

Revamped guillotines from Dahle:

A cut above

Lingen, in March 2024. After overhauling its rotary trimmers in 2020, brand manufacturer Dahle has now given its iconic blue guillotines a makeover. An optimised grip and improvements to the table markings and the backstop are key upgrades that deliver better ergonomics, even greater ease of use and especially precise cuts. The company has moreover organised its extensive guillotine range into three categories to help users more quickly and easily find the right device for their professional or hobby needs.

Whether for personal use by hobbyists or professional applications in industry and the trades: equipped with paper or material blades, the blue Dahle guillotines are finely honed to serve a variety of requirements. Their upper and lower blades are made from hardened, high-quality Solingen steel and guaranteed to produce clean cuts over a long service life. Depending on the model, the guillotines can cut paper, cardboard or materials such as metal, plastic, fabrics and more. To avoid injury, the devices feature blade guards or Dahle automatic safety guards that will not obstruct one's view of the cutting edge. A robust metal cutting table with rounded edges and non-slip rubber feet ensures stability, allowing users to work with precision, while format lines and automatic or combined clamping ensure that cuts are exact to the millimetre. These guillotines, which have been tried and tested for decades, have now been updated and - where possible - optimised.

Optimised blade grip for better ergonomics

Significant improvements were made to the plastic blade grip of the guillotines. Dominique Fanta, Sales Director Global & Europe and Brand Manager at Novus Dahle, explains: "As guillotines are operated from above, the new grip makes cutting paper even more ergonomic because it is

designed specifically to transmit power from above.” When pushed down, the new grip lies even better in one’s hand, so working especially with large amounts of paper becomes more comfortable.

Lines and angles for intuitive use

The format lines printed onto the cutting table were also significantly optimised to help with aligning the material: they have been adapted to common international formats so that paper and other materials can be cut as precisely, easily and comfortably as possible, while additional format lines, angles, lines parallel to the lower blade and easily comprehensible icons make the process more intuitive.

New backstop for even greater precision

The improved backstop – the adjustable bar on the cutting table for quickly finding the right format – allows more precise positioning of the material to be cut. By employing additional magnets, Dahle has further increased the stability of the backstop and therefore ultimately the precision of each cut. The backstop’s visual design was also tastefully revised: its more angular shape gives the Dahle guillotines a modern look.

Categories make it quick and easy to choose the right device

It is not just on the technical side that Dahle guillotines have been optimised: “Dahle’s guillotine range is very extensive. To make it easier for customers to choose, we have now organised it into three categories – ‘EASY’, ‘PRO’ and ‘EXPERT’ – to suit various applications”, reports Fanta. Guillotines in the starter category ‘EASY’ are perfect for household tasks, creative DIY projects and/or infrequent use. Dahle’s PRO devices are ideal if paper often needs to be cut in a personal or professional capacity, and the powerful, robust ‘EXPERT’ guillotines which cut paper and other material are optimal for trade and industrial applications. As of April, the "EASY" guillotines will be available in stores, followed by the devices in the other two categories in May and June.

Extended warranty for "EASY" guillotines

The "PRO" and "EXPERT" guillotines come with a five-year warranty. For the "EASY" devices, the statutory warranty of two years applies. Fanta: "In this case, however, customers benefit from our extended warranty that is planned until 31 December 2024." On the manufacturer's website, buyers can register their new "EASY" guillotines and extend the warranty by three years to a total of five years.

Making great tools even better

"Our guillotines have always been characterised by their reliable functionality, their precise cuts and their durability. But anyone who thinks a great product cannot get even better is mistaken", says Fanta. "Of course we have not changed anything about the cutting performance, because that was already outstanding. Nor have we changed the iconic blue colour that makes all Dahle guillotines instantly recognisable. With this makeover we have however succeeded in gently adapting the guillotines to latest standards of ergonomics and ease of use as well as to internationally common formats. The end result are high-quality cutting machines that suit all requirements and always make the cut perfectly."

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Dahle presents its optimised guillotines with improved ergonomics, ease of use and precision. Organising the range into categories helps customers find the right product.



The new 'EASY' guillotine models from Dahle are ideal for household, hobby and DIY use.



Dahle's new guillotines in the 'PRO' category are perfect for businesses, schools, workshops, and offices.



Robust design, safe and precise cuts: 'EXPERT' guillotines from Dahle are professional cutting machines for trades and industry.