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Functional, intelligent and highly flexible: these properties of the Dahle CleanTEC® document shredder convinced the jury of the industry association PBS. The team of eight experts selected the innovative departmental shredder made by Dahle as “Product of the Year 2011” at this year’s Paperworld exhibition.

**First Place In the Category “Business Office Supplies”**

This was the eleventh time that office articles with functionally realized, revolutionary ideas won an award within the context of this competition. The Dahle CleanTEC® document shredder won the award in the category “Business office supplies”. “Its unique filter system makes for a better room climate, for it reduces the amount of fine dust in the air to a far greater extent than any other shredder in this category,” explained Christine Schmidhuber of the Federal Association Secretarial and Office Management, on behalf of the jury comprising representatives from the sectors design, retail trade and trade press.

**Innovation Confirmed**

The immense effect of the Dahle CleanTEC® document shredders was also recently confirmed by TÜV Nord. The testers found that “fine dust is reduced by more than 98 percent when using document shredders with fine dust filter.”

**A Real All-rounder**

In addition to the DAHLE CleanTEC® fine dust filter system which is integrated as standard, the Dahle CleanTEC® document shredder also features the convincing safety package Dahle Safe Technology. Documents are shredded safely and conveniently thanks to an integrated automatic oiler for regular maintenance of all cross-cut models, an acoustic automatic switch-off function bringing the motor to an instant halt in an emergency and permanent measurement of the paper quantity to ensure troublefree operation. What’s more, the document shredder switches to energy-saving sleep mode after ten minutes of non-use and switches off completely after 30 minutes.

The overall package is rounded off by further features, such as the ergonomically shaped multi-function control panel, castors with locking brake, and solid-steel cutters of special steel guaranteed by the manufacturer for 35 years. [www.dahle.de](http://www.dahle.de).

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**Focus on fine dust loads in rooms**

In addition to presenting the Dahle CleanTec<sup>®</sup> document shredders with integrated fine dust filter system, this year's Paperworld also included panel debates during which a medical professional answered visitors' questions on the topic.



The chance to ask Prof. Dr. med. Martin Kirschner all about fine dust on the second day of the exhibition attracted great interest among the exhibition's visitors. The large range of topics covered by the questions asked of Professor Kirschner showed just how great the public need for information actually is. "Which symptoms are associated with exposure to fine dust?" and "Is there a difference between the fine dust occurring in environment zones and in offices?" were just two of the innumerable questions asked.

Professor Kirschner emphasized that fine dust can be hazardous both indoors and outdoors and explained that the fine dust load encountered indoors has so far only been studied to a very minor extent. He criticized the absence of limit values for fine dust loads in rooms, with the result that the load in the classrooms of some Frankfurt schools is two or three times higher than on public roads.

Dahle has shown how the problem of fine dust can be countered effectively with its Dahle CleanTec<sup>®</sup> document shredders. This is achieved by the innovative Dahle CleanTec<sup>®</sup> filter system which is integrated as standard in the various models of the document shredder generation and whose immense effect has recently been confirmed by TÜV Nord. The manufacturer from Rödental found the outcome of the panel debates and the entire exhibition highly satisfactory: "I am glad that we were able to add a valuable contribution towards clarifying the subject of exposure to fine dust indoors," said Frank Indenkampen, managing director of Dahle Bürotechnik GmbH.

Dahle North America, Inc. is a fully integrated manufacturer of innovative office products and equipment with a brand name recognized for quality and precision. Dahle markets more than 300 products, including paper shredders, paper cutters and trimmers, scissors, pencil sharpeners, and Novus staplers.

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