TU4 Long Sword Builds



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Welcome to the TU4 Longsword build guide. Im Whynot/Judy making yet another horribly formatted guide.

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Skill Priority

S tier(Required)	Quick Sheathe 3 Weakness Exploit 3 Attack Boost 4-7 Wirebug Whisperer 3 Wind Mantle 1 Critical Boost 3 Frostcraft 3 (SSC only) Elemental Attack 5 (Elemental builds)
A tier (Great	Dereliction 1 + Resentment 5
skills)	Mail of Hellfire 1-3

	Burst 1 Critical Eye 1-7 Maximum Might 1-3 Bloodlust 1 Critical Draw 2-3 (SSC only) Buildup Boost 3 Powder Mantle 1 Critical Element 3 Elemental Exploit 1
B tier (Good if you can fit)	Burst 2-3 Element Exploit 2-3 Kushala Blessing 2 (ice/water) Teostra Blessing 2 (fire) Chameleos Blessing 3 + Foray 1 (Poison) Strife 1-2 Bubbly Dance 3 + Resuscitate 3 Dragonheart 5 (Dragon / non status raw) Adrenaline Rush 3 + Status Trigger 1-2 (SSC) Wind Mantle 2-3 Agitator 1-5 (for non-Anomaly)
C tier (Comfort)	Defiance 3-5 Spiritbird's Call Intrepid Heart 1-2 Bloodrite 1-3 Stun Resistance 3 Embolden 1-3 / Evade Window 1-5 (Adrenaline Rush + Status Trigger / Bladescale Hone) Evade Extender 1 (SSC)
Sharpness skills	Master's Touch 3 Protective Polish 2-3 Handicraft 2-4 Bladescale Hone 1 Speed Sharpening 3

Note - All the builds listed in this guide will use the qurio augment system for armor pieces. This guide also assumes you are at least MR160 (Risen Valstrax) and A201 (all decorations) for all the required armor pieces. Finally, an AB3 2-0-0 charm or equivalent is assumed for the majority of the listed builds. Decause we love RNGII:)

Longsword Matchup Chart

by timmy cuz he's a masochis

Cope with Buddy Rally for Rakna Imfao :copium::

Elembane matchups will be highlighted red and matchups that only apply to Dereliction builds will be highlighted blue.

Monster	art / Species Exploit Sacred Sheathe		Harvest Moon ISS	
Aknosom	Wing / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Abyss Bringer Blade	
Almudron	Tail Tip / Wyvern	Kaktus Himmel	Volcanic Apocalypse	
Anjanath	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Abyss Bringer Blade	
Apex Arzuros	Foreleg / Fanged	Kaktus Himmel	Volcanic Apocalypse	
Apex Diablos	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Flicker Blizzard Slash	
Apex Mizutsune	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Wyvern Blade "Luna"	
Apex Rathalos	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Red Flash	
Apex Rathian	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Red Flash	
Apex Zinogre	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Reverent Elusarca	
Arzuros	Head (SSC) or Rear (ISS) / Fanged	Kaktus Himmel	Flicker Blizzard Slash	
Astalos	Crest / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Reverent Elusarca	
Aurora Somnacanth	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Wyvern Blade "Luna"	
Barioth	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Volcanic Apocalypse	
Barroth	Foreleg / Wyvern	Kaktus Himmel	Volcanic Apocalypse	
Basarios	Abdomen / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Red Flash	
Bazelgeuse	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Wyvern Blade "Luna"	
Bishaten	Head / Fanged	Devil's Deal	Flicker Blizzard Slash	
Blood Orange Bishaten	Head / Fanged	Devil's Deal	Abyss Bringer Blade	
Chameleos	Head / Aerial	Devil's Deal	Volcanic Apocalypse	
Chaotic Gore Magala	Head / Aerial	Devil's Deal		
Crimson Glow Valstrax	Head / Aerial	Devil's Deal	Wyvern Blade "Luna"	
Daimyo Hermitaur	Head / Aquatic	Kaktus Himmel	Volcanic Apocalypse	
Diablos	Abdomen / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Flicker Blizzard Slash	
Espinas	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Flicker Blizzard Slash	
Flaming Espinas	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Abyss Bringer Blade	

Monster	Part / Species Exploit	Sacred Sheathe	Harvest Moon ISS	
Furious Rajang*	Head / Fanged	Devil's Deal	Flicker Blizzard Slash	
Gaismagorm*	Head / N/A	Devil's Deal	Red Flash	
Garangolm*	Head or Arms (Elemental) / Fanged	Kaktus Himmel	Flicker Blizzard Slash	
Gold Rathian	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Oppressor's Law	
Gore Magala	Head / Aerial	Devil's Deal	Wyvern Blade "Luna"	
Goss Harag	Foreleg / Fanged	Kaktus Himmel	Volcanic Apocalypse	
Great Baggi	Head / Wyvern	Kaktus Himmel	Volcanic Apocalypse	
Great Izuchi	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Oppressor's Law	
Great Wroggi	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Flicker Blizzard Slash	
Jyuratodus	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Abyss Bringer Blade	
Khezu	Head / Wyvern	Kaktus Himmel	Volcanic Apocalypse	
Kulu-Ya-Ku	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Wyvern Blade "Luna"	
Kushala Daora	Head / Aerial	Devil's Deal	Wyvern Blade "Luna"	
Lagombi	Rear / Fanged	Kaktus Himmel	Volcanic Apocalypse	
Lucent Nargacuga	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Wyvern Blade "Luna"	
Lunagaron	Head / Wyvern	Kaktus Himmel	Volcanic Apocalypse	
Magma Almudron	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Abyss Bringer Blade	
Magnamalo	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Wyvern Blade "Luna"	
Malzeno	Head / Aerial	Devil's Deal	Red Flash	
Mizutsune	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Wyvern Blade "Luna"	
Nargacuga	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Oppressor's Law	
Narwa the Allmother	Charged / Aerial	Devil's Deal	Wyvern Blade "Luna"	
Pukei-Pukei	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Oppressor's Law	
Pyre Rakna-Kadaki	Head / N/A	Devil's Deal	Abyss Bringer Blade	
Rajang*	Head / Fanged	Devil's Deal	Flicker Blizzard Slash	
Rakna-Kadaki	Head / N/A	Devil's Deal	Flicker Blizzard Slash	
Rathalos	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Red Flash	
Rathian	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Red Flash	
Risen Chameleos	Head / Aerial	Kaktus Himmel	Volcanic Apocalypse	
Risen Crimson Glow Valstrax	Head / Aerial	Devil's Deal	Wyvern Blade "Luna"	
Risen Kushala Daora	Head / Aerial	Devil's Deal	Wyvern Blade "Luna"	
Risen Teostra	Head / Aerial	Devil's Deal	Abyss Bringer Blade	
Royal Ludroth	Mane / Wyvern	Kaktus Himmel	Volcanic Apocalypse	
Scorned Magnamalo	Head or Foreleg (Hellfire) / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Wyvern Blade "Luna"	
Seething Bazelgeuse	Tail (SSC) or Head (ISS) / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Flicker Blizzard Slash	
Seregios*	Leg (Sneak Attack) / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Oppressor's Law	
Shagaru Magala	Head / Aerial	Devil's Deal	Red Flash	
Shogun Ceanataur	Head / Aquatic	Devil's Deal	Oppressor's Law	
Silver Rathalos	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Abyss Bringer Blade	
Somnacanth	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Oppressor's Law	
Teostra	Head / Aerial	Devil's Deal	Abyss Bringer Blade	
Tetranadon	Head / Aquatic	Devil's Deal	Oppressor's Law	
Thunder Serpent Narwa	Charged / Aerial	Devil's Deal	Red Flash	
Tigrex	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Oppressor's Law	
Tobi Kadachi	Tail / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Wyvern Blade "Luna"	

