

Girdle thickness

Girdle thickness shall be 0.3 mm +/- 0.1 mm. If the pattern has a scalloped girdle, the thin part of the scallop should not be less than 0.2 mm or greater than 0.4 mm. If out, a 3 point 100% error will result.

Additional Judging Notes

1. Categories 1,2,3,4, and 7 represent polish.
2. The girdle shall be polished and judged under the same categories on the score sheet, "1 through 7" as with all other facets. Two other categories are specifically designated for the girdle alone. They are 8-Girdle Uniform and 11-Girdle Thickness.
3. Scoring in categories 1 through 8 - Errors will be assigned a weighted value of 5%, 50%, or 100% point deduction depending upon the magnitude of the error. A general definition of the weighted value scoring is as follows: 5% off if the error is barely visible with a 10X loupe; 50% off if the error is barely visible with the naked eye but easily seen with a 10X loupe; or 100% off when a most serious error is seen with the 10X loupe and/or if the error is easily seen with the naked eye.
4. Scoring in categories 9 through 11 - Errors will be automatically assigned a 3 point 100% deduction.
5. THE PLAN VIEW: It is an important serious parameter of evaluation in a faceting competition. The definition: "A plan view is that arrangement of points and lines one sees when looking directly down or up the vertical axis, whether it's a real stone or an imaginary stone as portrayed on a diagram." The following are examples of how a cutter may create a change in "plan view" when cutting a competition stone: The most frequent is deliberately creating a change in the "plan view" when cutting a competition stone-in-jeopardy by employing a severe change of angle or angles that will create a non-design facet or facets. This comes under the judges prerogative for making the decision, and/or without question, a mishap of inadvertently leaving out a tier of facets. Both crown and pavilion are subject to penalty if the plan view of either one is in error. If the plan view as defined is not followed in the opinion of the judge, then in all cases the stone **will** be **ineligible** and the judge will give written reasons on the judging sheet.
6. Pre-judging: Pre-judging of stones is **strictly forbidden**. Any indication of pre-judging will automatically - **without exception** - disqualify the participant from the competition.
7. The minimum final score a judge will award is 50 out of 100 possible points.

Note: Any questions about the competition should be directed to the USFG Competition Co-Chair

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