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Heating and Irradiation

Many gemstones are commonly treated with heat and/or irradiation to improve and/or change color. In certain cases, such treatments cannot be detected. It is also possible for this heating to occur naturally when the gemstone is in the earth and/or irradiated in the earth over a long period of time. With today's testing method and technology and also in accordance with international gemological laboratory standards, some gems are very difficult if not impossible to determine if the heating and/or irradiation of such gemstones is treatment by man or occurred naturally in the earth.

The following list (not comprehensive) are gemstones that maybe subjected to heating or irradiation. It ranges from seldom – red tourmaline to almost always – tanzanite. Other gemstones might also be treated but these are the most usual.

Species	Variety/ Color	Heat		Irradiation
Beryl	Aquamarine	v		
•	Morganite			v
	Golden			\mathbf{v}
Garnet	Demantoid	v		
Quartz	Smoky			v
	Amethyst	v		
	Greenish yellow	v	or	V
	Green			
Spodumene	Kunzite			V
Topaz	Blue	v	and	V
	Brown			V
	Pink	v		
Tourmaline	Pink to red			\mathbf{v}
	Blue	v		
	Purple			\mathbf{v}
	Green	v		
Zircon	Blue	v		
	Colorless	v		
	Red	v		
Zoisite	Tanzanite	v		

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Other Possible Treatments

Coating (C): This treatment is used to change stone's appearance, basically color, by applying a coloring agent, like paint, to the gemstone's surface. Coating is not stable type of treatment, it maybe scratched or rubbed off.

Dyeing (D): Some porous or fractured gems are exposed by colored dyes change their color.

Assembled Stone (A): An assembled stone is one constructed of two or more glued materials. Usually purpose of such kind of materials is to fraud the costumer.



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