Monster	Part / Species Exploit	Sacred Sheathe	Harvest Moon ISS	
Velkhana*	Head / Aerial	Kaktus Himmel	Volcanic Apocalypse	
Violet Mizutsune	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Wyvern Blade "Luna"	
Volvidon	Head / Fanged	Devil's Deal	Abyss Bringer Blade	
Wind Serpent Ibushi	Windsac / Aerial	Devil's Deal	Red Flash	
Zinogre	Head / Wyvern	Devil's Deal	Reverent Elusarca	

Note: Devil's Deal can be replaced with Wyvern Blade "Luna" for Sacred Sheathe Matchups.

Fanged Exploit can be used instead of Flicker Blizzard Slash.

Non-Dereliction Builds

Sacred Sheat hi he

The Sacred Sheath playstyle now is based around Sacred Release Slash (SRS) spam. The best raw LS is now Devil's Deal, having the highest damage per release while maintaining good sharpness and flexibility. Wyvern Blade "Luna" remains as an alternative, dealing less SRS damage but more Sakura Slash damage due to the additional affinity. Therefore, Wyvern Blade "Luna" should only be used if one has significant reliance on Sakura Slash rather than counters to level the gauge.

Great writeup on the details between different Sacred Sheathe builds and options <u>here</u>.

^{*}It is worth upgrading the rampage slot to Elembane for Gaismagorm.

^{*}When in its Elemental state, Garangolm will gain weakness to Fire in its left arm and Ice in its right arm. The head is still a better hitzone in this state, but the arms are easier to hit.

^{*}Due to the difficulty of hitting Rajang and Fujang in the head instead of arms, Reverent Elusarca with

^{*}For Seregios, drop 3 levels of low priority skills (list above) to slot in Sneak Attack 3.

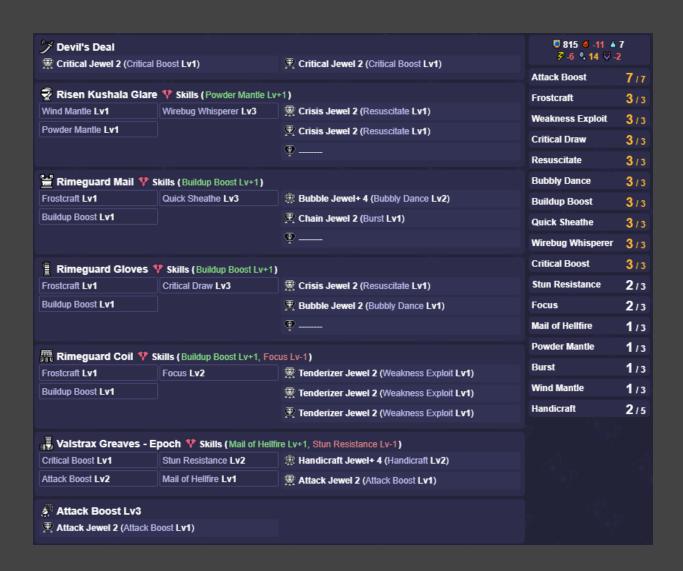
^{*}Velkhana is an Elembane matchup for Sacred Sheathe only (hit Forelegs with Sakura Slash).

Wyvern Blade Luna

Augments: 8 atk



Devil's Deal



Kaktus Himmel



Kaktus Himmel is the only elemental LS worth using with SSC because it also has poison, giving it access to Buildup Boost. Use it on fire matchups.

Feel free to replace the Handicraft decoration with Burst.

Harvest Moon ISS

For the following builds, set up Harvest Moon on Blue, then Swap to Red.

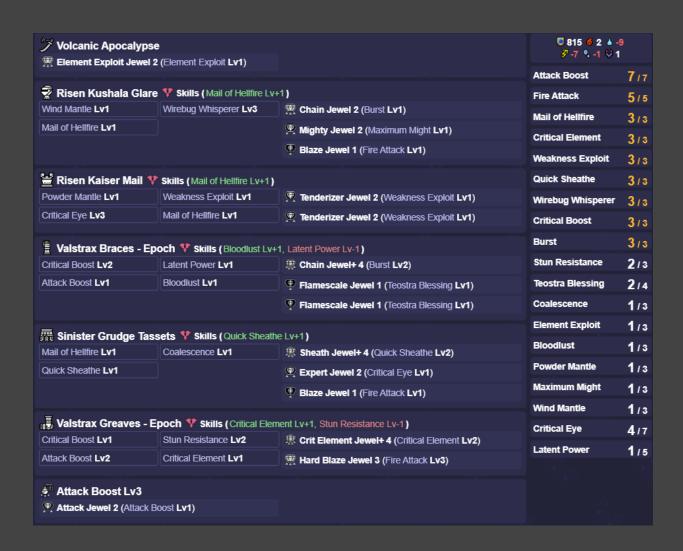
Wyvern Blade "Luna" (Raw)

