

What you need to know about
diamonds



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The 4 Cs

and what they mean



Color

The natural presence or absence of color in a diamond is used as a way to assess its overall quality. Colorless diamonds are usually favored because they have more brilliance than colored stones, but stones with golden and brown hues are quite beautiful (and gaining popularity).



Clarity

A diamond is assigned a clarity grade based on the inclusions and blemishes presented in the stone. Clarity grades range from F ("flawless") to I ("included"). A stone with a clarity grade of I₁ features inclusions that are easily seen by a trained grader under 10x magnification (and often with the naked eye).

Diamonds with clarity grades of VS ("very slightly included") or VVS ("very very slightly included") are considered good choices for look and value. In the context of a vintage ring, the setting of the stone often presents the stone in its best light and makes inclusions unnoticeable or less pronounced than they would be in a modern setting.

When we choose vintage rings for the TurtleLove.com collection, we take the clarity grade and the ring's overall appearance into account to make sure that you'll receive a ring that you'll love for a lifetime.



Cut

Shapes of diamonds are often referred to as "cuts," such as "Rose Cut" or "Old Mine Cut," but in the context of diamond grading, "cut" refers to the finish and proportions of a polished diamond, not the shape. The finish and proportions of a stone can only be evaluated before the stone is set into the piece of jewelry. At TurtleLove.com we don't disassemble intact vintage rings for grading, so the appraisals and descriptions of our vintage engagement rings don't include a grade for a stone's cut.



Carats

Carats are the units used to measure the weight of a diamond. Depending on the cut, diamonds of the same weight can appear very different in size, so be sure to consider overall appearance, not just the weight of the stone. The carat weights of stones in the TurtleLove.com collection are estimated by a professional appraiser.



Other Key Terms

Brilliance:

The light reflected in the diamond.

Facet:

The flat, smooth surfaces on a diamond that allow in and reflect light.

Inclusion:

A flaw in the diamond that disrupts its clarity. The most prized diamonds have few to no inclusions.

Blemish:

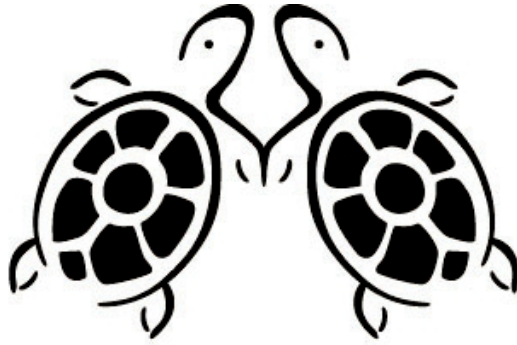
A flaw on the diamond's surface.

What now?

Now that you have a better understanding of diamond quality, you may be ready to search for the perfect engagement ring!
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