

## SPESSARTITE GARNET

Spessartite Garnet is the bright orange variety of the Garnet family, not to be confused with the treacley Hessonite, which lacks the brilliance of this rare gemstone. This gemstone is only sometimes available on the market, the source of the finest Spessartites was Namibia which produced such orange stones that they almost looked unreal. More recently Nigeria produced some larger, cleaner, beautiful bright orange stones however they rarely exceeded 6 carats. Unlike Fire Opal, not only is Spessartite much brighter but with a hardness of 7 it a practical ring stone.