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Gold Karat Rating

Karat	Gold Content	Typical Use	Comment
8	Up to 33%	Souvenirs	Not too common
10	Up to 41%	Jewelry	Very common
14	Up to 58%	Jewelry	Most common
16	Up to 67%	Dental	Alloyed with hardeners
18	Up to 75%	Higher end jewelry	Common
22	Up to 92%	High end jewelry	Less common - Very soft

Notes:

- Gold karat rating is usually stamp in gold item. Stamp may be faded
- If not stamped, most likely not gold
- EP means Electro Plated - Basically thin gold coated
- GF means Gold Filled – Basically thick gold coated
- Use a magnet. If item is magnetic, it is not gold

Platinum Purity

- 95% Platinum is 95% platinum 5% iridium (less common)
- 90% Platinum is 90% platinum 10% iridium (more common)
- Almost always stamped in the item
- Not magnetic

Silver Purity

- Sterling silver is from 80% to 95% pure silver. Most commonly 0.925 (92.5%) pure silver
- Usually stamped in the item
- Not magnetic

Weight Unit Conversion Chart

Weight Unit	ozt	oz	dwt	ct	gr
Ounce Troy (ozt) For Precious Metals	1.000	1.097	20.000		31.103
Ounce (oz)	0.911	1.000	18.231		28.349
Pennyweight (dwt)	0.050	0.055	1.000	7.775	1.555
Carat (ct) For Diamonds & Gems			0.132	1.000	0.020
Gram (gr)	0.032	0.035	0.643	5.000	1.000