Augments: 8 atk

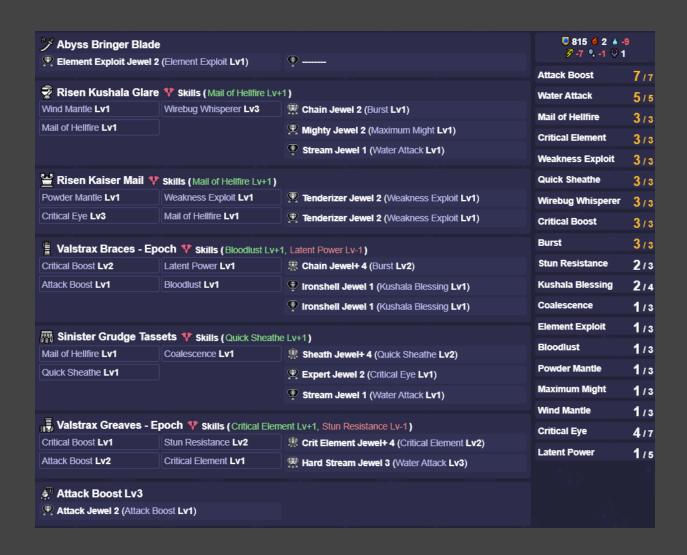


Bloodrite is there for comfort. Feel free to replace it with something like Handicraft, Agitator, etc.

Volcanic Apocalypse (Fire)



Abyss Bringer Blade (Water)



Oppressor's Law (Thunder)



You can swap out the Protective Polish for Handicraft deco if you don't like playing with PP (but why wouldn't to like PP)

Flicker Blizzard Slash (Ice)

Augments: 2 atk 7 ele



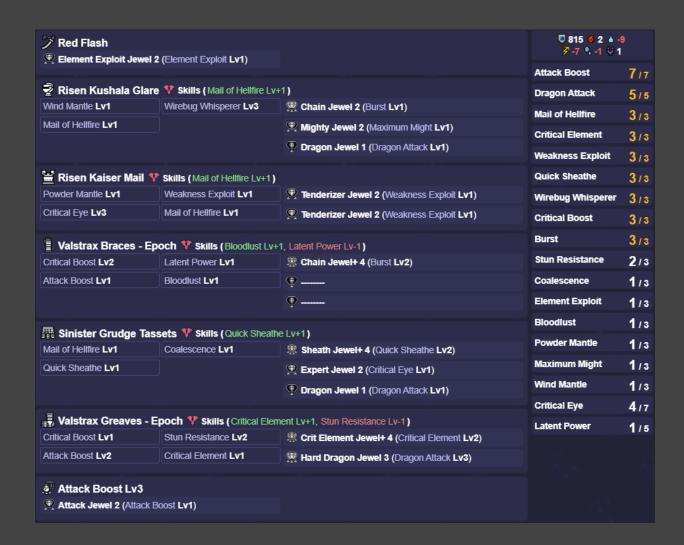
An additional IVI 1 slot in the charm makes room for Kushala Blessing 2.

Reverent Elusarca (Ice)



For Zinogre, Apex Zinogre, and Astalos.

Red Flash (Dragon)

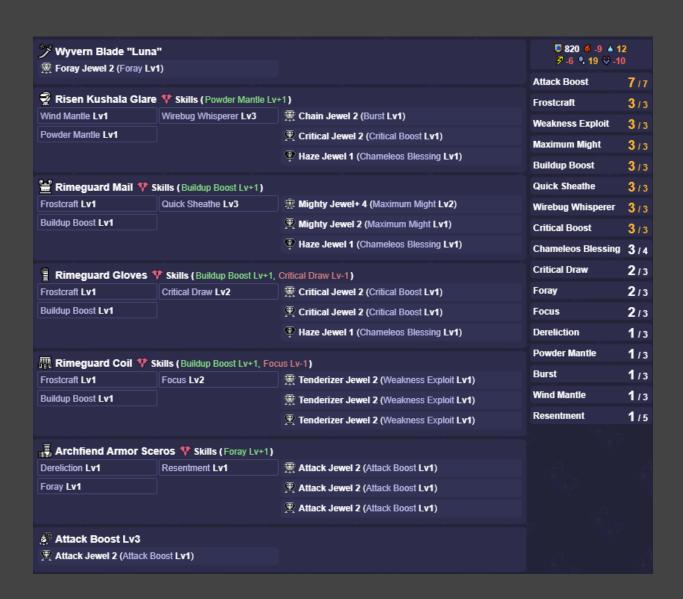


Dereliction Builds

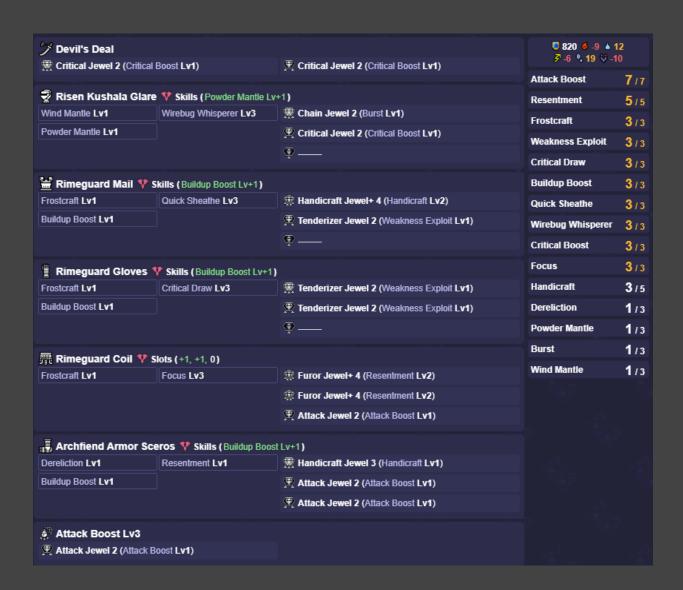
In general, Dereliction builds will always outperform non-Dereliction builds by a significant margin. Use these builds if you can deal with the health drain.

