

1) Do you do all of your sizing, stone setting, and repair in house?

This is extremely important! Why?

- If you are buying a ring set with small diamonds (they can fall out a lot easier when jewelry is mass produced),
- If you need a sizing done quick
- If you have a center stone (sometimes they can become loose and fall out).

Jewelry stores may give you a warranty, but if their jewelry repair is not done in house, and is sent off to a jewelry repair company instead, you could be waiting up to 2 months just to get it back.

At Crevier Jewelry we have customers with warranties from other companies come to us for repair work, just so they can get their jewelry back quickly.

2) Where was this piece actually made?

Most jewelry is made in China or India, and some of the pieces coming out of these countries can be made with extremely low quality.

It is a good idea to look at the piece under a microscope and see if it still looks like a nice piece, and if all of the prongs are actually holding the stones in place.

3) What is the quality of the diamonds already set in the ring?

A lot of the time, jewelry stores will sell you a very nice center stone, but the little diamonds already set in the ring can be of a very low quality.

4) Are the diamonds you sell GIA certified?

GIA is the best when it comes to certifying a diamond.

There are other companies that can be good as well, (EGL IGI AGL) but GIA certificates are the best, hands down. Sometimes companies will sell you a stone that is certified by them. They can be great stones, but be careful, any store can print a certificate. If you do buy a stone that is not certified by GIA or another company, make sure you are getting a deal on the stone, and compare it to other stones that are GIA certified.

5) Can you explain what rhodium plating your white gold is and why it is needed?

In this day and age where a lot of people are buying white gold, most jewelry stores forget to mention your white gold ring is rhodium plated (especially places that don't do their rhodium plating in house). Rhodium is in the platinum family and is a by-product of refining platinum. It is a hard, white metal that protects the piece of jewelry and gives it a beautiful, and perfect, white look. After only half-a-year of wearing your jewelry, you may notice your piece has a yellowish hue to it (this is especially noticeable on the bottom and or sides of your ring).

The reason for this is: In its pure form, gold is yellow. To make 14k white gold (14k w/gold is 58.5% gold) we have to bleach out the yellowish gold color with other metals like nickel, silver, platinum, or palladium. This helps in making it white, but does not make it perfectly white.

**Almost 99% of white gold jewelry sold today is rhodium plated.*