

Trimmer lengths and guard equivalents

Style	Length (mm)	Closest guard	Notes
Five o'clock shadow	0.5–1	no guard	Just visible; trimmer without a guard or the shortest comb
Short stubble	1–2	#0.5	Neat, office-friendly
Medium stubble	3–5	#1.5	The classic “designer stubble”
Heavy stubble	5–7	#2	Almost a short beard
Short boxed beard	7–12	#3	Defined cheek and neck lines
Medium beard	12–25	#6	Fuller shape; longer comb or scissors on the chin
Long beard	25–60	#13.5	Shape mostly with scissors; trimmer for outlines

Guards: number $\times \frac{1}{8}$ in (≈ 3.2 mm). Brands vary slightly.

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