

FREYA PEARLS

Grading Guidelines

Grading Criteria

The following specifies the grading criteria used by Freya Pearls for its pearl jewellery.

Size

Size of the pearl as measured by a micrometer. The typical sizes of the pearl depends on its type. Individual pearls may exceed these ranges depending on their growth conditions.

Type	Approx. Size Range (diameter)
Akoya	3mm - 10mm
Freshwater	3mm - 12mm
South Sea	8mm - 20mm
Tahitian	8mm - 16mm

Shape

Shape is the geometric appearance of the pearl based on its overall symmetry, roundness and irregularities.

Round (R) Round, spherical appearance to the eye. Minimal or no variation in diameter and symmetry.

Near Round (NR) Near round, appears nearly round to the eye. Difference in diameter is not easily noticeable.

Button (B) Button shape, pearl has squashed shape like a button or bun where it is shorter than it is wide. Exhibits an axis of symmetry down the middle.

Drop (D) Drop shape, pearl is shaped like a water-drop where it is narrower at one end than the other. Exhibits an axis of symmetry down the middle.

Baroque (Q) Baroque shape, irregular and non-symmetrical. Can include various abstract and unique forms with twists, ovals or undulations.

Luster

Luster is the surface shine, brightness and reflective properties of a pearl. This is comes from the quality of the pearl's nacre and how it was cultured and formed.

Gem (G) Bright, reflective surface with well defined and sharp reflections.

Brilliant (B) Bright, reflective surface with well defined and near sharp reflections.

Near Brilliant (NB) Bright, reflective surface with well defined but not as sharp reflections.

Bright (BR) Bright, reflective surface with good reflections

Reflective (R) Reflective surface with average reflections

Limited Reflection (LR) Limited reflection visible.



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Nacre

Nacre quality is the quality of the nacre deposited onto the surface of the pearl. A pearl with high quality nacre will not exhibit any rippling effects on its surface when its rolled.

Smooth (S) Smooth and silky surface finish with no rippling effects.

Near Smooth (NS) Near smooth surface finish with minor rippling effects.

Rippling (R) Surface finish with visible rippling effects.

Heavy Rippling (HR) Surface finish with major rippling effects.

Surface

Blemishes are surface imperfections that impact the presentation of the pearl. These include pitting, bumps, spots, marks, or other flaws on the pearl surface.

Flawless (F) Clean surface free of blemishes, or has near invisible surface blemishes that are difficult to see without close examination.

Near Flawless (NF) Near flawless surface with minor blemishes in one area.

Slightly Flawed (SF) Slightly flawed surface with minor blemishes visible in multiple areas.

Blemished (B) Flaws covers majority of pearl surface.

Heavily Blemished (HB) Flaws covers entire pearl surface.

