

World First

Opal Appraisal by computer software

There is only one way to learn Opal valuation, that is by handling large volumes of Opal on a continuous basis.

There are only a handful of people worldwide capable of accurately valuing every variety of Australian Opal, most valuers, when confronted with Opal, seek assistance from an experienced Opal person, this costs time and money

The Smart Chart provides the means to access over 30 million Opals in photographic form, it will value these Opals in current dollar values by simply answering 14 photographic questions relating to Opal characteristics.

Each question is fully illustrated and is answered by simply clicking on the characteristic nearest to that of the stone in hand, help text is instantly available for each question, all photos enlarge for clearer viewing,

After answering all questions, press the relevant icon to obtain the value in a per carat and whole stone price for the stone in hand.

This can then be printed out along with the answers to the questions, which gives you both the value and a verifiable document.

As a learning tool The Smart Chart has no equal, after valuing an opal the characteristics can be altered infinitely, change the colour, insert inclusions, change shape, even change the variety, all changes and their effect on value are instantly available

Even a series of hypothetical Opals can be valued, The Smart Chart is fun to use and quite addictive.

The information section contains over 25 screens of text with many previously unrecorded tips, EG how to detect a boulder doublet in a bezel setting.

The text should be printed out and read thoroughly prior to seriously operating the program, this makes program operation easier and more accurate.

Valuers inexperienced in opal could expect to take 2 to 3 minutes for a valuation, with program familiarity it could reduce to under 1 minute.

If the value generated by the program disproportionately varies from the expected result, the judgment of each question should be reviewed, if still evident, a second opinion from an experienced opal person should be sought.

If correct judgments are made, the program is designed to provide a correct value, which is slightly optimistic for high quality stones and pessimistic for low grade stones.

There is an extensive photolibrary showing a selection of each variety of Australian Opal.

A new program will be available annually containing additional information, more photos and updated prices.

All terminology conforms to CIBJO. Opal Nomenclature.

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