_product_id."').raty({ path:
'".$JURI::root()."plugins/system/vmreview/assets/js/img/',number:
".$maxrating.",readOnly: true,score: ".$average." }));</script>";

//GJC

```

```

85 <div class="vm-product-rating-container">
86 <?php #echo shopFunctionsF::renderVmSubLayout('rating',array('showRating'=>$showRating, 'product'=>$product));
87 //GJC
88 if(!class_exists('vmCustomPlugin')) require(JPATH_VM_PLUGINS.DS.'vmcustomplugin.php');
89 JPluginHelper::importPlugin('vmcustom');$dispatcher = JDispatcher::getInstance();
90 $reviews = $dispatcher->trigger('plgVmShowreviews',array($product->virtuemart_product_id, $product->product_parent_id));
91 $average = $reviews[0]['average'];
92 if(!$average){$average = 0;}
93 ?>
94 <span class="vote_gjc">
95 <span id="plgstarrmsingle<?php echo $product->virtuemart_product_id; ?>" class="starrs"></span>
96 </span>
97 <?php echo "<script type='text/javascript'>jQuery(document).ready(function(){jQuery('#plgstarrmsingle".$product->
virtuemart_product_id."').raty({ path: '".$JURI::root()."plugins/system/vmreview/assets/js/img/',number: ".$maxrating.",readOnly: true,score: ".$average." }));</script>";
98 //GJC
99 if (VmConfig::get('display_stock', 1)) { ?>
100 <span class="vmicon vm2-<?php echo $product->stock->stock_level ?>" title="<?php echo $product->stock->stock_tip ?>"></span>
101 <?php }
102 echo shopFunctionsF::renderVmSubLayout('stockhandle',array('product'=>$product));
103 ?>
104 </div>

```

User override

You also need to ftp the edit.php & edit_reviews.php template to your template over rides if you haven't already done this. This file is in the folder virtuemart_template_over_rides_VM3 zip that you initially unpacked.

The path will be templates/YOUR_TEMPLATE/html/com_virtuemart/user/edit.php

&

templates/YOUR_TEMPLATE/html/com_virtuemart/user/edit_reviews.php

If you prefer to adjust the edit.php manually then add the red code - the green is normally already there.

Name	Size	Changed
edit.php	4 KB	09/02/2021 13:10:05
edit_address.php	9 KB	08/05/2020 12:05:57
edit_address_addshipto.php	1 KB	08/05/2020 11:47:01
edit_address_userfields.php	3 KB	08/05/2020 11:47:01
edit_reviews.php	13 KB	29/05/2020 14:13:13

```

if (!empty($this->shipto)) {
    $tabarray['shipto'] =
'COM_VIRTUEMART_USER_FORM_ADD_SHIPTO_LBL';
}
if (($_ordcnt = count($this->orderlist)) > 0) {
    $tabarray['orderlist'] = 'COM_VIRTUEMART_YOUR_ORDERS';
}
//GJC Reviews - here the extra tab is loaded
if (($_ordcnt = count($this->orderlist)) > 0) {
    $tabarray['reviews'] = 'PLG_VMREVIEWS_TITLE';
}
//GJC Reviews

```

