

# 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 EN388 LEVEL DO I CHOOSE?



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



**5 newtons =  
509 grams to cut**  
Packaging, warehouse,  
light duty general purpose



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



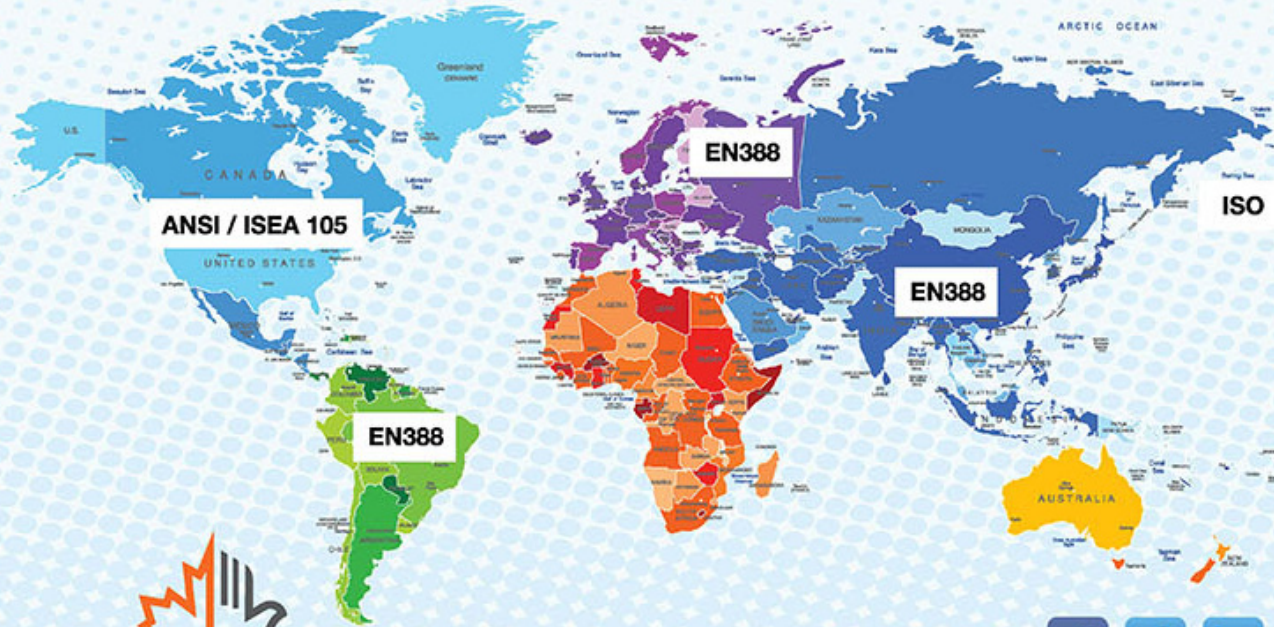
**15 newtons =  
1529 grams to cut**  
Light duty metal handling,  
appliance manufacturing,  
bottle and light glass handling,  
canning, dry walling, electrical,  
carpet installation, HVAC



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



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



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