

# How to choose between Bandsaw and Ringsaws

## Ringsaw Advantages:

- Lots of power, can cut thick glass.
- Can cut in any direction, forwards, backwards, or sideways.
- Can use the blade as a power file to trim into places inaccessible with a router.
- The Taurus III (red color) is the quietest of the three saws and has a good work light, which the Gryphon C-40 Bandsaw and the Taurus II do not.

## Ringsaw Disadvantages:

- More expensive to buy.
- Higher maintenance because of the more complicated drive train (more moving parts to wear and need replacement)
- Non-repairable blades, when they break there's no fixing them.
- Cuts a wider kerf (0.052 inches)

## Bandsaw Advantages:

- Repairable blades (you can send them back to the manufacturer for repair)
- New blades are cheaper than Ringsaw blades, especially if bought in twin-packs
- Fewer moving parts means lower maintenance
- Cuts a thinner kerf (.030)
- Vertical cut enables you to cut stacks of up to four identical parts, taped together.

## Bandsaw Disadvantages:

- You have to think more about planning a cut, because you can't turn 90 degrees in one move.
- Minimum radius of a turn is about 0.125" (1/8")