

# About GIA and Our Commitment to Research

Established in 1931, the Gemological Institute of America (GIA) is the world's foremost authority on diamonds, colored stones and pearls. A public benefit, nonprofit institute, GIA is the leading source of knowledge, standards and education in gems and jewelry.

GIA is uniquely poised to conduct gemological research on a scale that few other organizations can match. GIA continually reinvests its revenue into its research efforts, maintaining fully equipped, state-of-the-art research facilities in Carlsbad (California), New York City, Bangkok and Antwerp. The Institute has unique access to gem-producing localities and a wide range of gem materials, including a database representing the millions of items that are submitted to its laboratories for analysis each year. GIA researchers have academic training from major universities, combined with many years of laboratory experience in gem identification. In conducting

gem research, they use a variety of advanced scientific instruments, and collaborate globally with researchers from other facilities, such as the Smithsonian Natural History Museum, California Institute of Technology (Cal Tech) and the Carnegie Institute in Washington, D.C.

GIA is the world's most trusted name in diamond grading and gem identification. With objectivity and expertise as its hallmarks, GIA ensures the integrity and accuracy of every report it issues. GIA tests every material submitted to determine whether it is natural or not, and discloses any treatments discovered during examination.



# GIA Colored Stone Laboratory Services

The GIA Colored Stone Identification Report describes whether the stone is natural or synthetic, identifies the type of gemstone and includes any detectable treatments. This report also contains a detailed description of the gemstone such as cutting style, shape, weight, measurement, and color, and includes a photograph of the gemstone.

The GIA Colored Stone Identification & Origin Report contains all of the information available in the GIA Colored Stone Identification Report along with an opinion on the geographic origin of the stone, if determinable.

GIA has additional services for colored stones including the Monograph™, Portrait™ and Notable Letter for exceptional or museum-quality gemstones. For more information on GIA laboratory services, visit [GIA.edu](http://GIA.edu)

A GIA Colored Stone Identification Report can give you peace of mind and ensure that you know exactly what you are buying. With all the treatments and synthetics available today, it takes highly qualified experts to detect them. The experts at GIA have decades of experience and a legacy that is more than 85 years old. All the research, knowledge and dedication of GIA goes into every report we issue.

