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Basic Guidelines when Buying a Circular Saw by [Cristian Stan](#)

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As I am working in constructions and renovations, for years, I have used several circular saw brands and sizes during that time.

My first circular saw was a Skill 7 saw of 7 1/4", which apparently was not a great choice. However, thirty years later, it turned out to be an excellent choice as it needed minimum repairs over the years. It was a great saw and when properly used, cuts a square and straight line.

During the years, I have purchased several circular saws from various reputable manufacturers, who claimed to have high quality equipment. These manufacturers also made other types of top quality equipment with great performances. However, after a couple of weeks of use, I stopped using them. I have realized through my direct experience that some saws have been created for the ease of produce and definitely not for the user.

Apparently, in some cases, those engineers never bothered to research or use the tool they were creating. Despite of that, these models are made available on the market.

Festool is a circular saw brand which is among the newest ones on the US market. Although the model has certain restrictions for constructions, it is an excellent choice for cabinet making. Quality cuts for cabinets are quite simple because of its non-slip, extendable track system. You can even easily execute cabinet sides mitering right on the job site. One of its best features is the included dust collection system. As the model has a folding blade system, it might be sometimes difficult for new users to get used to it. Because of this blade system, it has a kick back and might cut the aluminum guide.

What is really important when considering the purchase of a saw is to determine the purpose and work type it is going to be mostly used. There is no need to go with the Festool if you want to cut lumber of 2" x 4", as there is no ruin a great saw for that. The \$39.99 circular saws are also not recommended, as you will not be able to make straight cuts with it. You definitely have a problem, if, throughout the cut you are able to see shaft as it slides in and out.

As these are potentially dangerous tools, it is highly recommended to wear protective equipment when you use the saw. Always wear safety glasses and shoe that will not break or bend.

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