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## Grit vs. Micron

As I understand it, the difference between Grit paper and Micron is this;

When Grit paper is manufactured the silica (or abrasive material) is guaranteed not to be larger than the grit specified on the paper, lets say 80 grit. Smaller grits can be found on the 80 grit paper causing an inconsistent surface on the paper which may lead to swirl marks.

Micron paper, mainly used in finishing solid surface materials, is man made and the micron (or abrasive material) on the paper is uniform across the sheet. This uniformity greatly decreases the chance of getting swirl marks on the material being finished. Micron paper is usually sold on a film back allowing it to be used wet or dry. Micron paper should last 3-4 times longer than grit paper making it comparable in price.

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