



How to Read a GIA Identification and Origin Report

The GIA Identification & Origin Report builds on the data of the Identification Report by adding an opinion on the geographic origin of the gemstone, if determinable. Like the Identification Report, it describes whether the gemstone is natural or laboratory-grown, identifies the type of gemstone and discloses detectable treatments. Available only for sapphire, ruby, emerald, alexandrite, Paraíba-type tourmaline and red spinel, regardless of gemstone size, whether rough or polished, loose or set in jewelry.

1. REPORT NUMBER

Unique GIA report number registered in GIA's extensive global database.

2. DATE

Date the material was examined by GIA.

3. SHAPE

Description of the outline of the gemstone.

4. CUTTING STYLE

Description of the pattern of the facet arrangement.

5. TRANSPARENCY

Description of the degree to which the gemstone allows light to pass through it.

6. COLOR

General description of the color.

7. SPECIES

Gem category based on chemical composition and crystal structure.

8. VARIETY

Sub-category of species, based on color, transparency, and/or phenomenon.

9. GEOGRAPHIC ORIGIN

GIA's opinion on the country/region a gemstone was mined based on inclusions, gemological properties, and spectroscopic and chemical analysis. If an opinion on geographic origin cannot be given, the report will be issued with the geographic origin result as "inconclusive."

10. TREATMENT(S)

Discloses any detectable treatments. May include heating, clarity enhancement, dye and/or impregnation, depending on material. Further information can be found using GIA Report Check on our website which can also be accessed by scanning the QR Code found on each report. Please see #16 for more details.

11. ITEM DESCRIPTION

Description of the loose or mounted item and additional information.

12. WEIGHT

Weight given in carats, to the nearest hundredth of a carat, or grams (for jewelry and larger items). One carat is equal to 1/5 of a gram.

13. MEASUREMENTS

Dimensions listed as "minimum diameter – maximum diameter x depth" for round gemstones and "length x width x depth" for fancy-shaped gemstones.



14. COMMENTS

Additional information not otherwise represented on the report.

15. CLARITY ENHANCEMENT TABLE

For emeralds only, this table is included to describe the extent of the clarity enhancement. See #15 on other side.

16. QR CODE

A two-dimensional barcode that, when scanned via a smart-phone, launches GIA Report Check to verify the data on the report against the GIA global database. Report Check also displays more detailed treatment information for the gemstone. Initial treatment information may be found on the report. Please see item #10 for more details.

17. SECURITY FEATURES

Micro-printing, watermarks, a two-dimensional barcode, a hologram, and sheet numbering safeguard report integrity and facilitate document authentication.

18. DIGITAL IMAGE

Full color photograph of the stone or piece jewelry examined.