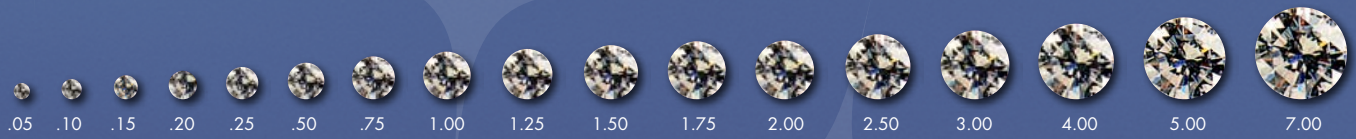


Diamond Grading Chart

Carat

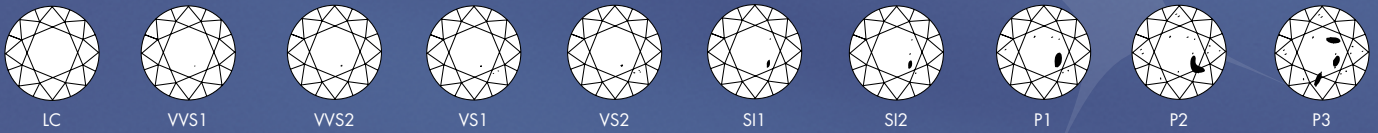
The weight of a diamond is expressed in carats. One carat = 0.2 grams and one carat equals 100 points.



Clarity

All diamonds have traces of their growth history. In gem-quality diamonds, this concerns minute internal and external characteristics, graded under Clarity.

The clarity scale reflects the size, number, location and visibility of the characteristics when examined with a loupe 10 X. The very best - and rarest - clarity is loupe clean. Most inclusions, however, are not visible to the naked eye. Diamonds that have no inclusions visible to the unaided eye are also of excellent value.



Colour

Most diamonds are colourless to slightly yellowish. The colourgrade is determined by comparison with a series of masterstones, the best grade being colourless (D, exceptional white +).

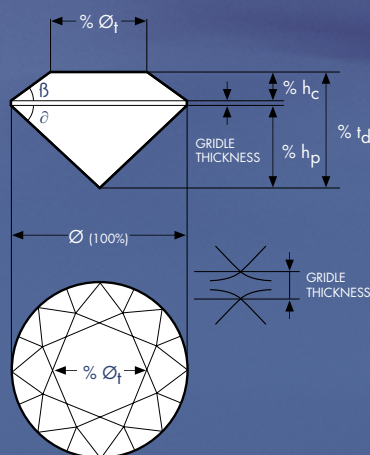
Diamonds can also occur in all sorts of colours, ranging from brownish to striking yellows, pink to purple, red and blue. These are called "fancy colours". Certain diamonds can react to "black light" with grades varying from nil-slight-medium to strong. Besides colour, the fluorescence of the diamond is also graded.



Cut

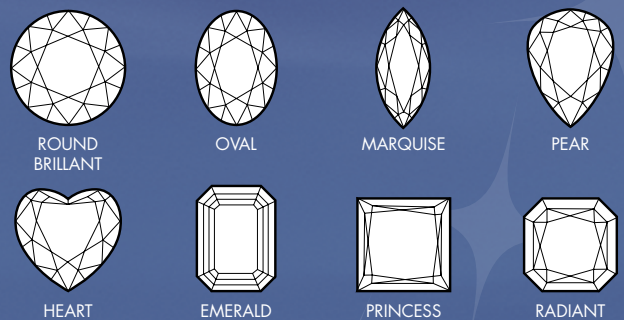
Fire, brilliancy and scintillation of a diamond are largely determined by the proportions of various parts of the stone. Finish grade mainly evaluates the symmetry.

proportions & finish grade



Shape

Diamonds can be cut in various shapes (e.g. square, pear or heart). The round brilliant is probably the best known shape.



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