

IMPORTANT BLUE DIAMONDS OF THE WORLD

NAME	ROUGH CARAT WEIGHT	POLISHED CARAT WEIGHT	POLISHED SHAPE	INTENSITY OF COLOUR AND MODIFIER	CLARITY	MINE/COUNTRY	VALUE IN US DOLLARS	INTERESTING FACTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION
Idol's Eye	Unknown but original weight could have been around 200 carats	70.21	Modified Triangle	Fancy Light Blue (GIA - examined in 1995)	Unknown	Golconda, India	Unknown	Once owned by Abdul Hamid II, the 34th Sultan of the Ottoman Empire. Purchased and sold by both Harry Winston and Laurence Graff. Current owner or whereabouts are unknown.
The Cullinan Dream	122.52	24.18	Rectangular mixed-cut	Fancy Intense Blue	VS2	Cullinan Mine, South Africa	Rough stone sold for value equivalent to \$27.6 million	This diamond was sold to a beneficiation partnership comprising Petra Diamonds (15%) and its polishing partner (85%) in September 2014. The Cullinan Dream (set as a magnificent diamond ring) was sold for \$25.3 million at Christie's in New York on 9 June 2016.
		11.3	Pear-shaped	Undergoing GIA certification				
		10.3	Radiant	Fancy Blue				
		7	Cushion	Fancy Blue				
Copenhagen Blue Diamond	Unknown but original weight could have been around 120 carats	45.85	Emerald-cut	Fancy Blue	Unknown	Jagersfontein Mine, South Africa	Unknown	Named in honour of the Copenhagen Exhibition held in 1960. Only major blue diamond found at the Jagersfontein Mine. Current owner or whereabouts are unknown.
The Hope Diamond	112.5	45.52	Antique-cushion cut	Fancy Dark Grayish-Blue (GIA - examined in 1996)	VS1	Golconda, India 1663-68	Over \$300,000 in 1911	The most famous blue of them all - now in the Smithsonian Washington DC. The Hope is arguably the most expensive coloured diamond in the world. The stone has a long history and much has been written about the supposed "curse" of the Hope Diamond. Donated to the Smithsonian by Harry Winston in 1958.
Tereschenko or Mouawad Blue	Unknown but original weight could have been over 100 carats	42.92	Pear-shaped	Fancy Blue (GIA - examined in 1984)	Unknown	Kollur alluvial deposits in Golconda, India	\$4.6 million at Christie's Geneva sale in November 1984	Almost always called the Tereschenko. The original owners were the Tereschenko's, a sugar magnate family in pre-communist Russia. In 1915, Mikhail Tereschenko instructed Cartier to mount the gem as the centerpiece of a necklace. The Tereschenko was secretly taken out of Russia and passed into private ownership. In November 1984, Robert Mouawad bought it at Christie's and renamed it the Mouawad Blue.
Graff Imperial Blue	101.5	39.81	Pear-shaped	Fancy Light Blue (GIA - examined in 1984)	IF	Aredor Mine, Guinea	Unknown	Only major blue diamond found in Guinea. Current owner or whereabouts are unknown.
Crown of Charlemagne	Unknown but original weight could have been around 100 carats	37.05	Round Brilliant	Fancy Light Blue	Reportedly Flawless	Unknown but most likely Golconda, India	Sold in 1967	Old European cut which Harry Winston repolished to 37.05 carats in 1961. Last sold in 1967 in Europe by Harry Winston. Current whereabouts or owner are unknown.
Sultan of Morocco	Unknown but original weight could have been around 100 carats	35.27	Square Cushion-cut	Fancy Grayish-Blue	Unknown	Golconda, India	\$250,000 in a private American sale in 1972	This diamond is believed to have emanated from India during the mid 1800's. Although the name suggests a possible linkage with the ruling families of Morocco, the Sultans, there is no evidence to confirm this. The diamond was in the possession of the Yousupov family, a Russian noble family of Tartari descent, in 1840. In 1922, Prince Felix Yousupov, the last Yousupov prince and best known for his direct involvement in the murder of Rasputin, sold the diamond to Cartier's of New York. In 1969 Cartier loaned the diamond to the New York State Museum for their World of Gems Exposition. Current whereabouts or owner are unknown.
Cornflower Blue Diamond-1	158	31.93	Pear-shaped	Fancy Blue	Unknown	Cullinan Mine, South Africa	This stone was split when first manufactured; suggesting that the rough stone may have had a crack, however, the estimated value is unknown	Harry Winston purchased the rough stone in 1958. The larger stone was sold in 1969 as the pendant for a diamond necklace. Winston repurchased it two years later, then sold it to a Middle Eastern client in 1971. Current whereabouts or owner are unknown.
