



We are a large format offset printer looking for a baler for the first time.

Who makes the best baler and should we get an auto tie baler?

We need to bale large sheets of 80#C1S and 10pt

Is there a service we can use to search for the best baler for us?

Generally speaking, I would get with whoever you sell your scrap to. They typically have a relationship with someone somewhat local who they refer people to. Depending on your volume, they may even help finance the baler. We've had great luck with ours (knock on wood) going on about 25 years. It's a Dehart. As for the auto tie, that really depends on how many bales you anticipate a day. We are primarily web, bailing side trim and scrap from trimmers and only generate a bale or two a day, so for us, manual tying works fine.

I am not sure who makes the best baler but ours is from American Baler Company and have been very happy with it. We use an auto tie system, it works well for us, we have had a few tying issues but nothing that could not be rectified quickly. I am not sure as to what baler would fit your needs of full sheets, we shred our full sheet before baling. I would check with American Baler this baler was packaged by the shredding company who manufactured our shredder and found the best one for our needs.

Hope this helps.

We use an American auto-tie baler. I would highly suggest using an auto-tie for the type and weight of their materials. It simplifies the process and provides consistent bales.

The bales can be partitioned off to any length or weight they would determine works best for them.

We have used a company called
Balers and Stuff
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There are many options and variations depending on end use. The best option in my opinion is contact your material handling vendor and ask for suggestions.

Insurance companies and OHSA look on balers as a big claim problem and a procedural nightmare. I suggest one look up the OSHA accidents bailers have caused with some very well meaning educated long time staff and then decide on purchase. Suggest one piles sheets on skid with a jogging corner built adjacent to skid about 6 feet height. Separate the 2 grades and band with steel and top pallet for compression and even pull down when full. All custodial staff can pile and jog and it uses up wasted time. The best balers use shredders and water to cut & compress far too expensive for most printers. I like the skid idea because employees and foreman see what waste there is , it's not hidden. As far as a profit center for bales, I believe the absence of the forever on going potential for an unthinkable disaster is the most profitable .
