

Colour

GIA COLOR SCALE

COLORLESS	D
	E
	F
NEAR COLORLESS	G
	H
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FAINT	J
	K
	L
VERY LIGHT	M
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LIGHT	P
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X	
Y	
Z	

The GIA Color Scale extends from D (colourless) to Z (light yellow or brown).

Although many people think of gem quality diamonds as colourless, truly colourless diamonds are actually very rare. Most diamonds used in jewellery are nearly colourless with tints of yellow or brown.



Colour grades are determined by comparing each diamond to a master set. Each letter grade represents a range of colour and is a measure of how noticeable a colour is.

Fluorescence Some diamonds can emit a visible light when exposed to ultraviolet radiation, but fluorescence is not a factor in determining colour or clarity grades. However, a description of its strength and colour is provided on GIA Reports as an additional identifying characteristic.