Sacred Sheathe

Wyvern Blade Luna



Devil's Deal



Fine Kamura Rapier aka FK Rapier



Try to stay below 80% HP for Dragonheart/Resuscitate uptime. Not recommended for Anomaly Quests.

Kaktus Himmel



Kaktus Himmel is the only elemental LS worth using with SSC because it also has poison, giving it access to Buildup Boost. Use it on fire matchups.

Feel free to replace the Handicraft decoration with Resentment.

Harvest Moon ISS

Elemental Dere builds need relatively high qurio/charm investments, so feel free to drop 1-2 levels of MoH and a level of Crit Ele until you can get better rolls.

For the following builds, set up Harvest moon on Red, then swap to Blue.

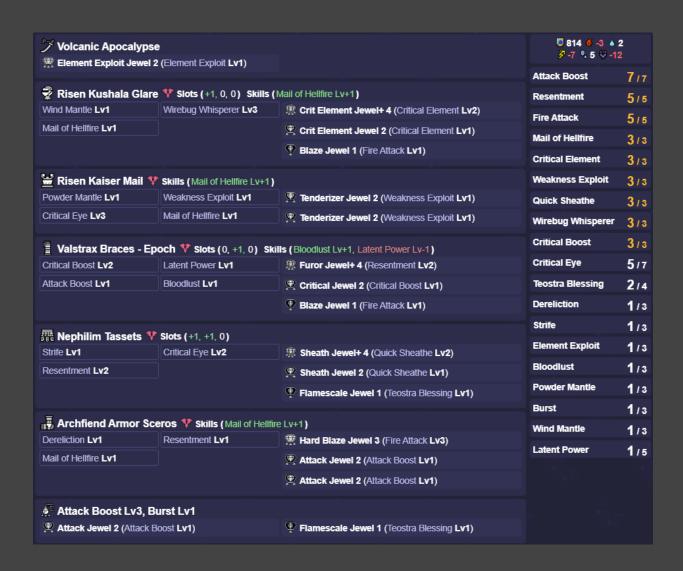
Wyvern Blade "Luna" (Raw)

Augments: 8 atk

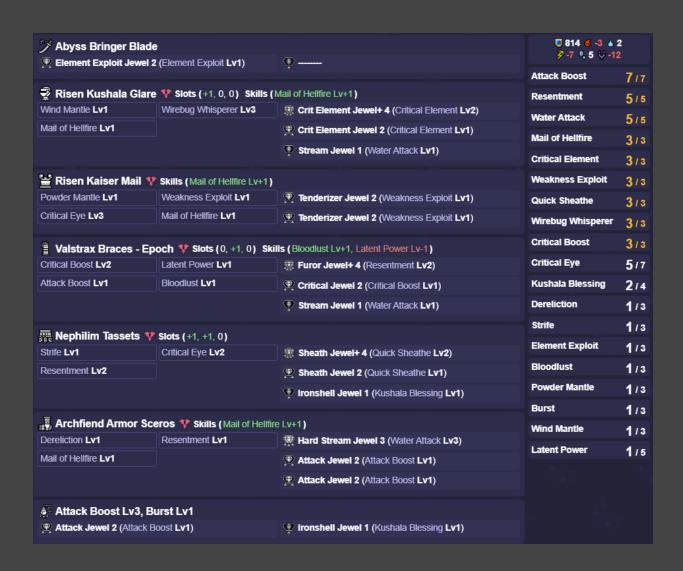


Bloodrite is there for comfort. Feel free to replace it with something like more Burst, Handicraft, Agitator, etc.

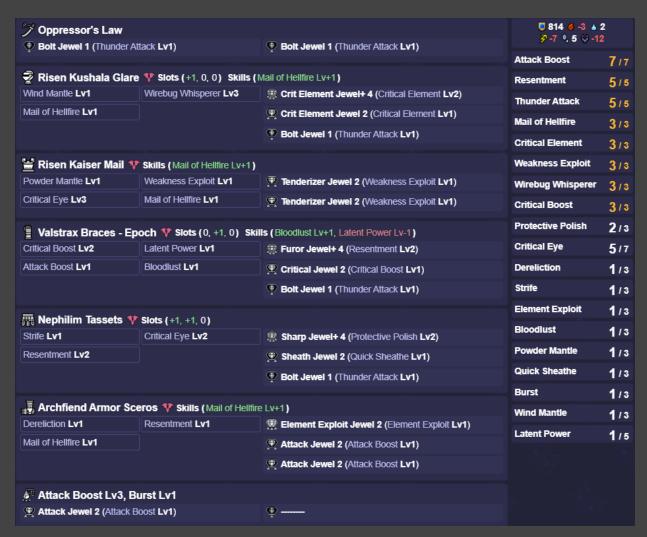
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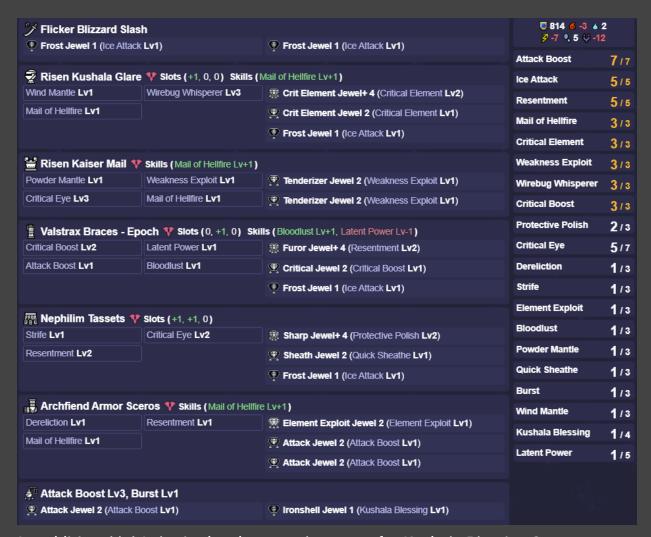


Oppressor's Law (Thunder)



