

Aquamarine

If you wear aquamarine it says you are an independent soul, and you live life to the beat of a different drum. You are highly original, inventive, have a need to be free, and are resourceful and unique.

Aquamarine is part of the Beryl Species. Other members of this group include Emerald and Morganite (pink). Aquamarine's hardness is a 7.5-8 on the Moh's scale, and it won't scratch too easily. It has an interesting play of light, which is explained by its Refractive Index of 1.564 – 1.596. The coloring agent is iron. The density falls in the normal range; aqua has a density of 2.68 – 2.74. Aqua will not appear overly small or large for the weight.

Aquamarine is most often found in Brazil, the Ural Mountains of Russia, Australia, and Burma/ Myanmar.

Aquamarine got its name because it was believed to protect people as they enjoyed water. It has a relaxing color, and some who are drawn to it say it calms them when they are overburdened.

I recently acquired some Nigerian Aquamarine, and was told by the cutter that the Nigerian goods can't ever be heated to alter the color, because their chemical make up won't tolerate heat. If untreated gems are important to you, you may want to stop in and see these great colored aquas from Central Africa.