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| **Cutting**   * Cut is a diamond's most important characteristic in appearance. * It has the greatest overall influence on a diamond's outlook * It determines what we generally think of as sparkle.   Diamond gemologists usually recommend selecting the highest cut grade within your budget. The reason is of the Four Cs, no other characteristic has a greater influence on a diamond's appearance.   A diamond's cut grade is an objective measure of a diamond's light performance, or, what we generally think of as sparkle( Fire). When a diamond is cut with the proper proportions, light is returned out of the top of the diamond (i.e. table). If it is cut too shallow, light leaks out of the bottom; too deep and it escapes out of the side.  Light Reflection of Diamonds |

**Cut Grades**

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| http://pics.bluenile.com/assets/chrome/icons/blt_ltb.gif | **Excellent cut( EX):** Reflects nearly all light that enters the diamond. An exquisite and rare cut. Best grading in cutting |
| http://pics.bluenile.com/assets/chrome/icons/blt_ltb.gif | **Very good cut( VG):** Reflects nearly as much light as the ideal cut, second best in grading |
| http://pics.bluenile.com/assets/chrome/icons/blt_ltb.gif | **Good cut( G):** Reflects most light that enters. Much less expensive than a very good cut. |
| http://pics.bluenile.com/assets/chrome/icons/blt_ltb.gif | **Fair cut( F):** Represents roughly the top 35% of diamond quality based on cut. Still a quality diamond, but a fair cut will not be as brilliant as a good cut. |
| http://pics.bluenile.com/assets/chrome/icons/blt_ltb.gif | **Poor cut( P):** Diamonds that are generally so deep and narrow or shallow and wide that they lose most of the light out the sides and bottom. |

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| **切割 Cutting**   * 切割是鑽石最重要的 * 它對鑽石的美觀具有最大的整體影響 * 它決定了我們通常所說的亮光程度   鑽石鑑定家一般建議選擇在您的預算內最高切割分級的鑽石. 理由是鑽石 4C 之中，沒有其他特徵對鑽石的外觀有更大的影響.  鑽石的切割分級是對鑽石的[折射表現](javascript:void(glosswin=%20window.open('/glossary.jsp?word=lightperformance,'bn_glossary','scrollbars=1,resizable=1,directories=0,height=275,width=442'));glosswin.focus();)（即我們一般視為火）的客觀測量， 當鑽石以恰當的比例切割時，最大部份的光線從鑽石的頂部反射出去（即為[桌面](javascript:void(glosswin=%20window.open('/glossary.jsp?word=table','bn_glossary','scrollbars=1,resizable=1,directories=0,height=275,width=442'));glosswin.focus();)）。 如果鑽石切割得太淺，光線會從底部溜走；太深則會從側邊流失。  鑽石的光線折射 |

**切割分級**

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| http://pics.bluenile.com/assets/chrome/icons/blt_ltb.gif | 卓越型切割( EX): 近乎將所有進入鑽石的光線反射出來, 視為頂級的切割效果 |
| http://pics.bluenile.com/assets/chrome/icons/blt_ltb.gif | 極佳切割( VG): 近乎反射出與理想型切割同量的光線，次一等的切割效果 |
| http://pics.bluenile.com/assets/chrome/icons/blt_ltb.gif | 良好切割( G): 反射出進入鑽石的大部份光線。 比極佳切割鑽石便宜得多。 |
| http://pics.bluenile.com/assets/chrome/icons/blt_ltb.gif | 一般切割( F): 一般切割的鑽石依然是優質的鑽石，但不如良好切割般明亮。 |
| http://pics.bluenile.com/assets/chrome/icons/blt_ltb.gif | 不良切割( P)： 一般非常深及窄的鑽石或淺及闊的鑽石在側邊及底部流失大部份的光芒。 |

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