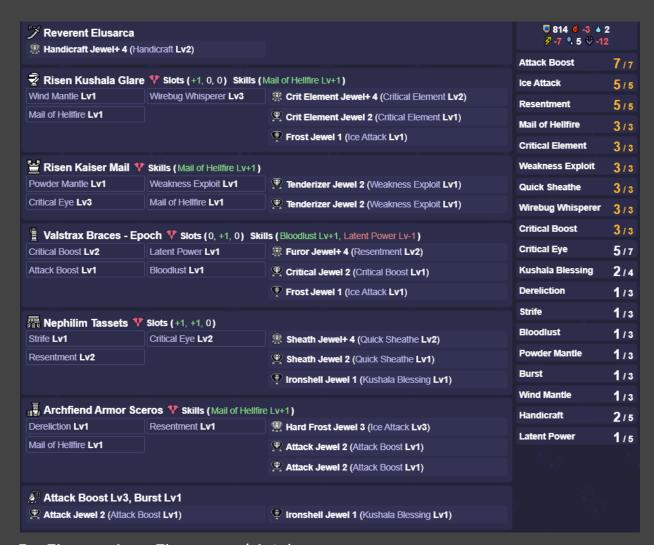
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Flicker Blizzard Slash (Ice



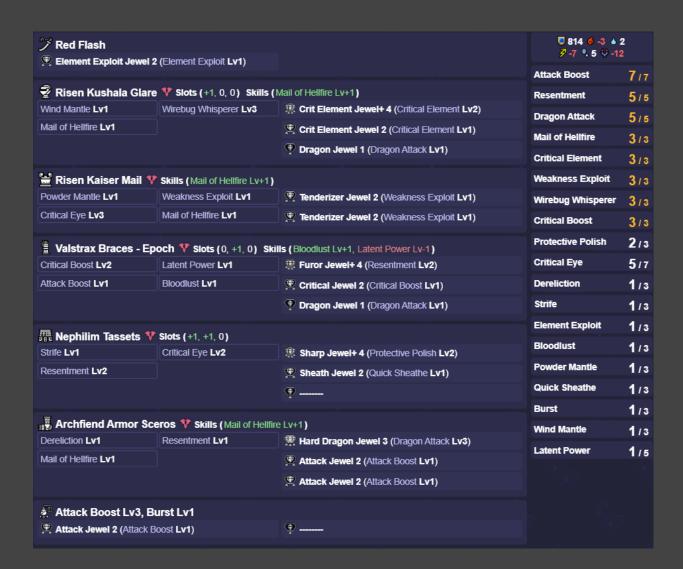
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For Zinogre, Apex Zinogre, and Astalos.

Red Flash (Dragon)



Sakura Slash Spam

Use elembane if applicable, otherwise racism.

SAKURA SLASH ALL DAY EVERY DAY, BECOME FIDGET SPEENER play these sets if ur lazy af

Play these sets on the Red Scroll.

Volcanic Apocalypse (Fire)



Abyss Bringer Blade (Water



Oppressor's Law (Thunder)

Augments: 2 atk 7 ele



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Flicker Blizzard Slash (Ice)



Red Flash (Dragon)

Augments: 2 atk 7 ele



this set is really just a Rath killer Imao

<u>Extra Longsword Info</u>

Common LS Abbreviations

DDS - Double Drawn Slash

FSS - Foresight Slash

SB I/II/III - Spirit Blade I/II/III

SS - Sakura Slash

ISS - Iai Spirit Slash

SK - Soaring Kick

SHB - Spirit Helmbreaker

SSC - Sacred Sheathe Combo/Counter

SRS - Spirit Release Slash

SP - Serene Pose

TSB - Tempered Spirit Blade

HM - Harvest Moon

RS - (Spirit) Roundslash

DS - Dividing Slash

Switch Skill Comparisons

Longsword in Sunbreak is very versatile and is one of the few weapons which can effectively use all of its Switch Skills. except step slash, we don't talk about step slash

Step Slash vs Double Drawn Slash

DDS is a complete upgrade to Step Slash. It deals more damage, finishes faster, has hyper armor at the start, fills half the spirit gauge, and skips Spirit Blade I. The only downside is that you can't Fade Slash directly from DDS and that it has shorter

vertical reach than Step Slash, but the same exact move (Overhead Slash) can be used unsheathed anyways.

I would recommend using DDS in every single scroll setup as it's objectively better than Step Slash.

Spirit Roundslash vs Spirit Reckoning

This Switch Skill changes the 3rd and 4th action of the Spirit Blade Combo.

Spirit Roundslash Combo comes with Spirit Blade III, which is the slowest move in the Longsword's kit, and requires a huge time commitment for mediocre damage. However, Spirit Roundslash is quick and has a huge horizontal hitbox, making it hard to miss. Furthermore, it chains smoothly from moves that lead straight into the Spirit Finisher, namely Sacred Sheathe Counter and Foresight Slash.

Spirit Reckoning Combo comes with Dividing Slash, which allows you to dash after Spirit Blade II or Iai Spirit Slash. The dash is quick and can also be angled slightly to the left or right, making it a great repositioning tool. Spirit Reckoning does far more damage than Spirit Roundslash. However, it is slower and has a vertical hitbox rather than a horizontal one, making it harder to hit.

Personally, I strongly recommend pairing Spirit Roundslash with Sacred Sheathe, and Spirit Reckoning with Special Sheathe.

Special Sheathe vs Sacred Sheathe

This Switch Skill changes the unique sheathing action that can be performed after most moves.

Special Sheathe has the hunter enter a temporary sheathing animation for 2.5 seconds (with QS3). From the Special Sheathe, the hunter can either follow up with lai Slash or lai Spirit Slash. Iai Slash is useful as it causes the Spirit Gauge to auto generate for a few seconds upon a successful hit. Iai Spirit Slash is a counter that grants a spirit tier upon a successful hit, and this can be chained into another Special Sheathe.

Sacred Sheathe turns the entire sheathing animation (1.4 seconds with QS3) into a counter window. If hit during this animation, the hunter will auto counter and spend one level of Spirit Gauge. If the player releases ZR/R2 during the sheathing animation, the hunter will perform a manual Sacred Sheathe Counter. A successful counter will fill the Spirit Gauge around 80% and lead straight into Spirit Finisher. If the player continues to hold ZR/R2 past the sheathing animation, the hunter will enter the Sacred Sheathe Focus, in which the Spirit Gauge will slowly drain from red down to none. Depending on the level of gauge consumed, Sacred Sheathe Focus can be released for 1, 2, or 3 hits, all of which gain hyper armor, and can also be followed up with Spirit Roundslash. Sacred Sheathe Release has a huge commitment but is also the strongest move in the entire LS kit.

