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Why does my customer want Emerald and how do I source it?

Part 2 of Jason's Emerald sourcing.

Fine matching pairs of stones are rare and therefore a premium has to be paid. It is said with Emerald that if you cut one stone into 2 equal pieces even they will not match each other. Such is the difficulty with the subtle differences in the transparency and hue.



Emerald pairs

Like any stone, once the properties of this particular material are understood they are not difficult to mount. Unlike Ruby and Sapphire they cannot be heated. They are hard and resistant to scratching yet care must be taken as they can be brittle if too much pressure is applied. All Emeralds are oiled, this is an acceptable practice, the oil could be removed by ultrasonic cleaning or by pickling during the manufacturing process.



Fancy emerald cuts

We should promote this stone strongly, the colour is universally appealing and there is masses of romantic history attached to this Gemstone. The public perception and appetite for the 'brand' leaves it needing little more than gentle creative marketing, we can supply stones for most design led pieces.

