

Strength

Stat Goals

- Vigor: 60
- Strength: 54
- Dexterity: 14
- Intelligence: 20
- Affinities:
 - Fire
 - Heavy

Recommended Weapons

Greatsword	Ruins Greatsword
Starscourge Greatsword	Beastman's Cleaver
Meteoric Ore Blade	Warped Axe
Greataxe	Brick Hammer
Prelate's Inferno Crozier	Fallingstar Beast Jaw
Serpent-Hunter	Nightrider Glaive
Fingerprint Stone Shield	Giant-Crusher

Recommended Ash of War

Wild Strikes	Lion's Claw
Hoarah Loux's Earthshaker	Troll's Roar
Sword Dance	Giant Hunt
Royal Knight's Resolve	Flaming Strike
Flame of the Redmanes	Eruption
Prelate's Charge	Shield Crash

Pros

- High Attack Rating
- Burst Damage
- Poise Break
- Strong Hyper Armor
- Greatshields

Cons

- Slow Attacks
- Low Range
- Heavy Equip Load
- Less Fire Damage in Rain

Description

Strength builds can wield some of the strongest weapons in the game to deal incredible amounts of damage and devastate foes with charge attacks, jumps attacks, and powerful weapon skills. These builds excel when holding a weapon in both hands due to the two-handed Strength multiplier of +50%. This also provides access to weapons that otherwise would require more Strength, so 54 Strength effectively means 81 Strength when two-handing, and 80 is the Strength damage soft cap.

Because Strength weapons get some of the highest attack ratings in the game, they are well-suited to Skills such as Giant Hunt and Lion's Claw. With only 34 Strength, Fire is the better choice of Affinity; any higher, and Heavy deals more damage. All fire Ashes of War scale with Strength, so they are great options as well, even with the Heavy affinity. Strength builds also have inherent access to Greatshields, which can block most incoming attacks with ease.

Acquiring the Greatsword in Caelid on a new character is highly beneficial while leveling a Strength build. It has high base damage and can scale incredibly quickly with just a few points in Strength. The Flame of the Redmanes Ash of War is also found in Caelid, and is excellent for staggering enemies, essentially giving you free Critical Hits; it will also enable you to imbue your weapon with the Fire affinity, increasing your damage output even further.

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