

# Tai Chi Swords (Taiji Jian)

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There are many types of sword. The basic swords learning swords consist of the wooden and extendable swords. Beyond that there are spring steel swords for practicing and then there are steel swords which are either for practicing or for competition use. The most important thing about getting a sword is the length of the blade. The tip of the sword would extend into the middle portion of the ear when the sword is held straight up. See photos below.



If you are planning to own more than 1 sword, then my recommendation is to start with an extendable sword and when you feel you want a “real” sword, buy a carbon steel sword. If you just want one sword then go with a spring steel or a competition sword. Personally, I own at least one of each type including a decorative sword that is totally useless for practicing.

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# Wooden Swords

Most of these are cheap and not of the best design but they are sufficient for learning and practicing. Most important tip[ is to not expect too much and expect to do some sanding and lacquering or painting to make it personal.

*Wooden Tai Chi Sword - \$23.75*

<http://www.martialartsmart.com/40-06.html>

Crafted in hardwood lacquer finish. 36 inches in length. Well-balanced sword. Ideal for practice. Weighs 1 pound.



*TMAS Wooden Tai Chi Sword - \$13.00*

<http://www.amazon.com/TMAS-Wooden-Tai-Chi-Sword/dp/B000R0GX2W>

The Martial Art Stores Wooden Tai Chi Sword is crafted in a hardwood lacquer finish. Our Wooden Tai Chi Sword is 36 inches in length and well balanced making this sword ideal for practice. **\*\* blade will be shorter than 36" for sure.**



### *Whetstone Cutlery Practice Tai Chi Sword - \$14.20*

[http://www.amazon.com/Whetstone-Cutlery-Practice-Tai-Sword/dp/B004IYCOP8/ref=pd\\_sim\\_sg\\_2](http://www.amazon.com/Whetstone-Cutlery-Practice-Tai-Sword/dp/B004IYCOP8/ref=pd_sim_sg_2)

36" Practice Tai Chi Sword This wooden practice Tai Chi sword is a perfect item for the martial arts trainee. It is 36 inches overall. The handle is complete with a carved oriental design. **\*\* Suggest you re-sand to make it smoother and lacquer it yourself. \*\***



## **Extendable Swords**

Great swords to own if you have to travel to get to practice. Comes in different lengths, so check that first. Some are made of plastic and some of aluminum. Be really careful with these when closing as the collapsible sections can pinch your fingers real good to draw blood.

### *Extendable Tai Chi Sword - \$44.64*

<http://www.martialartsmart.com/45-52.html>

A unique sword that collapses and folds inwards for easy carry. Has a soft metal steel finish that allows the sword to extend fully with the flick of the wrist. Blade length is 28.5". Full length of the sword is 37". Folds to 10" in length and extends to a standard size Tai Chi sword for practice use.



*Extendable Tai Chi Sword - \$6.28*

[http://www.amazon.com/General-Edge-Extendable-Tai-Sword/dp/B001F4MRWY/ref=pd\\_sim\\_sg\\_2](http://www.amazon.com/General-Edge-Extendable-Tai-Sword/dp/B001F4MRWY/ref=pd_sim_sg_2)

Plastic Handle, approx 37" overall, includes sheath



## Steel or metal Practice Swords

Usually pretty light weight and the spring steel can make the blade spring to life and with the right power even snaps! This used to be allowed at competitions. I am not sure if they still are. This can make the form very flashy and cool looking! Main thing to do is choose the right length. The amazon ones are very similar to the Martialartsmart ones for a lower price.

*Wushu Practice Sword with Scabbard \$34.19*

<http://www.martialartsmart.com/45-56cwu.html>

**Sorry, 26" and 28" is temporarily out of stock. Has 20", 24", 30" and 32"**

Ultralight metal blade, easy to make that popping sound. Chrome plated for easy maintenance. Note that these weapons are all handmade and subject to slight variations in measurements. Comes with tassel and a wood scabbard. Additional \$3.80 for the longer swords.



