

GOLD STAMPS CHART



The market price of gold is listed as price per ounce of Pure Gold (24 Karat). Most jewelry is not pure gold but rather a certain percentage of gold mixed with other alloys. Gold is soft. By mixing it with other alloys it becomes durable and therefore suitable for use in jewelry. Gold purity is identified by a stamp on the jewelry itself.

METAL PURITIES	STAMPS
10 Karat Gold (41.6% Pure Gold)	417, 10K, 10KP, 10KT
14 Karat Gold (58.3% Pure Gold)	585, 583, 575, 14K, 14KP, 14KT
18 Karat Gold (75% Pure Gold)	750, 18K, 18KP, 18KT
22 Karat Gold (91.6% Pure Gold)	917, 916, 22K, 22KP, 22KT
24 Karat Gold (100% Pure Gold)	999, 24K, 24KP, 24KT
Platinum (95% Pure Platinum)	950, PLAT, PT, Pt950, Plat 950, 950Pt
Sterling Silver (92.5% Pure Fine Silver)	925, 92.5, .925 Sterling, Sterling Silver

*KP Refers to Plum Gold. Most gold is within 1-2 carats of the purity its stamp signifies. If a jewelry item is 9 karat gold the manufacturer is legally permitted to stamp it as 10kt. KP signifies that the gold percentage matches its stamp exactly.

How to Calculate Your Gold Jewelry's Value?

To calculate value, you will need to know your gold jewelry's approximate weight in grams and its purity.

Step 1: Multiply your gold jewelry's weight in grams by its purity in decimal form (10kt=.417, 14kt=.583, 18kt=.75 etc...) to get its true gold weight.

Step 2: Look up the Gold Spot Price online (Per Ounce) and convert it to Grams by multiplying it by 0.035274

Step 3: Multiply the spot price in grams by your jewelry's true gold weight to get its value.

Ex: Gold ring weighing 6.5 grams that is stamped 14kt.

Step 1: $6.5 \times .583 = 3.79$ grams

Step 2: $\$1297.23$ (Gold Spot Price) $\times 0.035274 = \$45.76$

Step 3: $\$45.76 \times 3.79 = \173.43 (Gold ring's spot value)

Non-Gold Stamps

Non-gold & gold plated Jewelry pieces also receive stamps. These stamps are often mistaken for their gold equivalent.

GF = Gold Filled

RGP = Rolled Gold Plated, or Gold Overlay

GP = Gold Plated

GEP = Gold Electroplated

Ex: A ring stamped 14KT GP is plated with a very thin layer of 14kt gold with insignificant gold value.

Gold Buyers

Gold buyers usually pay anywhere from 45-75% of your gold jewelry's spot value. Calculating this value before meeting with a buyer helps you to determine the competitiveness of their offer.