

Gold Carat Quick Reference Guide

There are many carats used in jewellery around the world. Here are the most common ones.

8ct, 8K or 333 (parts per 1000) is 33.3% gold. This is usually European and is not recognised in USA. It's the lowest possible gold standard and sometimes tarnishes.

9ct, 9K or 375 (parts per 1000) is 37.5% gold and is used in Australia and British Commonwealth countries. It's hard wearing. [Shop for Australian made 9ct gold rings.](#)

10ct, 10K or 416 (parts per 1000) is 41.6% gold and is the minimum USA standard for gold. Australian made jewellery uses 9ct gold. 10ct gold is also hard wearing.

12ct, 12K or 500 (parts per 1000) is 50% gold is rarely seen now.

14ct, 14K or 585 (parts per 1000) is 58.5% gold is commonly used in pieces made in Asia for export overseas. It's also used in Europe.

15ct or 625 (parts per 1000) or 62.5 % gold was used in British Commonwealth countries including Australia until c1935. So you will find this mark on many vintage and antique pieces of Australian and British origin. [Shop our Antique and Vintage Jewellery.](#)

18ct, 18K or 750 (parts per 1000) or 75% gold is used in Australia. Pieces made from 18ct gold are of a higher quality. 18K is also the minimum gold standard in Italy.

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22ct, 22K or 916 (parts per 1000) or 91.6% gold is used mainly in Asia and the Middle East. 22 carat gold is very gold and a very bright yellow colour.

24ct, 24K or 1000 (parts per 1000) or pure gold is too soft for most jewellery manufacture.



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