

Size matters!

The smaller the shred the higher the security

Topwood Shredding offers a choice of shred sizes depending on your industry's requirements. How do you know what shred size you need?

A standard shred size is suitable for most commercially sensitive documents. However, regulations and corporate governance can stipulate higher security levels. When destroying restricted or classified documents a smaller shred size will be specified. For example the UK Government's CPNI Standard covers the destruction of sensitive documents on behalf of the Ministry of Justice. It states paper documents must be cross cut.

Our destruction process uses state of the art shredders that completely destroy unwanted documents. In the UK the most referred to shredding standard is EN15713 but other standards for measuring shred size are used. For example the DIN Classification 66399 classifies shred sizes from P1 (largest) to P7 and is used in the specifications of office shredders.

Unlike most shredding companies, we have shred trucks that will cross cut documents for maximum security

In addition to the shred size all the millions of tiny paper pieces are mixed in the back of the shred truck making impossible to reconstruct documents.

EN15713 security level 4 (DIN Level P-1)

For most industry requirements a standard shred is ok. Documents are shredded to EN15713 Security Level 4 (the average shred is about the size of a large paper clip). This level is also suitable for ID cards, CDs, tapes, hard drives and x-rays.



EN15713 security level 6 (DIN level P-4)

The smallest and **most secure** shred size in EN15713 is level 6 (average shred size is about the size of the head a push pin). Topwood have high security shredders that will cross cut documents to approx. 160mm sq.



Topwood operates its document and data shredding services to information security standard ISO 27001. This standard incorporates EN15713 so you can be 100% confident that our service is safe. Call us and we can help safely dispose of your confidential documents.

The British Security Industry Association (BSIA) have a handy guide to shredding standard to EN15713 – to view the standard click here.