Cornflower Blue Diamond-2		12.39	Round brilliant					Set in a ring and sold by Winston in 1969. Current whereabouts or owner are unknown.
Wittelsbach - now Wittelsbach-Graff	Unknown but original weight could have been around 100 carats	31.06	Cushion-shaped	Fancy Deep Blue (GIA)	IF	Golconda, India	Acquired by Laurence Graff for \$24.3 million in 2008	The Wittelsbach was originally a 35.56 ct Fancy Deep Grayish Blue VS2 clarity. The stone was first publicly shown in 1722 at the marriage of Maria Amalia to Charles of Bavaria (of the Wittelsbach family) in Munich. In 2008 the stone was sold at Christie's to Laurence Graff and became the highest price ever paid for a diamond at auction. Graff re-cut the stone to a grade of Fancy Deep Blue with Internally Flawless (IF) clarity, weighing 31.06 carats.
The Blue Heart	100.5	30.62	Heart-shaped	Fancy Deep Blue (GIA - Examined in 1997)	VS2	Cullinan Mine, South Africa	Sold by Van Cleef & Arpels for \$300,000 in 1953	Found in the Premier Mine in 1908 and faceted by French jeweler Atanik Eknayan of Paris in 1909-1910. The stone was purchased by Pierre Cartier in 1910 and sold to the Unzue family of Argentina. It was next acquired by Van Cleef & Arpels in 1953 and Harry Winston in 1958. Mrs. Marjorie Merriweather Post purchased the ring from Harry Winston in 1960 and gifted the stone to the Smithsonian in 1964. The diamond is also known as the Unzue Blue and sometimes referred to as the "Eugenie Blue", although there is no evidence that the Empress ever owned it.
Blue Lili	Unknown but original weight could have been around 100 carats	30.06	Tapered cushion-cut	Fancy Intense Blue (GIA - Examined in 1980)	Unknown	Cullinan Mine, South Africa	Unknown	The Blue Lili diamond is a tapered cushion shape and was cut by the William Goldberg Corporation and named after Goldberg's wife, Lili. The current owner is unknown.
The Heart of Eternity	Unknown but original weight could have been around 90 carats	27.64	Heart-shaped	Fancy Vivid Blue (GIA)	VS2	Cullinan Mine, South Africa	Unknown, however the Heart of Eternity is arguably the most famous of the modern blue diamonds	The Heart of Eternity was recovered in the Premier Diamond Mine in South Africa. It was cut by the Steinmetz Group for De Beers and was unveiled in January 2000 as part of the De Beers Millennium Jewels collection at London's Millennium Dome. The Heart was later displayed at the Smithsonian and was noted to be on loan from a private collector.
Transvaal Blue	Unknown but original weight could have been around 90 carats	25.00	Pear-shaped	Fancy Blue	Unknown	Cullinan Mine, South Africa	Unknown	Originally owned by Baumgold Brothers. Not much has been recorded on the history of this diamond. The present owners are unknown.
Sam Abram Fancy Blue diamond	Unknown but original weight could have been around 70 carats	20.17	Emerald-cut	Fancy Vivid Blue	VS2	Cullinan Mine, South Africa	\$9.9 million by Sotheby's in New York in 1994	Originally bought by Siba Corporation. It is not known if Mr Abrams is the current owner.
Graff Blue Ice Diamond	Unknown but original weight must have around 70 carats	20.02	Pear-shaped	Fancy Deep Blue (GIA)	Unknown	Cullinan Mine, South Africa	Unknown	Polished by Graff and set in ring. No information as to the current owner.
The Oppenheimer Blue	Unknown but original weight could have been around 30-40 carats	14.62	Emerald-cut	Fancy Vivid Blue (GIA)	VVS1	Thought to be Cullinan Mine, South Africa	\$58.0 million by Christies in Geneva in May 2016	The largest vivid blue diamond ever to appear at auction. The Oppenheimer Blue was named in honour of a very special connoisseur - its previous owner, Sir Philip Oppenheimer. The Oppenheimers have been leaders in the diamond industry for generations and Sir Philip could have had any diamond he wanted. But he chose this one, with its perfect hue, impeccable proportions and fabulous rectangular shape.
The Memory of Autumn Leaves	Unknown	14.54	Pear-shaped	Fancy Vivid Blue	IF	Unknown	\$42.1 million by Sotheby's in Geneva in May 2017	Originally named the "Apollo Blue" and sold to an anonymous buyer set in a pair of diamond earrings, alongside the 16 carat "Artemis Pink" (which fetched \$15.3 million).
