Paper Shredder Security Levels

There are four types of shredders. For our comparison, we looked at products in the cross-cut and micro-cut category.

**Strip-Cut**

*Level P-2*

Lowest security in a shredder.

- 7/32" x Length of Paper - 39 strips per sheet

### Basic Shredder Security – Level P-2

Slices paper into narrow strips the same length as the paper itself. Lowest security in a shredder.

### Higher Shredder Security – Level P-3-4

 Creates confetti of shreds that are 5/32" x 1 1/2," or 5/32" x 2." Good for confidential home documents. Some snippets of data might possibly recoverable if paper shredded in landscape orientation.

**Cross-Cut**

*Level P-3 and P-4*

Good for confidential home documents.

- 5/32" x 2' - 302 particles per sheet
- 5/32" x 1 1/2' - 397 particles per sheet

### Micro-Cut

*Level P-5*

Highest security.

- 5/64" x 5/16" - 3,770 particles per sheet

### Ultimate Shredder Security – Level P-5

Makes tiny pieces of paper that won't hold much more than a few characters each, at best. Highest security recommended for home and business. Shred pieces will be 5/64" x 5/16".

### High-Security

*Level P-7*

For top secret government documents.

- 1/32" x 3/16" - 15,081 particles per sheet

### Government Approved – Level P-7

If you’re shredding top secret government documents, this is what you want. Each sheet of paper will be reduced to over 15,000 tiny pieces of paper dust.