GUIDE TO NEW ANSI AND EN388 CUT LEVELS

WHICH ANSI LEVEL DO I CHOOSE?

200 - 499 grams to cut
Light cut hazards: material handling, small parts assembly with sharp edges, packaging, warehouse, general purpose, forestry, construction

2200 - 2999 grams to cut
Medium/heavy cut hazards: appliance manufacturing, bottle and light glass handling, canning, dry walling, electrical, carpet installation, HVAC, pulp and paper, automotive assembly, metal fabrication, metal handling, packaging, warehouse, aerospace industry, food prep/processing

500 - 999 grams to cut
Light/medium cut hazards: material handling, small parts assembly with sharp edges, packaging, warehouse, general purpose, forestry, construction, pulp & paper, automotive assembly

3000 - 3999 grams to cut
High cut hazards: metal stamping, metal recycling, pulp and paper (changing slitter blades), automotive assembly, metal fabrication, sharp metal stampings, glass manufacturing, window manufacturing, recycling, plant/sorting, HVAC, food prep/processing, meat processing, aerospace industry

1000 - 1499 grams to cut
Light/medium cut hazards: material handling, small parts assembly with sharp edges, packaging, warehouse, general purpose, forestry, construction, pulp & paper, automotive assembly

4000 - 4999 grams to cut
High cut hazards: metal stamping, metal recycling, pulp and paper (changing slitter blades), automotive assembly, metal fabrication, sharp metal stampings, glass manufacturing, window manufacturing, recycling, plant/sorting, HVAC, food prep/processing, meat processing, aerospace industry

1500 - 2199 grams to cut
Medium cut hazards: appliance manufacturing, bottle and light glass handling, canning, dry walling, electrical, carpet installation, HVAC, pulp and paper, automotive assembly, metal fabrication, metal handling, packaging, warehouse, aerospace industry, food prep/processing

5000 - 5999 grams to cut
High cut hazards: metal stamping, metal recycling, pulp and paper (changing slitter blades), automotive assembly, metal fabrication, sharp metal stampings, glass manufacturing, window manufacturing, recycling, plant/sorting, HVAC, food prep/processing, meat processing, aerospace industry

6000+ grams to cut
High cut hazards: metal stamping, metal recycling, pulp and paper (changing slitter blades), automotive assembly, metal fabrication, sharp metal stampings, glass manufacturing, window manufacturing, recycling, plant/sorting, HVAC, food prep/processing, meat processing, aerospace industry

* FOR THE U.S ANSI is essentially the only rating considered.
WHICH EN 388 LEVEL DO I CHOOSE?

**A**
- EN388: 2 newtons = 203 grams to cut
- Light material handling, small parts assembly without sharp edges

**B**
- EN388: 5 newtons = 509 grams to cut
- Packaging, warehouse, light duty general purpose

**C**
- EN388: 10 newtons = 1019 grams to cut
- Light duty metal handling, metal stamping, HVAC, light duty glass handling, plastics, material handling

**D**
- EN388: 15 newtons = 1529 grams to cut
- Light duty metal handling, appliance manufacturing, bottle and light glass handling, canning, dry walling, electrical, carpet installation, HVAC

**E**
- EN388: 22 newtons = 2243 grams to cut
- Metal stamping, sheet metal handling, glass handling, automotive assembly

**F**
- EN388: 30 newtons = 3059 grams to cut
- Heavy duty metal stamping, metal recycling, food processing, pulp and paper

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