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Description	Four C's
As laboratory grown diamonds are atomically and chemically identical to natural diamonds, they follow the same grading system. Traditionally, the quality of a diamond is broken down into the 4 C's.	Cut Read more >
We believe that all diamonds have a unique personality that is determined by varying characteristics and quality factors as well as your own visual preference.	Carat Read more >
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Description

The term "Cut" has two references. One is the diamonds shape, and the other is how well a diamond has been cut and polished. A diamonds cut-grade is an important characteristic as it has the greatest influence on the diamonds overall appearance, beauty and sparkle. The quality of a diamonds cut is crucial to its value, and at Union Studios we work only with excellent cut diamonds. Bear in mind, certified cut grades are unique to Round Brilliant cuts only. It is important to consider the proportions and symmetry of all other fancy shaped diamonds, however these shapes are harder to measure as each shape is subjective in their beauty.

Union Studios have chosen the five most timeless shapes to help refine and simplify your selection. Our exclusive shapes include the Round Brilliant, Oval Brilliant, Pear, Emerald and Asscher. All other shapes are available by request through our custom process.

Shape

Round Brilliant (RB)





Oval Brilliant (OV)





Pear (PS)





Emerald (EM)





Asscher (AS)





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Description	Size		
A carat is a standard unit to measure the weight of a diamond, which also impacts the visual size of the stone. A diamonds value increases with carat weight because larger diamonds are more rare and more desirable. Diamonds that are equal in weight may vary in price because of the other characteristics: clarity, colour and cut. Union Studios recommends finding a nice balance between each of these characteristics when searching for the right stone for you.	0.50 carat Ø 5mm -		
	1.00 carat Ø 6.5mm -		
	1.50 carat Ø 7.3mm ~		
	2.00 carat		

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Description

All diamonds, both natural and laboratory grown have imperfections which we refer to as inclusions. These are formed deep within the diamond and like a mined diamond, they occur organically and cannot be controlled. Clarity refers to the presence, visibility, number, and size of inclusions present within a diamond and is graded from flawless to included.

Inclusions

Slightly Included (SI)





Very slightly included (VVS)





Very very slightly included (VS)





Flawless (FL)





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Description Shade

Diamonds are graded alphabetically from D (colourless) to Z (light yellow). The closer a diamond is to colourless, the higher its value and more desirable it is. Union Studios only source stones between D - F colour that are marked and certified as grown to ensure your diamond quality is 100% authentic.

