

Alexandrite Questions & Answers

"It is better to know some of the questions than all of the answers."

James Thurber, (1894 - 1961)

- * [Is there a difference between "Russian" and "Brazilian" Alexandrite gemstones?](#)
- * [What makes natural alexandrite so expensive?](#)
- * [What is the difference between chrysoberyl and alexandrite?](#)
- * [What is the difference between cat's eye and alexandrite?](#)
- * [What causes the cat's-eye effect in chrysoberyl?](#)
- * [Are there any other gemstones which change color?](#)
- * [Why does alexandrite appear to change color in sunlight and artificial light?](#)
- * [What are the most common colors of alexandrite?](#)
- * [How much will a typical one carat alexandrite gemstone cost?](#)
- * [Is alexandrite the most expensive gemstone in the world?](#)
- * [Why is natural alexandrite better than synthetic alexandrite?](#)
- * [Are there any ways to improve alexandrite colors by any special treatment like heating?](#)
- * [How can I spot the difference between a natural and a synthetic alexandrite?](#)
- * [What are the chances an alexandrite purchased in the 50s is natural?](#)
- * [Where do the best alexandrite gemstones come from?](#)
- * [What is the best way to clean and take care of alexandrites?](#)
- * [Where can I buy natural alexandrite gemstones?](#)
- * [Is the June birthstone pearl or alexandrite?](#)
- * [Where can I test and appraise my alexandrite?](#)
- * [What do I need to check before purchasing alexandrite gemstone?](#)
- * [How can I check the color change in an alexandrite?](#)

See Alexandrite Tsarstone collectors guide, Alexandrite Frequently Asked Questions, <http://www.alexandrite.net/viewpage.html?id=ALXS-002-00033>
(Answers to frequently asked questions about alexandrite gemstone identification and value.) (as of).