Special Sheathe vs Sacred Sheathe is entirely up to personal preference, as they have drastically different playstyles. However, I can recommend which Switch Skills to use with each one.

As mentioned before, Special Sheathe pairs well with Spirit Reckoning. Iai Spirit Slash can also be chained directly into Soaring Kick and Serene Pose, allowing the hunter to fluidly chain counters and Spirit Helmbreakers to deal high damage, especially inside Harvest Moon.

Sacred Sheathe is best used with Roundslash, as it allows for a quick and safe way to level up the Spirit Gauge after a successful counter. Sakura Slash also pairs well with Sacred Sheathe, as it can be used both to change angles and cancel endlag, allowing for fluid back-to-back Sakura Slashes. Paired with Sacred Sheathe Counter and Spirit Roundslash, this is an extremely quick way to level up the gauge and land big hits with Sacred Sheathe Release.

Whether you use Special Sheathe or Sacred Sheathe is ultimately up to personal preference and monster matchup as they are both completely viable.

Soaring Kick vs Sakura Slash vs Tempered Spirit Blade

This Switch Skill changes the single wirebug silkbind of Longsword.

Spirit Helmbreaker received heavy damage and cooldown nerfs in Sunbreak. Although it can be chained directly from lai Spirit Slash, the cooldown and damage nerfs make it quite weak. SHB is rarely used over Serene Pose inside of Harvest Moon, with the exception being knockdowns.

Sakura Slash does less damage, is harder to aim, and has a longer cooldown than Spirit Helmbreaker. However, it will level the Spirit Gauge instead of consuming it.

Tempered Spirit Blade is a move that levels up the Spirit Gauge upon a successful counter, regardless of if it hits the monster. This also grants hyper armor for 1.6s upon a successful counter, similar to Foresight Slash. With a base cooldown of 6 seconds, TSB is extremely spammable and deals decent damage inside Harvest Moon. It is also one of the LS counters that can be used from neutral, the other being Serene Pose. Imissi u valor counter:

All of the Switch Skills for this slot have their uses and should be considered. Personally, I would recommend having Sakura Slash / TSB on one scroll, and Soaring Kick on the other. That way, you can use Sakura Slash / TSB to level up the gauge, and spend it with SHB.

Serene Pose vs Harvest Moon

This Switch Skill changes the double wirebug silkbind of Longsword.

Serene Pose is the strongest counter in the LS kit, and has a whopping 3 seconds of counter frames. It can be chained directly from Iai Spirit Slash, making it extremely strong with counter playstyles inside Harvest Moon. Furthermore, it's easy to use, safe, has a low cooldown per wirebug, and deals more damage than SHB inside Harvest Moon.

Harvest Moon creates a ring of Ironsilk around the hunter for 90 seconds. While inside the ring, successful counters will net additional hits based on the level of Spirit Gauge, and you gain infinite Spirit Gauge for Spirit Combo attacks and Foresight Slash. However, the ring will dissipate after sheathing, and the hunter cannot leave the ring with their weapon drawn. This makes Harvest Moon the most high-risk high-reward Longsword playstyle.

Serene Pose and Harvest Moon synergize well with each other, as a successful Serene Pose will net extra hits inside of Harvest Moon. Therefore, it is strongly recommended to use Harvest Moon on one scroll and Serene Pose on the other. If you feel uncomfortable using Harvest Moon, or prefer a Sacred Sheathe only playstyle, then using Serene Pose on both scrolls is a solid option.

Counters

Table and footage by Pafti#4723

	Counter Frames			
Skill	@240fps	@60fps	@30fps	Seconds
Foresight Slash	162	40.5	20.25	0.6750
<u>lai Spirit Slash</u>	72	18	9	0.3000
Sacred Sheathe Auto Counter (QS3)	336	84	42	1.4000
Sacred Sheathe Manual Counter	100	25	12.5	0.4166
Tempered Spirit Blade	80	20	10	0.3333
Serene Pose	720	180	90	3 Imao
<u>Redirection</u>	64	16	8	0.2666

Footage recorded at 240fps and slowed to 1/8th speed in editing. All counters are active starting Frame 1.

Foresight Slash



Foresight Slash 1/8th speed, 161 frames @ 240 FPS, 0.6750 seconds.

lai Spirit Slash



lai Spirit Slash 1/8th speed, 71 frames @ 240 FPS, 0.3 seconds.

Sacred Sheathe Counter



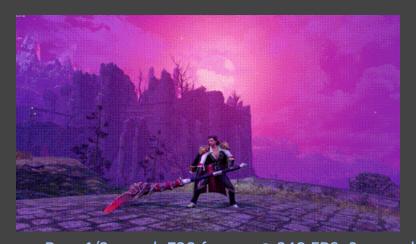
Sacred Sheathe Counter 1/8th speed, 99 frames @ 240 FPS, 0.4166 seconds.

Tempered Spirit Blade



Tempered Spirit Blade 1/8th speed, 79frames @ 240 FPS, 0.3333 seconds.

Serene Pose



Serene Pose 1/2 speed, 720 frames @ 240 FPS, 3 seconds.

Longsword Playstyles

There are several ways to play the Longsword in Rise, all of which are viable depending on matchup and personal preference.

Spirit Release Slash

This playstyle will use one scroll depending on if you are using Dereliction (Blue) or Mail of Hellfire (Red). Based on preference, Roundslash can be replaced with Reckoning and Sakura Slash with TSB.

In general, Sakura Slash/TSB and counters will be used to bring the Spirit Gauge to Red, then SRS will be used to land big damage on the monster.



Harvest Moon ISS

In this playstyle, one scroll is used to set up Harvest Moon at the start of the hunt and during large openings (downs or mounted state). The scroll is then swapped to gain access to Serene Pose inside Harvest Moon. This is also the most skill-intensive Longsword playstyle, so start practicing your counters!



Sakura Slash / Tempered Spirit Blade + Spirit Helmbreaker / Spirit Release Slash

The most general Longsword playstyle.

This playstyle will use Harvest Moon on one scroll and Sakura Slash / TSB on the other.

