

## Reputable Manufacturers of Dealers of Swords

This is not anywhere near an exhaustive list, but these are brands and dealers that I have

had success with in the past. **Again: Avoid eBay!!!**

Kult of Athena ([kultofathena.com](http://kultofathena.com)):

A distributor of well known brands, including most of those listed below. This is a good place to start as you can browse many different reputable brands in one place. Then, if you wish,

do a Google search of the items of interest if you want to compare prices. I've had good service

from them in the past and highly recommend them. One downside is that the pandemic hit them

fairly hard and delivery times have suffered as a result. (I don't receive any compensation for

this endorsement but I wish I did.)

Cheness cutlery ([chenesscutlery.com](http://chenesscutlery.com)):

A maker known for their superior blades. I own three of them. Cheness has been hit particularly hard by the covid and had to permanently shut down their forges. **You can find**

**some great bargains as they are liquidating their existing stock.**

Paul Chen Hanwei (Sold through Kult of Athena now, and believe it or not, Amazon!) Hanwei makes some great cutters. My primary cutter is a Hanwei.

Cold Steel ([coldsteel.com](http://coldsteel.com)) also through Kult of Athena the last time I looked.

Cold Steel makes some no nonsense products.

Musha and Musashi (Again via Kult of Athena)

These are the least expensive swords that some recommend. I have no personal knowledge of them but they do get good reviews. If you buy one, I would like to see it. Ronin (Dojo Pro), again through KoA.

Excellent reputation for cutters. Rugged and durable.

There are many other dealers and makers of swords. Go with a brand name. Kult of Athena has

most of them, but do check out the [chenesscutlery.com](http://chenesscutlery.com) for their closeouts.

Another website worth checking out is **Sword Buyers Guide** ([www.sword-buyers-guide.com](http://www.sword-buyers-guide.com))

They have a wealth of information about affordable swords of all kinds along with testing reviews. They also sell some of their own projects through their online store.

In addition,

the site is a wealth of knowledge for the beginning sword buyer. You can subscribe to their

newsletter too.

As a test, I ordered a "Hand Made Sword" brand aluminum iaito from Amazon and was

pleasantly surprised with the sword. I don't think I would buy this brand as a cutting sword

though.

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