

Heavy-Duty Paper Trimmers / Guillotines

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A heavy-duty paper trimmer or guillotine cuts large stacks of paper, card and posters cleanly and squarely, with a spring-loaded blade and safety guard. It is the essential finishing tool for display work, booklets and resource preparation.

Key Features

- Cutting lengths from A4 to A2
- Stacks of 10-50 sheets at a time
- Spring-loaded guard blades
- Grids and clamp bars for accuracy
- Floor-standing or rotary cutters

Typical Uses in the Workshop

- Trim posters, prints and display boards
- Cut card and paper for models and folders
- Prepare batches of worksheets
- Make clean edges on project work

Safe Operation

1. Align the paper against the grid and clamp
2. Keep fingers clear of the blade path
3. Pull the handle down smoothly through the cut
4. Rotary cutters slide along the rail
5. Store with the blade locked down

SAFETY NOTES

- The blade is extremely sharp - one person only
- Keep fingers behind the cutting line
- Do not cut beyond the rated capacity
- Use the guard at all times
- Store the trimmer with the guard locked

Maintenance & Consumables

- Check the blade edge and replace when dull
- Lubricate hinges and slides
- Clean cutting debris from the base
- Check the guard spring works
- Keep the cutting mat surface clean

Specification & Buying Notes

A rotary trimmer with a clamp bar suits school use and cuts cleanly for years. Cut-to-A2 length covers display work. Check the cutting capacity for card as well as paper.