

What level of security do you need?

Your security needs depend on the confidentiality of the materials you are shredding. There are 4 main levels of security; the higher the level of security, the smaller the cut size.

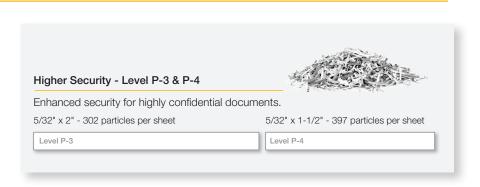
STRIP-CUT

A strip cut shredder, level P-2, will provide basic security. Strip cut shreds are typically a 7/32" of an inch wide and as long as the document being shredded. This means that an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper will be shredded into approximately 39 particles or strips.

Basic Security - Level P-2	
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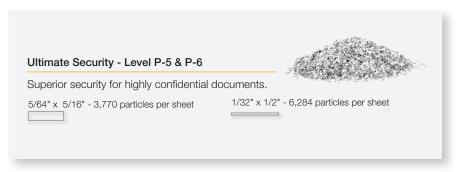
CROSS-CUT

With cross cut shredders (Level P-3 and P-4), paper becomes extremely difficult to assemble and read. Standard cross cut shreds are typically 5/32" x 2". So an 8 ½" x 11" sheet of paper will be shredded into approximately 300 particles. That's a significant increase from the strip cut shredder, providing you with very strong security.



MICRO-CUT

If you are shredding highly confidential documents and you desire an even higher level of security, then you should consider a microcut shredder (level P-5 and P-6). A standard cut size for a micro-cut shredder is 5/64"x 5/16". This means that shredding an 8 ½" x 11" sheet of paper with a micro-cut shredder could result in 3,700-6,200 particles, depending on model.



HIGH-SECURITY

Government approved high-security shredders provide the highest level of protection. Level P-7 shredders are created for destroying top secret and classified documents, high-security shredders have a 1/32" x 3/16" cut size. This means that shredding a 8 ½" x 11" sheet of paper will result in more than 15,000 particles.