*Master Chinese Tai Chi Practice Sword Good Balanced New - \$49.99*

[http://www.amazon.com/Master-Chinese-Practice-Sword-Balanced/dp/B000OXH7XQ/ref=pd\\_sim\\_misc\\_1](http://www.amazon.com/Master-Chinese-Practice-Sword-Balanced/dp/B000OXH7XQ/ref=pd_sim_misc_1)

This Tai Chi sword is stainless steel with a mirrored polished finish. The sword is more rigid than a spring steel blade, but don't let that dissuade you. The sword is very firm in the handling but still has a great range of flexibility. **\*\* similar to the high carbon steel that Martial Arts Mart sells \*\***



*Tai Chi Sword Yin Yang Modernized Style Classic Design - \$35.39*

[http://www.amazon.com/Sword-Modernized-Style-Classic-Design/dp/B000EBBJQO/ref=pd\\_sbs\\_sg\\_4](http://www.amazon.com/Sword-Modernized-Style-Classic-Design/dp/B000EBBJQO/ref=pd_sbs_sg_4)

This Classic sword offers historical appearance combined with functional performance. The 29 1/2" blade is carbon steel construction, heat treated to perfection. The smooth black handle is surrounded by the solid cast metal pommel and coordinating guard with unique engravings. The classic black sheath is also constructed with matching cast metal parts. 40 3/4" overall. **\*\* similar to the high carbon steel that Martial Arts Mart sells \*\***



*High-Carbon Steel Practical Tai Chi Sword with black scabbard \$137.73 – Out of Stock as of 8/25/12*

<http://www.martialartsmart.com/45-2008.html>

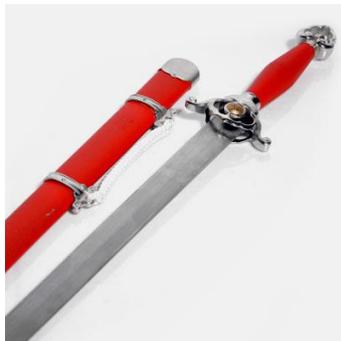
The elegant steel fittings of these swords catch the eye, but the exquisite balance will catch your heart. A fully tempered high-carbon flattened-diamond section steel blade is set in a solid steel guard, with a beautiful matching black scabbard. As functional as it is practical, the performance of this weapon as a practice sword will amaze you. A sword that any practitioner will treasure! Blade length: 30" Overall: 37" Weight: 1.4 lbs.



*Premium Wushu Sword (Jian) with red scabbard - \$128.23*

<http://www.martialartsmart.com/45-2062.html>

This straight sword is extremely fast and light with a Wushu-grade spring steel blade. These blades taper to almost paper thin at the tip for a surprisingly loud pop in skilled hands. Unlike most Wushu swords, this weapon has solid fittings that are beautifully designed for performance and balance. Hot red handle matches the red scabbard in color and fitting design. It's good for Tai Chi Practitioners. Blade length: 29.5" Overall: 36.5" Weight: less than 1 lb. Created by Hanwei Forge.



# Competition Swords

If you are planning to compete in a tournament, you will need to look for swords that are within the allowed specs at a tournament.

*Wushu Competition Tai Chi Sword (Taiji Jian) \$75.95*

<http://www.martialartsmart.com/45-56tc.html>

**Sorry, size 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 are temporarily out of stock.**

**Please note: Swords may vary in style.** All swords will be certified competition swords. MartialArtsMart.com uses two sword factories direct from China to ensure stock. Each utilizes different guards and fittings and may change them periodically. We appreciate your understanding.

The international governing body for Chinese Martial Arts competition, the International Wushu Federation (IWuF), has established standards for swords in competition. The hollow-ground blade design strengthens the spine of the blade while keeping the tip flexible. This makes for a light, yet sturdy weapon with a balance that's ideal for competition or every day practice. Each weapon comes with a special tag that certifies that they have met the rigorous new standards for competition. Tai Chi swords use a flattened-diamond blade design. Comes in multiple sizes for a perfect fit. Comes with scabbard made from beautiful "huali" wood.

Item	Blade Length	Product Length
45-56TC01	27.5in	35.65in
45-56TC02	28in	36.5in
45-56TC03	29in	37.5in
45-56TC04	30in	38.5in
45-56TC05	30.5in	39in
45-56TC06	31in	40in
45-56TC07	32.7in	42.5in
45-56TC08	34.5in	44in

