Insurance and The Appraisal

Your jewelry is insured - but you may not have the coverage you think you have.

If your jewelry is lost, stolen or damaged, the replacement value won't be based on what you paid for it or what you feel it's worth.

The insurance company will use the detailed information contained in a professional appraisal to establish the replacement value.

Without a professional appraisal, you may not get the insurance reimbursement you would be entitled to.

The majority of all appraisals are prepared for insurance purposes. An appraisal isn't just an opinion; it is a detailed determination, based on testing, measurement and careful calculation of the cost to replace or reproduce a piece of jewelry in new condition at current market prices.

Of course, appraisals are valuable for many other purposes as well: price evaluation when buying or selling, estate settlements, and various tax purposes.

The Boston Gem Lab approach is unique: appraisals are done in our client's presence, so that jewelry items always remain in their possession.

About Boston Gem Laboratory

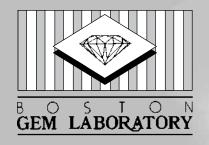
The Boston Gem Laboratory is an independent, professionally accredited appraisal organization providing appraisals of gems and jewelry. Our appraisers are trained by the Gemological Institute of America and the New England Society of Appraisers. The New England Society of Appraisers maintains a strict code of professional ethics and provides continuing education for members.

The Boston Gem Laboratory appraisal Services have been sought by leading New England jewelers, law firms, insurance adjusters and bank trust officers.

Boston Gem Laboratory's experience has spanned over twenty years, including court cases requiring expert witness testimony. Boston Gem Laboratory appraisals conform to Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.



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Our Professional Appraisal Practice is Dedicated to Accuracy, Integrity and Gemological Education



Boston Gem Laboratory Established 1986

Expert Appraisers of Modern, Contemporary, Antique and Vintage Jewelry Our expert appraisals can save you money and help protect your property.

An expert appraisal from Boston Gem Labs will provide you with the information you need, whether you are insuring, buying, or selling.

The value of your jewelry items is determined at the time loss. Insurance companies have the option of replacing the loss instead of making a cash settlement or repairing the damaged property.

FREE SERVICES

Consultation: know the value of your gold, diamonds and jewelry before you buy or sell

Buying and Brokerage Assistance: where to buy and sell diamonds, colored stones and jewelry

Mounting Evaluation: is the mounting well-made and secure

Antique and Vintage Jewelry: history and authenticity

Restoration and Custom Design: finding the best designer/goldsmith

GIA Report Evaluation: excellent diamond cut grade may not have ideal performance - BGL provides a light return and proportion analysis

Colored Stone Treatments: not disclosed and identification of problem enhancements

Expert Witness Consultation: serving attorneys, our testimony has always been accepted in court

APPRAISAL PROCESS

Our appraisals are highly detailed:

Statement of metal type and testing

Net weights of metal

Jewelry measurements

Manufacturing process (custom design, hand fabricated)

Jewelry finish

Condition of item

Trademark and hallmark

Description of setting (style & motif)

Grading of gemstones with weights and measurements

Notation of treatments

Type of grading system used

Light analysis for diamonds

Cut analysis for diamonds and colored

Plotting for diamonds where applicable

Digital photographs

Period jewelry design and motif, circa date and provenance

Each completed appraisal is laminated and bound.

Basic Rates:

\$100.00 first item

\$50.00 each additional item

Sample Appraisal



APPRAISAL FOR INSURANCE August 19, 2011

On this day we have examined and appraised the item(s) described below for insurance purposes.

(1) One lady's 14 kt. white gold diamond engagement ring containing:

one round brilliant-cut diamond measuring approximately $5.95 - 6.02 \times 3.64$ mm, weighing approximately .81 carat, estimated by GIA formula

Cut Proportions: Excellent (GIA Class 1A)

Light Return: Very Good

Light Analysis: based on evaluation of brightness,

dispersion, leakage and contrast

Diamond Color: E

Fluorescence: medium blue

Diamond Clarity: Sla

Polish: Very Good Symmetry: Very Good

Est. Proportions: depth 60.7%, table 60%

crown angle 35.5°, crown height 14.0% pavilion angle 40.8°, pavilion depth 43.0%

Girdle: faceted, medium to slightly thick

Culet: none

Diamonds: (10) ten round full cut diamonds

measuring approximately 1.8-1.7 mm in

diameter, weighing approximately

.25 carat totally

Quality Grade: cut-class 3, color-G/H, clarity-Sl₁/Sl₂

Total Weight: 2.5 DWT

Manufacturing: bright finish, cast-and-assembled, prong

and bead set; stamped 14K

Metal Purity: tested Condition: new

Gold Price: based on \$1,848 (London market)

Total Replacement Value

\$6.500.00

applicable taxes additional