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An ancient blade predating the fall of the Orokin Empire. Forged using techniques lost over the centuries, the edge remains sharper than that of any modern Nikana.



836 VOTES



106 COMMENTS

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Hybrid  
Nikana:  
Million  
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20k DPS  
|  
+Millions

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ATTACK SPEED1.00

CRITICAL CHANCE28%

CRITICAL MULTIPLIER4.6x

RANGE5.50m

RIVEN DISPOSITION0.60

STATUS CHANCE36.4%

DAMAGE

IMPACT9.9

PUNCTURE9.9

SLASH178.2

VIRAL ( + )59.4

TOTAL DAMAGE257.4

AVERAGE HIT514.0

SUSTAINED DPS863.1

Weeping Wounds

Blood Rush

Condition Overload

+43.4%  
Organ Shatter

+55.0%  
Primed Fury

Primed Reach

+13.0%  
Virulent Scourge

+13.0%

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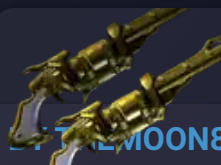


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Hello there,

### UPDATE

Use [Primed Fury] instead of [Berserker Fury], use one more Forma to fit the build.

So there's a rumor that all you need here is clickbait title and even more clickbait guide to get the highest up votes on this page. Well... I'm afraid that this might be true.

I'm beyond that. So let me just go straight to the point.

**There's no better, no more efficient [Nikana Prime] build on this page than this one here!!!**

*(Except the one with godlike riven)*

Now it's the right time to curse me in the comments section.

Are you done? OK! Now, let me explain the build a little.

It's easy to look at growing numbers on the page, especially when you're looking at Average Hit and Sustained DPS... **more**

Very wrong! Why? OK, look:

- our base Nikana Prime **Critical Chance (CC)** is **28%**
- our base Nikana Prime **Critical Multiplier (CD)** is **x2.4**
- we **stack up combo**, we got **x12**, now our **CC is 151%** and our **CD is x3.8** (wait... what?! How? Well, as the **Critical Chance increases**, the Tier of **Critical Damage does so as well**)
- we won't exceed 200% with any normal (or sacrificial) mod, so **there's no point to raise CC more...** let's add CD, so we add **Organ Shatter**, and now we got **151% CC** and **x6.4 CD**.
- now that we rich'd our maximum CC and CD, we have to **find a balance**
- [\[Nikana Prime\]](#) is mostly **Slash damage weapon**, so obviously we **add Viral**, but **we want more Slash that Viral...** that's why both dual stats mods are **R0**, so we can have that Viral, but **Slash has much higher weighting**
- thanks to this now we **deal more Slash proc**.
- but we want to **proc. it as much as possible**, so we take advantage of **Weeping Wounds**
- we want to make that weapon **viable in literally every single situation** we approach, so we add **Condition Overload...** the toughest opponent, the harder he gets
- but we are not facing a single opponent, **we are facing an army**, that's why we must **deal damage quickly** and that **damage must be dealt to as many enemies as we can hit with one swing**, so we add **Primed Fury** and **Primed Reach**
- finally, we choose [\[Blind Justice\]](#) as a **stance** because we want a **stance that deal mostly Slash damage and have the best combos**

And this... this is why **this build is the best** here on this page!

**I also have alternatives for all of you, but it requires three Formas.**

What's changing?

**3 Formas:**

At first glance, you can see that **I completely dropped Elemental damage**, added the [\[Spring-Loaded Blade\]](#) mod, very rare in common builds, and increased **Critical Damage** in the



ATTACK SPEED 1.68  
 CRITICAL CHANCE 182.1%  
 CRITICAL MULTIPLIER 6.0x  
 RANGE 7.50m  
 RIVEN DISPOSITION 0.60  
 STATUS CHANCE 151.2%

**DAMAGE**  
 IMPACT 33.7  
 PUNCTURE 33.7  
 SLASH 605.8

TOTAL DAMAGE 673.1  
 AVERAGE HIT 6802.3  
 SUSTAINED DPS 11 422.1



### 3 Formas alternatively:

In the second case, I increased the **Attack Speed**, which drastically increases the DPS. **Faster swings = DPS increase.**

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ORKIN REACTOR  
 APPLY CONDITIONALS

ATTACK SPEED 2.11  
 CRITICAL CHANCE 151.3%  
 CRITICAL MULTIPLIER 4.6x  
 RANGE 7.50m  
 RIVEN DISPOSITION 0.60  
 STATUS CHANCE 151.2%

**DAMAGE**  
 IMPACT 33.7  
 PUNCTURE 33.7  
 SLASH 605.8

TOTAL DAMAGE 673.1  
 AVERAGE HIT 4299.0  
 SUSTAINED DPS 9081.7



### 3 Formas alternatively:

Another way to destroy your opponents is "**Primed Smite...**" mods, depending on which faction you are going to. I know that there are both supporters and opponents of these mods, I don't like them personally, but they are mods that **increase the damage** done to enemies of a specific faction. Damage is **calculated as a total damage multiplier** against the faction, so it's kinda powerful.

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 APPLY CONDITIONALS

ATTACK SPEED 1.68  
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 CRITICAL MULTIPLIER 4.6x  
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 RIVEN DISPOSITION 0.60  
 STATUS CHANCE 151.2%

**DAMAGE**  
 IMPACT 52.2  
 PUNCTURE 52.2  
 SLASH 938.9

TOTAL DAMAGE 1043.3  
 AVERAGE HIT 6663.5  
 SUSTAINED DPS 11 189.2



Why am I giving these alternatives?

The current "META" in the game looks like that. [\[Nikana Prime\]](#) is one of those melee weapons that are in the "META" so I




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**Protip:** don't forget about "**Primer**" - Primary or Secondary **Status Sprayers**, weapons that can chain enemies or can spread AoE damage. People usually runs with [Kuva Nukor] but is this not the only "Primer" you can use, it's just the most popular right now.

Enjoy, THeMooN85

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