

DIVI 5 MIGRATION CHECKLIST

Overview**Time: 5-6 hours total****Approach: Test in staging, fix any issues, then upgrade production**

STEP 1: COMPLETE BACKUP (~1 hour)**Critical: You must be able to restore if something goes wrong**

- Ensure WordPress Core, Plugins, and Themes are up-to-date**
 - Run baseline speed test on live system (GTmetrix or PageSpeed Insights)**
 - Note current performance: _____ sec load time**
 - Create a full backup using a backup plugin or ensure you have one through your host**
 - If using a plugin, store backups OFF server (local + cloud)**
 - Verify you can restore the backup**
 - Document backup date: _____**
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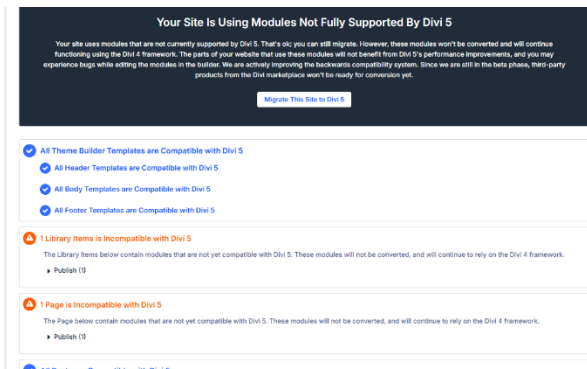
STEP 2: CLONE TO STAGING (~1 hour)**Never upgrade production first**

- Create staging site (use host tool, WP Staging plugin, or manual subdomain)**
 - Verify staging works (homepage loads, can login, Visual Builder opens)**
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STEP 3: MIGRATE TO DIVI 5 (~ 30 minutes)**Upgrade Staging**

- Clear all caches. Actually even better to deactivate caching plugins**
- Download Divi 5 from your account**
(<https://www.elegantthemes.com/members-area/>)
- Upload and activate the Divi 5 theme**

- Take a look at the **Compatibility Check**. If you see any red, consult a Divi expert.
- Click to Migrate
- Wait for completion



STEP 4: TEST EVERYTHING (1-2 hours)

Verify nothing broke

Test Critical Functionality

- Homepage loads without errors
- Visual Builder opens
- Check browser console (F12) - no JavaScript errors
- Test 10-15 random pages
- Submit contact form (verify it sends)
- Test e-commerce checkout if applicable (test mode only!)
- Check mobile responsive
- Verify all integrations work (analytics, email marketing, etc.)

Verify Performance Improvement

- Run speed test again
- Note new performance: _____ sec (should be 2-4x faster)

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STEP 5: FIX ISSUES (Varies - skip if no issues)**If Step 4 found problems**

- Update incompatible plugins
- Fix custom CSS targeting old Divi classes
- Clear caches and retest

Get help if needed:

Stuck after 2 hours? → Guided Migration (\$245)

Mission-critical site? → Professional Migration (\$495)

STEP 6: RETEST (Varies - skip if Step 4 skipped)

- Verify all Step 5 fixes work
 - Run through critical user journeys again
 - Confirm staging is production-ready
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STEP 7: UPGRADE PRODUCTION (2 hours)**Go live during low-traffic period****Pre-Launch**

- Choose low-traffic time for upgrade
- Take FRESH production backup (database + files)
- Store backup safely
- Run another baseline speed test on live system (GTmetrix or PageSpeed Insights)
- Note current performance: _____ sec load time

Upgrade

Follow Step 3 above

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Wait for completion (don't close browser!)

Note completion time: _____

Verify Production

Homepage loads

Visual Builder works

Console shows no errors (F12)

Test critical pages and forms

Verify e-commerce checkout (if applicable)

Test on mobile

Benchmark

Run final speed test

Production performance: _____ sec

Improvement: _____ % faster 🎉

Monitor

Check site 2-3 times on launch day

Watch for user issues

Congratulations! You have successfully completed migrating to Divi 5!

What You Achieved:

✓ 2-4x faster performance

✓ Zero downtime

✓ Divi 5 ready

Need Help?

Guided Migration: \$245 | Professional Migration: \$495

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