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## Choosing A Moissanite Stone

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The beauty of moissanite, aside from it's obvious diamond like dazzle and brilliance is that it is being hailed as it's own stone, it's not just a "fake diamond" as some would have you believe.

Moissanite are laboratory made under exacting conditions by Charles and Colvard. Moissanites shadow real diamonds in many ways. The hardness rating of a moissanite is just under that of a diamond at 9.25. The hardness of a diamond is 10. The luster and brilliance of moissanite sometimes exceeds that of a diamond. Moissanites would be considered as an SI quality stone, known as "eye clean" to jewelers. It is their likeness to diamonds that sometimes makes moissanites and diamonds hard to distinguish, even to experienced jewelers.

It is very difficult for some jewelers to tell the difference between a moissanite and a real diamond. It seems that the thermal test most jewelers used that can tell them whether or not a stone is an actual diamond does not work with a moissanite stone, which has a higher temperature rating than a diamond. At a temperature of 1100 degrees celsius a diamond will eventually vaporize. A moissanite will remain intact. Some jewelers have an instrument that is called a "moissanite probe" that they can use when trying to distinguish a moissanite from a diamond or a CZ. There is also a double refraction that a moissanite has that distinguishes it from other stones.

Charles and Colvard are the sole manufacturers and patent holders of moissanite stones. They sell to exclusive jewelers which are listed on their internet website, and they do not allow any jeweler to sell moissanite as loose stones. Moissanites are not measured in carats but in millimeters. A moissanite stone approximately one carat in weight would sell for about \$525. That's quite a savings over a one carat diamond which would sell for about \$6,500. A 4 carat moissanite tennis bracelet sells for approximately \$1,800. while a 4 carat SI diamond tennis bracelet sells for approximately \$2,500.00. The best part is that no one will ever know it's not a diamond, unless you choose to tell them.

To learn more about moissanite

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### **Fabulous Facts About Moissanite Stones**

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Moissanite is a very affordable alternative to diamonds, one that everyone can afford. The reproduction of moissanite in a laboratory began in 1995. Created moissanite is a lab created stone that is based on the structure of natural moissanite, which is a crystal found in meteorites. Because moissanite occurs so rarely and is so small in nature in order to supply jewelry needs it is grown in labs.

Moissanites are not sold by carat size like diamonds, but are sold by size measured in millimeters. Charles & Colvard who are the sole-source manufacturer of moissanite do not allow jewelers to sell loose stones.

Laboratory created moissanite has a hardness rating of 9.25. The hardness rating of a diamond is 10. It is said that the most important characteristics of a jewel are it's beauty, durability and rarity. Some lab created moissanite stones actually have more brilliance and luster than actual diamonds. These are called optical qualities. Created moissanites are as clear or "eye clean" as SI quality diamonds. Created moissanite is able to withstand heat better than a diamond. At a temperature of 1100 degrees Celsius a diamond will catch fire, burn, and eventually vaporize. A created moissanite stone will remain intact.

The good news about created moissanite is that some jewelers cannot tell the difference between colorless created moissanite and colorless diamonds. However, you want to make sure that what you are purchasing is actually a moissanite and not a much cheaper imitation CZ. There are lab instruments available to jewelers to help them distinguish the difference. Jewelers can use a probe called a moissanite probe or microscope and some know how to distinguish "double refraction" in moissanites.

To make sure that what you purchase is a moissanite and not a cheap imitation make sure you buy from a reputable dealer and get a written verification from this dealer. It is also suggested that you get a written verification of the stone as well as a certified appraisal.

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