

## Dahle 561

# Dahle 00.66.00561 Guillotine with Lever Instruction Manual

Model: 561

## INTRODUCTION

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This manual provides essential instructions for the safe and effective operation, setup, and maintenance of your Dahle 00.66.00561 Guillotine with Lever. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the device to ensure proper function and user safety.

## Safety Information

- Always keep hands clear of the blade area.
- Ensure the automatic safety guard is functioning correctly before each use.
- Do not attempt to cut materials other than paper or cardstock within the specified thickness.
- Keep the guillotine on a stable, flat surface during operation.
- Store the guillotine in a safe place, out of reach of children.
- Exercise caution when handling the blade for cleaning or inspection.

## SETUP

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The Dahle 00.66.00561 Guillotine is designed for stability and ease of use. Follow these steps to prepare your guillotine for operation:

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove the guillotine from its packaging. Inspect for any signs of damage during transit.
2. **Placement:** Place the guillotine on a sturdy, level work surface. The unit weighs approximately 13.73 pounds, ensuring good stability during use.
3. **Blade Position:** Ensure the cutting lever is in its fully upright position. This allows for proper placement of materials under the cutting guide.

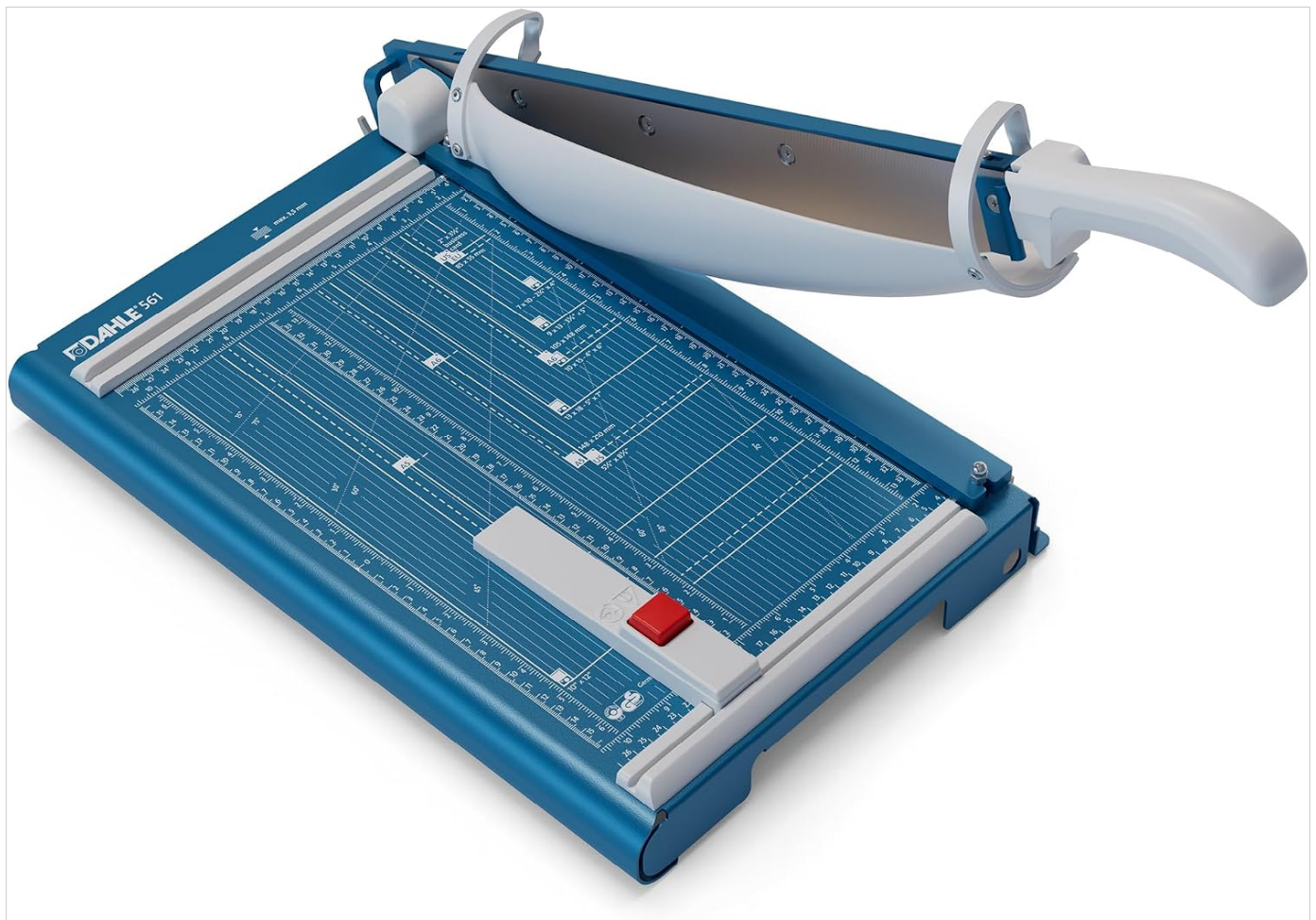


Image: The Dahle 00.66.00561 Guillotine with Lever, showing its overall design and components. This image illustrates the product in its ready-to-use state on a flat surface.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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To achieve precise and clean cuts, follow these operating procedures:

