

Cutting Tools

version 23 for Adobe Illustrator

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This plugin adds four tools to the tool panel in Adobe Illustrator.

- Hatchet tool: Click to use like the Scissors tool, except that it will cut through all paths at that point, not just the top path. This makes it perfect for cutting several lines where they cross. Hold down the Option key to cut through only selected paths. After cutting, you can drag the tool over the unwanted paths to delete them.
- Saber Saw tool: Drag the tool to draw a free-form line. When you release the mouse button, the Saber Saw will do a fence cut through all paths that cross the one you drew.
- Table Saw tool: Click and drag to create a straight line. When you release the mouse button, the Saber Saw will do a fence cut through all paths that cross the one you drew.
- Trim tool: Click or drag to delete path segments up to the end of the path or its intersection with another path. Note: closed paths and paths that cross over themselves may not recognize path intersections properly.
- Vector Vac tool: Either click on paths or drag through them to delete them.

Note that the cursor will change to indicate when it's over a path or a point.

Menu item, Object > Path > Fence Cut: Select a path object, either open or closed, then select Fence Cut from the Object menu. All paths below the selected path will be cut where they intersect the selected "fence" path. In the plugin's Preferences, you can choose whether the selected (Cut) path will be deleted, preserved, or cut.

To install the plugin, just drop it into Adobe Illustrator's "Plug-ins" folder. It doesn't matter if you put it in a subfolder you create (just to keep things tidy) or at the top level of the Plug-ins folder.

The correct path to the main plugins folder under **Windows (64-bit)** is:
Windows (C:) \Program Files\Adobe\Adobe Illustrator [version] \Plug-ins

The **Windows 32-bit** path just adds the "(x86)" like this:
Windows (C:) \Program Files (x86)\Adobe\Adobe Illustrator [version] \Plug-ins

On a **Mac**, the path to the plugin folder is:
/Applications/Adobe Illustrator [version]/Plug-ins

To activate the plugin, please purchase a license at <https://rj-graffix.com>. Activation codes will be emailed to you, which you can enter after clicking the *Activate* button in the plugin's About Box window.

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Feel free to use this plugin for an evaluation period of 1,000 uses. During this period it will be fully functional, and not limited in any way.

To license the plugin, go to the Graffix web site at <http://rj-graffix.com> and follow the menus to the Adobe Illustrator plugins page, or just navigate to <http://rj-graffix.com/product/cutting-tools-plugin/> and choose your platform and license type. After completing your purchase, you'll be sent an email confirming the transaction and a second email containing your activation codes. To enter the codes, go to the plugin's About box and click the Activate button. You can type in the code (without hyphens) or simply copy and paste it into the first field. By default the plugin will automatically check for plugins every 30 days, but with the update button in the About box you can configure the settings.

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