

## The Difference In The Cutters On Some #30 blades

I have a picture attached that actually shows the difference in the cutters on #30 blades of several major brands of clipper blades.

The Oster and Andis cutters for blades larger than a #40 have the normal 18 tooth arrangement. As you see the teeth are rather large and wide.

The Laube and Buttercut cutters for blades larger than a #40 have a thinner and narrower 22 tooth arrangement.

Most #40 blade cutters have a 25 tooth arrangement, and this type of cutter is used only on #40 blades. All blades larger than a #40 blade ( #30 through a #3 to include the Andis 5/8 and 3/4), will take the cutters described above.

Depending on the coat, you can actually take #30 blades with both types of cutters and do a side by side comparison. When I did my comparison I used a pom with a small comb on each blade. Although the #30 blade with the 18 tooth cutter did a fine job, I could actually see a more smoother cut when I used the #30 blade with the 22 tooth cutter. Now, these results will not be the same for all coats but for some it does make a difference using these blades with 22 tooth cutters.

In conclusion, with this information in my hand, I am suggesting to groomers that want a #40 blade to do pads and work under combs, a #30 blade with a 22 tooth cutter as a replacement. This blade seems to do the same job the #40 can do with a comb attached. This blade will also get close enough inside the pads as a #40 can get. Finally, the #30 blade will withstand dropping on the floor without the teeth breaking off the comb like the #40 does frequently. Saving money by not having to replace #40 blades with broken teeth was the main purpose of looking for this alternative blade.

Its always a matter of preference. If you like the #40 blade and are used to it, keep using it. This is just an alternative with something that seems to do an adequate job, and it may save money over time by not having to replace #40 blades with broken teeth every month.

