

SELECTING SANDPAPER

Grit	Number	Grade	Coating Available ¹	Common Uses
Very Coarse	30	2½	F,G,S	Rust removal on rough finished metal.
	36	2	F,G,S	
Coarse	40	1½	F,G,S	Rough sanding of wood; paint removal.
	50	1	F,G,S	
	60	½	F,G,A,S	
Medium	80	0(1/0)	F,G,A,S	General wood sanding; plaster smoothing; preliminary smoothing of previously painted surface.
	100	00(2/0)	F,G,A,S	
	120	3/0	F,G,A,S	
Fine	150	4/0	F,G,A,S	Final sanding of bare wood or previously painted surface.
	180	5/0	F,G,A,S	
Very Fine	220	6/0	F,G,A,S	Light sanding between finish coats; dry sanding.
	240	7/0	F,A,S	
	280	8/0	F,A,S	
Extra Fine	320	9/0	F,A,S	High finish on lacquer, varnish, or shellac; wet sanding. High-satinized finishes; wet sanding.
	360	— ²	S	
	600	— ²	S	

¹ F = flint; G = garnet; A = aluminum oxide; S = silicon carbide. Silicon carbide is used dry or wet, with water or oil.

² No grade designation.