

The 4 C's of Diamonds



All diamonds sold by Adelaide Exchange are assessed against the 'Four C's - the four most important characteristics in determining a diamond's value.

CUT

The cut refers to the diamond's reflective quality – not the actual shape of the diamond. This is the most important factor in determining the quality of any diamond.

A good cut gives a diamond its brilliance. A perfectly cut diamond will take light in and shoot it straight back out again, emitting a dazzling and sparkling light.

CLARITY

Clarity measures the flawlessness of a diamond, in terms of how many flaws or blemishes are present.

A diamond that is free of inclusions and surface blemishes is very rare and therefore extremely valuable.

The clarity of a diamond will determine its identity, since no two diamonds are the same. It provides a 'fingerprint' for all diamonds.

COLOUR

Diamonds naturally come in every colour of the rainbow. Yet the best colour for a diamond is no colour at all.

Colours of diamonds are ranked from completely clear and colourless through to a light yellow.

Differences between diamond colour grades are subtle and only a trained jeweller and an expert eye can properly grade a diamond.

CARAT WEIGHT

The weight of a diamond is measured in carats. The bigger the carat weight, the rarer the diamond, and therefore the higher the price.

One carat is divided into 100 'points'. For example, a diamond of 75 points weighs .75 carats.

The carat weight of a diamond is easy to determine, however two diamonds of equal carat weight can significantly differ in value due to their cut, clarity and colour.