The Blue Empress	Unknown but original weight could have been around 40 carats	14.00	Pear-shaped	Fancy Blue (GIA)	Unknown	Cullinan Mine, South Africa	Unknown	The Blue Empress diamond was recovered at the Premier Mine and was bought and polished by the Steinmetz Group. It was unveiled in November 2003 at Harrods in London and attracted international attention. The current owner and whereabouts are unknown.
The Begum Blue	Unknown but original weight could have been around 40 carats	13.78	Heart-shaped	Fancy Deep Blue (GIA - Examined in 1995)	Unknown	Cullinan Mine, South Africa	\$7.75 million at Christie's Geneva in November 1994	The Begum Blue diamond belonged to Princess Salima Aga Khan, the wife of His Royal Highness Prince Karim Aga Khan IV. She was officially referred to as Her Highness Begum Salima Aga Khan or just as Her Highness the Begum. The title "Begum" seems to be of Persian origin and is used to refer to a high ranking Muslim woman, in this case, the wife of the Aga Khan. Current whereabouts or owner are unknown.

Brunswick Blue	Unknown but original weight could have been around 40 carats	13.75	Pear-shaped	Fancy Blue	Unknown	Golconda, India	\$8.87 million at Christie's Geneva, May 2008	Previously believed to have been cut from the French Blue diamond. Part of the Duke of Brunswick collection of jewels sold in 1874 and named after the owner, the Duke of Brunswick (Charles II, ca. 1810-1873). The current owner and whereabouts are unknown.
The Blue	Unknown	13.22	Pear-shaped	Fancy Vivid Blue	IF	Thought to be Cullinan Mine, South Africa	\$24 million	The largest flawless, fancy vivid blue diamond in the world. Sold at Christies Geneva sale in May 2014 to Harry Winston.
The Blue Magic	Unknown but original weight could have been around 40 carats	12.02	Modified pear-shaped	Fancy Vivid Blue	VVS2	Cullinan Mine, South Africa	Unsold at Christies in 2001 with a pre-sale estimate of between US\$ 5-6 million	The anonymous owner of the Blue Magic did not achieve the pre-sale estimate of US\$ 5-6 million at Christie's Geneva in November 13, 2001. It is likely that the diamond may have been sold privately.
The Blue Moon of Josephine	29.6	12.00	Cushion-cut	Fancy Vivid Blue	IF	Cullinan Mine, South Africa	The rough diamond was sold to Cora International LLC for \$25.6 million in February 2014. The polished fetched \$48.5 million in 2015.	After six months of intricate cutting and polishing, Cora showcased the Blue Moon at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. In November 2015, the stone was sold at a Sotheby's auction in Geneva for \$48.5 million (over US\$4 million per carat), representing a world record price per carat for any diamond. This historic diamond was bought by Hong Kong collector Joseph Lau and was renamed the Blue Moon of Josephine in honour of his daughter.
Bulgari Blue	Unknown but original weight could have been around 35 carats	10.95	Triangular-shaped	Fancy Vivid Blue	Unknown	Cullinan Mine, South Africa	\$15.7 million at Christies New York in October 2010	Sold as a ring with a triangular-cut fancy vivid blue diamond, weighing 10.95 carats, and a triangular-cut white diamond, weighing 9.87 carats. The ring dates back to 1972 and was purchased by an Asian collector.
Zoe Diamond	Unknown	9.75	Pear-shaped	Fancy Vivid Blue	VVS2	Unknown	Sold at Sotheby's New York for \$32.6 million	Bought by a private collector, Joseph Lau from Hong Kong, who renamed the stone after his daughter Zoe.
The Shirley Temple Blue Diamond	Unknown	9.54	Cushin-cut	Fancy Deep Blue	VVS2	Unknown	\$25 - 35 million estimate	Offered for sale in April 2016 by Sotheby's New York but failed to sell at highest bid of \$22 million. Purchased for Shirley Temple by her father in the early 1940s around the time of her 12th birthday, as well as around the time of the premier of her film The Blue Bird, for \$7,210.
The Star of Josephine	26.58	7.03	Cushion-shaped	Fancy Vivid Blue (GIA)	IF	Cullinan Mine, South Africa	Sold at Sotheby's Geneva auction in May 2009 for US\$ 9.5 million	Recovered by Petra Diamonds in October 2008, soon after buying the mine from De Beers. The price of US\$9.49 million, or US\$1.35 million per carat, was the world record price per carat achieved for any gemstone at auction at that time. The stone was bought by a private collector named Joseph Lau Luen-Hung from Hong Kong. The sale brought about huge media attention from all over the world.

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