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Cut With the Saw or Hand Cut?

- The Advantages of the Taurus Ring Saw:
 - The saw will make difficult or near impossible cuts easier. Save money on glass!
 - Cutting dense rippled and drapery glass is going to be possible.
 - Some time may be saved because you don't have to keep re cutting because you are breaking the glass.
 - Less frustration and anger is a given!!!
- The Disadvantages of cutting with the saw.
 - Any saw limits the size of a piece that you can cut, because of the circular blade. Most saws cut glass approximately 10"-12" in half.
 - Any saw does not take the place of simple cuts. It's much faster and practical to cut strips, straight lines and simple shapes using a regular glass cutter.
 - While using the saw, cuts may be made that are structurally unsound and susceptible to cracking. IE: making the interior cut come to direct angles put stress on the glass. Remember that glass likes to break in a straight line. Some glass is more prone to heat cracking than other glass and this extra stress just adds to that cracking factor.

My feeling... if it is not an *impossible cut* to cut... I always hand cut first because it is faster...if it breaks, I try to learn from that cut to see if I did something wrong...then try it one more time by hand. If it breaks again...then I go for the saw!

Don't forget:

- Use Mark Stay on your lines before using the saw because the water from the saw will erase the lines. This is yet one more reason to not use Sharpies to mark your pattern on the glass. We have black markers with fine tips and white marker with a larger tip. They are the best on the market that I have found.
- Safety glasses

My favorite saw and the only one that Works of Glass recommends is the Taurus III ring saw. Come into [Works of Glass](#) and try it out before you buy it. My guess is we can beat any price out there!



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