WORLD CLASS GEMS

Will it *scratch?*

Every birthstone ranked by hardness. Use it before you choose a stone for an engagement ring or a ring worn every day.

MOHS HARDNESS, 1 TO 10



7 **Why 7 matters.** Everyday dust contains quartz, which is 7 on the Mohs scale. Stones softer than that pick up fine scratches over time, so they suit earrings and pendants better than rings worn every day. Hardness isn't toughness: diamond can still chip with a hard knock.

Hardness values from each stone's page on worldclassgems.com. Striped ends show a range.

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