```

67
68 // $tabarray['user'] = 'COM_VIRTUEMART_USER_FORM_TAB_GENERALINFO';
69 if (!empty($this->shipto)) {
70     $tabarray['shipto'] = 'COM_VIRTUEMART_USER_FORM_ADD_SHIPTO_LBL';
71 }
72 if (($_ordcnt = count($this->orderlist)) > 0) {
73     $tabarray['orderlist'] = 'COM_VIRTUEMART_YOUR_ORDERS';
74 }
75 if (($_ordcnt = count($this->orderlist)) > 0) {
76     $tabarray['reviews'] = 'PLG_VMREVIEWS_TITLE';
77 }
78
79 shopFunctionsF::buildTabs ( $this, $tabarray);
80
81 } else {
82     echo $this->loadTemplate ( 'shopper' );
83 }
84
85 // captcha addition

```

Styling

Any styling you need can be done in the provided css file :
plugins/vmcustom/showreviews/assets/plgvmreviews.css

Total Reviews: 4
Average Rating: ★★★★★

5 Star ★★★★★ 2
4 Star ★★★★☆ 0
3 Star ★★★☆☆ 0
2 Star ★★☆☆☆ 1
1 Star ★☆☆☆☆ 1

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16-12-2015

Just to update you regarding this matter. I have now opened a support request with Microsoft regarding this domain name/issue and will let you know if/when we receive any further valuable...
Fred
Represa - United States

Was this review helpful to you?

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Visitors can rate the reviews as "helpful" or not and the reviews will be displayed in this order.


i.e first by stars and then by "helpfulness"

The reviews can also be displayed by their star rating

Classic Hat 5 Star Reviews

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1 Star ★★★★★ 1



Classic Hat
Manufacturer : Producer
Price: \$100.00

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VM - Search in Shop

VM - Category

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Totale recensioni: 2
Voto medio: ★★★★★

5 Star ★★★★★ 1
4 Star ★★★★★ 0
3 Star ★★★★★ 1
2 Star ★★★★★ 0
1 Star ★★★★★ 0



Articolo Piatti Doraemon
Produttore Luk Internacional
Prezzo 3,93 €

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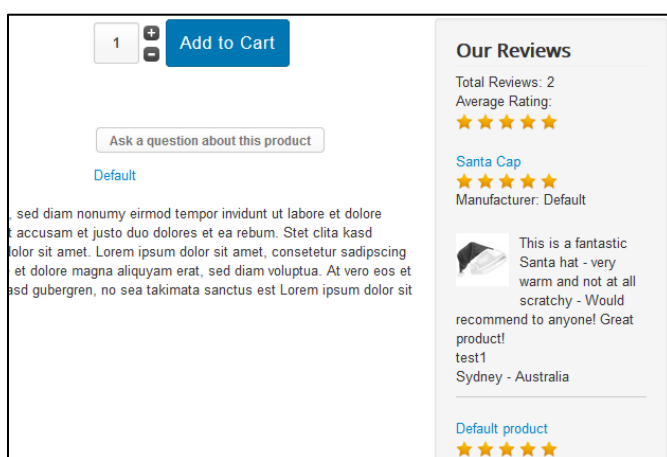
7 gli utenti hanno trovato questa utile.
★★★★★
di **Veronica da Amelia** il 05 giugno 2016
Acquisto verificato
Prodotto come da descrizione e molto valido, molto soddisfatta anche per la velocità dei tempi di consegna.

Questa recensione ti è stata utile? [Sì](#) [No](#)

4 gli utenti hanno trovato questa utile.
★★★★☆
di **Delia da Bari** il 05 giugno 2016
Acquisto verificato
Piatti di carta simili a quelli di tanti altri personaggi, ma Doraemon non si trova in giro. I colori sono molto belli ma i pezzi nettamente pochi rispetto al prezzo.

Questa recensione ti è stata utile? [Sì](#) [No](#)

There is also a highly configurable VMReviews module included that can display the reviews in many different ways. Number of reviews, filter by Manufacturer, Category, what to display etc etc



This plugin is a little more complex than some to install and configure and if you need any help we are always here. Just contact us by the <http://www.gjcwebdesign.com/home/support.html> page.

You can always read some of the reviews on Joomla Extensions to see what other customers think of our service!

<http://extensions.joomla.org/extensions/extension/extension-specific/virtuemart-extensions/product-review-for-virtuemart>

e.g

"Bought this extension because the default review system that comes with VM is far from perfect. This extension works excellent straight out of the box! It is nicely configurable through CSS to create your wanted look and feel. After a few questions concerning functionality to the support department, we got answers and solutions in a matter of hours. Thank you John, a job well done!"



Change Log

30.08.2018 v2.0.12

Added: Translated product names

Added: German, Italian, Latvian and Russian languages

Minor: css fixes

30.08.2018 v2.0.11

Added: Option to show siblings reviews on child

11.05.2017 v2.0.10

Added: Direction choice by Date in Reviews Component

Added: inclusion of Zoombie and CLI plugins in package

02.02.2017 v2.0.9

Fix: default_gjcshowreviews.php tidied

17.12.2016 v2.0.8

Added: Direction choice by Date in Reviews Component

Added: Date display in overall Reviews Display

Added: VM sublayout example for Rating Stars on Category View

Added: Direction choice by Date in Productdetails VM view

Changed: css widths of overall Reviews Display

Fixed: Translations of "Stars" on Productdetails VM view

Fixed: Average rating display on Productdetails VM view

20.11.2016 v2.0.7

Fixed: Show date on Productdetails VM view

Fixed: pagination fix for filtered reviews

Fixed: router fix for no product id

20.05.2020 v2.1.00

Updated: Unregistered and public able to leave reviews

Updated: Native Joomla ajax methods used for submission

Updated: Joomla Captcha incorporated

20.05.2020 v2.1.1

Updated: Recipients can opt out from reminders

Fixed: only orders with reviews shown @ `index.php?option=com_vmreview&view=orderrev1ewss`

Fixed: average rating on product detail view

Fixed: reminders only sent to published orders

