

Diamond colour scale D–Z

Grade	Category	Description
D	Colourless	Highest grade; no detectable colour
E	Colourless	Minute traces detectable only by an expert
F	Colourless	Slight colour detectable only by an expert
G	Near colourless	Colour difficult to detect unless compared side by side
H	Near colourless	Colour difficult to detect face-up
I	Near colourless	Slight warmth may be noticeable to a trained eye
J	Near colourless	Slight warmth may be noticeable, especially in larger stones
K	Faint	Faint yellow or brown tint noticeable
L	Faint	Faint tint noticeable
M	Faint	Faint tint noticeable
N–R	Very light	Light tint easily seen
S–Z	Light	Noticeable yellow or brown colour

Based on the GIA scale; judge colour in person.

Notes