DECISION SHEET

Shopify Cart Drawer vs Cart Page Picker

The container is not the lever; the contents are. Pick one, then fix what is inside.

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Divide reached checkout by added to cart. Above 0.6 the cart works. Below **0.4** the container is in the way. Then pin checkout above the fold.

Answer each question

Multi-item catalog with a considered purchase of $200+?	Yes: drawer
Buyers add two or three items and confirm without leaving?	Yes: drawer
Running a heavy drawer app with a poor INP?	Yes: native drawer
The cart needs a decision: shipping options or quotes?	Yes: cart page
Configurator items or B2B orders in the cart?	Yes: cart page
The buyer needs width and time to review?	Yes: cart page

Reached checkout / added to cart

Above 0.6	**Cart works**
Between 0.4 and 0.6	**Fix the contents**
Below 0.4	**Container in the way**

Drawer contents, top to bottom

Line item confirms the decision: variant, fit, size

Shipping shown in money

Fees as an opt-in, never a silent line

Installment amount for orders over about $300

Trust line: payment marks and return window

Remove control at least 24 by 24 CSS pixels

Checkout pinned above the fold at 375 by 667

Speed cost

UpCart	**~80ms**
Rebuy Smart Cart	**~140ms**
Theme-native drawer	**0ms, no fee**

Count the answers: the side with more yes answers is your cart.

Choose a drawer when

- Multi-item, considered purchase
- Confirm and move on
- Heavy drawer app: swap for a native one

Choose a cart page when

- Shipping options or quotes
- Configurator or B2B
- Room to think

Cost of being wrong with a drawer: a drawer that asks an impulse buyer to decide again.
Cost of being wrong with a cart page: an extra page between a ready buyer and checkout.
Default: a theme-native drawer, rebuilt to the seven items. Exception: one hero SKU on paid social: send Add to Cart straight to checkout.

Healthy add to cart, weak checkout? Book a call. kaspianfuad.com/contact

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Rebuilt a UTV store's cart drawer; checkout abandonment went from 49.5% to 43.2% that week.

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