In general, the hunter will set up Harvest Moon, and use Sakura Slash, TSB, or ISS to fill up the spirit gauge. The red gauge can then be spent using either SHB or SRS depending on the player preference and timing windows. This playstyle should also be used along with the Harvest Moon ISS builds.



Note: Because this playstyle relies on swapping scrolls often, the damage increase from Dereliction or MoH is not consistent. Therefore, this playstyle is strictly weaker than the previous 2 playstyles.

SPEEN

You have one move:

<u>Sakura Slash</u>

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When u want to prove a point 😌

Feel free to use your own playstyle depending on personal preference. Just have fun with it!

Wirebug Recovery

Wirebug Whisperer 3 reduces the cooldown of wirebugs by 15% when on the ground. Ruby/Gold Wirebugs which reduce the cooldown by 15% for 3 minutes, and Wind Mantle reduces wirebug cooldowns by 5% to up to 40% depending on the level and threshold. The cooldown reduction from these 3 sources stack multiplicatively.

Silkbind Move	Base	WW3	WW3 + R/G	WW3 + WM1 (1st Threshold)	WW3+ WM1 (2nd Threshold)	WW3 + WM1 (3rd Threshold)
Soaring Kick	32s	27.2s	23.12s	25.84s	24.48s	21.76s
Sakura Slash	36.6s	31.11s	26.44s	29.55s	28s	24.89s
Tempered Spirit Blade	6s	5.1s	4.34s	4.85s	4.59s	4.08s
Serene Pose	20s	17s	14.45s	16.15s	15.3s	13.6s
Harvest Moon	24.4s	20.74s	17.64s	19.7s	18.67s	16.6s

Wind Mantle 2-3 is not included in the table above as it is not recommended over other priority skills. However, with god augs or comfort preference, Wind Mantle 2-3 can be used. The 1st threshold is reached when using any Silkbind Move, and thresholds are maintained as long as the monster is hit within 15 seconds. For Longsword, the 2nd and 3rd thresholds are reached at 10 and 20 hits respectively.

Wind Mantle	CD Reduction (1st Threshold)	CD Reduction (2nd Threshold)	CD Reduction (3rd Threshold)
Level 1	5%	10%	20%
Level 2	7%	15%	30%
Level 3	10%	20%	40%

Longsword Motion Values

Data collected by dtlnor#6902

Move	Motion Value	Element/Status Modifier	Spirit Gauge Gain
Step Slash	26	1.00	26
Overhead Slash	26	1.00	26
Drawn Double Slash(1st)	20	1.00	20
Drawn Double Slash(2nd)	35	1.00	30
Thrust	14	1.00	12
Thrust (after Spirit Blade I)	15	1.00	12
Rising Slash	18	1.00	12
Rising Slash (after Spirit Blade II)	20	1.00	12
Fade Slash	24	1.00	26
Lateral Fade Slash	24	1.00	26
Spirit Blade I	31	1.00	
Spirit Blade I (no spirit)	19	1.00	10
Spirit Blade II	33	1.00	
Spirit Blade III (1st)	13	1.00	
Spirit Blade III (2nd)	15	1.00	
Spirit Blade III (3rd)	37	1.00	
Spirit Roundslash	42	1.00	
Dividing Slash	30	1.00	
Spirit Reckoning (1st)	30	1.00	
Spirit Reckoning(2nd)	56	1.00	
Jumping Slash	26	1.00	30
Spirit Jumping Slash	33	1.00	
Jumping Spirit Blade II/III (1st hit)	18	1.00	
Jumping Spirit Blade II/III (2nd hit)	20	1.00	
Jumping Spirit Blade III (3rd hit)	20	1.00	
Jumping Spirit Blade II/III (land)	20	1.00	
Spirit Jumping Slash (no spirit)	18	1.00	15
Jumping Spirit Blade II/III (1st hit) (no spirit)	9	1.00	10
Jumping Spirit Blade II/III (2nd hit) (no spirit)	10	1.00	10

Move	Motion Value	Element/Status Modifier	Spirit Gauge Gain
Jumping Spirit Blade III (3rd hit) (no spirit)	10	1.00	20
Jumping Spirit Blade II/III (land) (no spirit)	10	1.00	10
Soaring Kick*	5	0.00	
Soaring Kick (fail)	30	1.00	
Plunging Thrust*	19	1.00	
Spirit Helm Breaker*	7	0.50	
Serene Pose	40	3.00	
Silkbind Sakura Slash (1st)	10	1.00	
Silkbind Sakura Slash (2nd)	10	1.00	
Silkbind Sakura Slash 1st hit tick*	12	0.60	
Silkbind Sakura Slash 2nd hit tick*	14	0.60	
Foresight Slash*	27	1.00	100
Foresight Slash (fail)	27	1.00	
lai Slash (1st)	25	1.00	
lai Slash (2nd)	30	1.00	
lai Spirit Slash (fail)	28	1.00	
lai Spirit Slash*	35	1.00	
lai Spirit Slash ticks*	17	1.00	
Tempered Spirit Blade*	34	1.00	50
Spirit Release Slash (1st hit)*	58	1.50	
Spirit Release Slash (2nd hit)*	155	2.00	
Spirit Release Slash (3rd hit)*	250	3.00	
Sacred Sheathe Counter (manual)*	28	1.00	80
Sacred Sheathe Counter (auto)	26	1.00	
Sacred Sheathing Focus LvO slash	55	1.50	
Harvest Moon extra hits	22	0.70	

^{*}Soaring Kick cannot crit and ignores HZVs

Tier after charging (ex. Spirit Release Slash charged from red will use yellow/white/none spirit multi for the

^{*}Plunging Thrust hits up to 3 times

^{*}Spirit Helmbreaker hits up to 7 times

^{*}Sakura Slash 1st and 2nd hit ticks hit up to 5 times each and use post-spirit raise multi

^{*}Foresight Slash does not need to land in order to perform Spirit Finisher inside Harvest Moon

^{*}lai Spirit Slash uses pre-counter Spirit Tier

^{*}lai Spirit Slash ticks and hit up to 3 times and use post-counter Spirit Tier

^{*}Tempered Spirit Blade uses post-counter Spirit Tier

^{*}Tempered Spirit Blade does not need to land to raise/generate spirit gauge

^{*}Spirit Release Slash hits will use the post-drop Spirit

1st/2nd/3rd hits respectively)

