

# Diamond Facts

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Nearly as old as the earth itself, and with no two diamonds ever being the same, there are many fascinating facts about the creation, discovery, and history of a diamond.

- The word diamond derives from the Greek word 'adamas' meaning indomitable and invincible, a fitting name for the hardest natural substance on earth.
- The Greeks believed diamonds were the tears of the gods, and Romans thought they were shards from the stars.
- Many stars have diamond cores. The biggest known diamond in the universe weighs 2.27 thousand trillion tonnes, or 10 billion trillion carats.
- The atmosphere of Venus was first analysed through the diamond window of a US spacecraft, as only a diamond had the strength and transparency to endure the pressure in the atmosphere.
- Diamonds were formed long before dinosaurs roamed the Earth, and some are even older than the stars.
- Diamonds are the hardest natural substance known to man.

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