

Difficult to Cut Glass

It's misleading to suggest some glass is harder to cut than others. Instead, some glass is less forgiving of a poor score than others. Smooth texture cathedral glass is the most forgiving. Textured glass is slightly less forgiving and streaked glass the least forgiving. Machine rolled glass is a more uniform texture than hand rolled and is thus considerably more likely to follow the score.

If you get a smooth consistent pressure score, all glass is likely to break along the score. The solution to getting "difficult" glass to break accurately is to improve your cutting skills. The best way to improve your skills is to practice the fundamentals of glass cutting:

- Hold the cutter perfectly vertical at all times
- Score with a uniform unchanging pressure
- Don't press too hard or too soft (your target is 6 to 8 lbs pressure).
- Score with a consistent speed from start to finish.
- Start the score as near as possible to the edge and run it right off the other edge.
- When tapping to run a score, use a small tip (no larger than 1/4" diameter).