- *Sacred Sheathe Counter only generates spirit upon a successful counter
- *Sacred Sheathe Counter does not have to land to generate spirit gauge

Spirit Gauge Effects

- White applies a 1.04x multiplier to both Base Raw & Base Element
- Yellow applies a 1.08x multiplier to both Base Raw & Base Element
- o Red applies a 1.12x multiplier to both Base Raw & Base Element

Spirit Helmbreaker

- o Base Raw Damage is multiplied by 1.4/2.5/4x at White/Yellow/Red Spirit Tiers respectively
- Element/Status is multiplied by an additional 1/1.1/1.3x at White/Yellow/Red Spirit Tiers respectively
- o Multiplier to Player Raw and Element uses post-drop Spirit Tier

Serene Pose

- o Base Raw Damage is multiplied by 2/3/5x at White/Yellow/Red Spirit Tiers respectively
- Element/Status is Multiplied by an additional 1/1.1/1.3x at White/Yellow/Red Spirit Tiers respectively
- Multiplier to Player Raw uses post-drop Spirit Tier usually but can very rarely use pre-drop Spirit Tier if hit
 - early enough in the animation (potentially only the first frame)
- o Multiplier to Player Element uses pre-drop Spirit Tier

Harvest Moon uses post-drop spirit multi for Serene Pose extra hits, and post-raise spirit multi for ISS and TSB extra hits. Harvest Moon will only net extra hits upon hitting the monster with a successful counter.

Move	Harvest Moon extra hits	Harvest Moon extra hits raw multiplier
Serene Pose Lv0	2	0.8
Serene Pose Lv1	2	1
Serene Pose Lv2	3	1.15
Serene Pose Lv3	4	1.3
Foresight Slash Lv0	1	0.75
Foresight Slash Lv1	1	0.8
Foresight Slash Lv2	2	0.85
Foresight Slash Lv3	2	0.95
lai Spirit Slash LvO	2	0.9
lai Spirit Slash Lv1	3	0.95

Move	Harvest Moon extra hits	Harvest Moon extra hits raw multiplier
lai Spirit Slash Lv2	4	1
lai Spirit Slash Lv3	4	1
Sacred Sheathe Counter Lv0	1	0.8
Sacred Sheathe Counter Lv1	1	0.9
Sacred Sheathe Counter Lv2	2	0.95
Sacred Sheathe Counter Lv3	2	1
Tempered Spirit Blade Lv0	2	0.9
Tempered Spirit Blade Lv1	2	0.95
Tempered Spirit Blade Lv2	3	1
Tempered Spirit Blade Lv3	3	1

FAQs

- 1. What about Malicemonger, Seething Bazel LS, or Tigrex LS? These Longswords come with negative affinity, inferior slots, low natural purple and relatively high raw. Therefore, they will only outperform their counterparts with extremely high qurio/charm investments.
 - 2. What about Screakscythe?

It's slightly worse than Red Flash, but can reach purple sharpness with a level of Handicraft. Once again, requires god augs/charm to outperform its counterpart.

- 3. Why Reverent Elusarca over Moonbrand "Lua Cheia"? The Velkhana LS has more raw and better slots than the Lunagaron LS, but less element and sharpness. Since its matchups don't require Element Exploit, Handicraft can be used which allows the Velkhana LS to slightly outperform Lunagaron LS.
 - 4. What's the deal with Devil's Deal and Wyvern Blade "Luna" for SRS?

After tons of testing and math, we found that Wyvern Blade "Luna" and Devil's Deal were very similar in terms of damage. Here are our conclusions on Goldian vs. Scorned.

- 1) For non-Dere, Goldian LS with 100% affinity beats Scorned LS by around 2.5% 3% in a perfect run. When Dere is active, Scorned wins by a whopping 6%.
- 2) Non-Dereliction Scorned can outperform Goldian if you consider the difficulty of landing all Sakura Slash hits on HZVs of 45 and above.
- 3) Goldian will definitely outperform Scored for both Non-Dere and Dere if you can't consistently land SRS.
- 4) Scorned will have larger SRS numbers, but Goldian will outdamage Scorned for everything else.

In general, Goldian will outperform Scorned for Non-Dere, but lose with Dere.

For a more detailed comparison between the two, read Mikalya's <u>Sacred Sheathe</u> <u>quide</u>.

5. Why is Wyvern Blade "Luna" used instead of Devil's Deal for ISS? There are a few reasons. First, ISS uses more sharpness than SSC, so Devil's Deal would require sharpness investment to maintain purple, losing significant damage. Second, the Goldian LS has 10 more base raw and can max attack augs, unlike Devil's Deal. This makes up for the damage difference between white and purple sharpness. Third, Goldian LS has 10% base affinity, making it easier to build around, especially since ISS does not use Crit Draw for affinity.

6. Where are the god augment builds?

We won't include them here. There's no point to dedicating an entire section of the build guide to an incredibly small percentage of the community. If you have questions about god augment builds, feel free to ask us through Discord. However, to provide a baseline, I will include the Longswords that should be used with god aug builds.

- Malicemonger
- Bazel Prozio Rooksearer
- Desperate Roar+
- Volcanic Apocalypse

- Abyss Bringer Blade
- Oppressor's Law
- Flicker Blizzard Slash
- Screakscythe

7. What about Status Trigger / Adrenaline Rush and Bladescale Hone?

These skills are actually quite good with Sacred Sheathe playstyles. However, it can be awkward to play around dodging and requires relatively high qurio/charm investments. Feel free to use these skills if you'd like.

8. Which Switch Skills should I use?

Maybe read up?

9. Should I still use status Longswords in multiplayer?

Multiplayer really doesn't change much. Most of the additional damage from status weapons comes from Buildup Boost procs rather than damage from poison or blast, and multiplayer does not affect the number BuB procs.

10. Which Dango should I eat?

Booster is always a good option for free damage, and Fighter is good when using Maximum Might. Bird Caller 4 paired with Spiritbird's Call and Chameleos Blessing 1 is a super comfortable combination. Medic, Defender Hi, and Moxie all help you survive. Weakener is also an option, as long as you are the quest host for single monster hunts.

11. Which Petalace should I use?

Absolute Petalace for general use, Demon Petalace for damage.

12. Why should I play Longsword?

Why are you here?

<u>Resources</u>

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