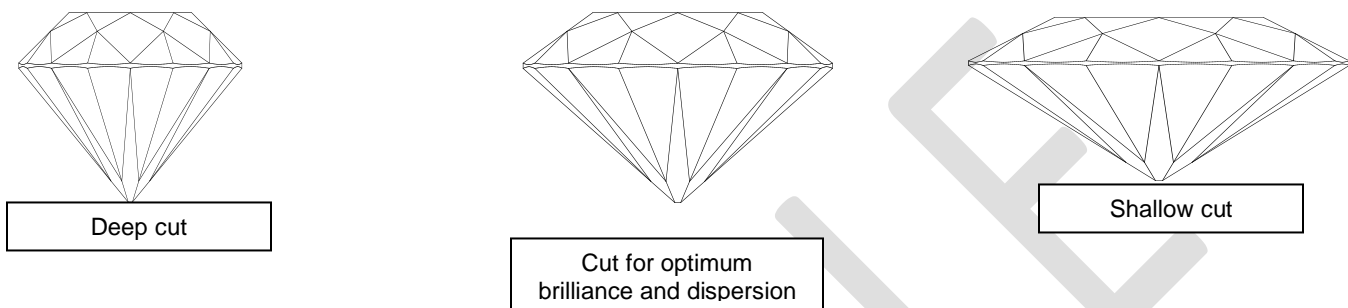


DIAMOND GRADING TERMS

CARAT: The weight of diamond is expressed in units called “carats”. One-carat (1.00) is equal to 0.200 grams.

CUT: Proportions and finish of a polished diamond. Cut also refers to the outward shape of a diamond. Proportions are the size and angle relationship between the facets and different parts of the diamond. Finish includes polish and details of facet shape and placement. Cut affects both the weight yield from rough diamonds and the optical efficiency of the polished diamond.



CLARITY: The relative degree of freedom from internal and external identifying characteristics. Clarity characteristics are classified as inclusions (internal) or blemishes (external). The size, number, position, type, and color or relief of these characteristics determines the clarity grade of a diamond. An experienced professional estimates the clarity grade of a diamond with the aid of ten-power magnification. A diamond graded as “internally flawless” would reveal no internal identifying characteristics.

DEFINITIONS OF CLARITY GRADES

FLAWLESS (FL): Flawless diamonds show no blemishes or inclusions by a skilled diamond grader under 10x magnification.

INTERNALLY FLAWLESS (IF): Internally flawless diamonds show no inclusions and only insignificant blemishes under 10x magnification.

VERY VERY SLIGHTLY INCLUDED (VVS-1 and VVS-2): Diamonds in the VVS category contain minute inclusions that are difficult for even a skilled grader to locate under 10x magnification. In VVS-1 they are extremely difficult to see, visible only from the pavilion, or small and shallow enough to be removed by minor repolishing. In VVS-2, they are very difficult to see.

VERY SLIGHTLY INCLUDED (VS-1 and VS-2): VS diamonds contain minor inclusions ranging from difficult (VS-1) to somewhat easy (VS-2) for a trained diamond grader to see under 10x magnification. Small included crystals, small feathers, and distinct clouds are typical inclusions.

SLIGHTLY INCLUDED (SI-1 and SI-2): Diamonds in the SI category contain noticeable inclusion which are easy (SI-1) or very easy (SI-2) to see under 10x magnification. In some SI grade diamonds, inclusions can be seen with the unaided eye.

IMPERFECT (I-1, I-2 AND I-3) Contain inclusions which are obvious to a trained grader under 10x magnification, can often be easily seen face-up with the unaided eye, seriously affect the diamond’s potential durability, or are so numerous they affect transparency and brilliance.

COLOR: The amount of color in a diamond is visually estimated by comparing the diamond to other diamonds of known color using a universally accepted system for color grading. While most diamonds have a faint tinge of color, diamonds with virtually no color are considered rare, as are diamonds with vivid body colors such as blue, green and pink.

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Colorless			Near Colorless			Faint Yellow			Very Light Yellow			Light Yellow									