1. **Prepare Material:** Gather the paper or cardstock you intend to cut. The guillotine can cut up to 35 sheets of 80 g/m<sup>2</sup> paper simultaneously.
2. **Position Material:** Lift the cutting lever to its highest position. Slide the material under the cutting blade and against the backstop. Use the integrated grid and measurement markings on the metal table (440mm wide x 265mm deep) to align your material accurately.
3. **Adjust Sliding Guide:** For repetitive cuts or precise measurements, utilize the sliding guide. Press the red button on the guide to unlock it, then slide it to your desired measurement. Release the button to lock it in place.
4. **Engage Safety Guard and Clamp:** As you begin to lower the cutting lever, the automatic safety guard will rotate into position, and the integrated paper clamp will engage, holding the material firmly in place. This prevents shifting during the cut.
5. **Perform Cut:** Continue to lower the lever with a smooth, firm motion until the cut is complete. The high-quality steel blades are designed for clean edges.
6. **Retrieve Material:** Once the cut is finished, return the lever to its fully upright position. Remove the cut material.

# A4 guillotine



Image: The Dahle guillotine in use, demonstrating the cutting of A4 paper. The image highlights the measurement grid and the positioning of paper for a cut.



Image: A close-up view of the Dahle guillotine cutting a stack of paper, illustrating its 35-sheet capacity. This shows the blade descending through multiple sheets.



# Automatic safety guard: safe application and a clear view

Image: The automatic safety guard on the Dahle guillotine, providing a clear view of the cutting line while ensuring user safety. The guard moves with the blade.

## MAINTENANCE

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Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your Dahle guillotine.

- **Cleaning:** Regularly wipe down the metal table and blade area with a dry, soft cloth to remove paper dust and debris. Avoid using abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Blade Care:** The Dahle guillotine features a self-sharpening blade. This design helps maintain a sharp edge over time with regular use. No manual sharpening is typically required.
- **Lubrication:** Periodically apply a small amount of light machine oil to the pivot points and moving parts to ensure smooth operation. Wipe off any excess oil.
- **Storage:** When not in use, ensure the cutting lever is fully upright and the safety guard is in place. Store the unit in a clean, dry environment.

# High quality steel blades: ground upper and lower blade



Image: A close-up of the high-quality steel blades of the Dahle guillotine, showing the ground upper and lower blade edges. This illustrates the precision cutting components.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Dahle guillotine, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

- **Uneven Cuts:**

- Ensure paper is firmly pressed against the backstop and side guide.
- Verify the automatic clamp is engaging properly to prevent paper shifting.
- Check for excessive paper dust or debris under the blade or clamp mechanism.
- Do not exceed the maximum cutting capacity (35 sheets of 80 g/m<sup>2</sup> paper).

- **Difficulty Lowering Lever:**

- Ensure no foreign objects are obstructing the blade path.

- Check if the paper stack exceeds the maximum thickness.
  - Apply light lubrication to pivot points if movement feels stiff.
- **Blade Not Cutting Cleanly:**
    - While the blade is self-sharpening, prolonged heavy use or cutting inappropriate materials can affect its edge. If issues persist after cleaning, contact Dahle customer support.

## SPECIFICATIONS

| Feature                | Detail                                            |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Brand                  | Dahle                                             |
| Model Number           | 561                                               |
| Item Weight            | 13.73 pounds (6.23 kg)                            |
| Product Dimensions     | 27.76 x 17.4 x 7.6 inches (70.5 x 44.2 x 19.3 cm) |
| Material Type          | Alloy Steel                                       |
| Color                  | Blue                                              |
| Sheet Size             | DIN A4                                            |
| Cut Length             | 360 mm                                            |
| Max. Cutting Thickness | 3.5 mm (approx. 35 sheets of 80 g/m²)             |
| Table Size             | 440mm wide x 265mm deep                           |

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For information regarding warranty coverage, technical support, or replacement parts, please contact Dahle customer service directly. Refer to the official Dahle website or product packaging for the most current contact details.  
**Dahle Official Website:** [www.dahle.com](http://www.dahle.com)

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