

# iPhone glass maker to cut 727 jobs in Arizona

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(AP)—A manufacturer of sapphire glass that Apple Inc. uses in iPhones plans to eliminate 727 jobs at an Arizona plant.

GT Advanced Technologies filed for Chapter 11 [bankruptcy protection](#) last week.

The company on Thursday announced its layoff plans for the Mesa plant as required by the federal Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act.

The [job cuts](#) include 524 production workers, 108 technical positions, 70 management jobs and 25 administrative jobs.

The bankruptcy and ensuing effort to shut down the factory mark was a surprising turn after state, local and business leaders previously bragged that the plant would be a major boost to the Arizona economy.

Apple currently uses sapphire glass for camera lenses and its fingerprint-reading home button on many new iPhones.

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