

A Systematic Approach to Appraisal Data Collection

For

Pearl Strands

Systematic Collection of Critical Information for Pearl Strands

Inspection Date:	Single Strand & # of Beads:_____
Location of Inspection:	
Pearl Strand Attributes:	Multiple Strands – Number of Strands:_____
Brief Description of Strand or Strands:	Strand Lengths & # of Beads per Strand: _____ _____
Nature of Origin:	_____
Natural	_____
Cultured – Saltwater	_____
Cultured – Freshwater	_____
Nucleation Technique/Method:	_____
Natural	_____
Bead Nucleated	
Colored Stone Nucleated	Strand Lengths & Names:
Tissue Nucleated	15-Inch – Choker Length
	18-Inch – Princess Length
X-Rayed Conformation:	22-Inch – Matinee Length
Yes, No	24-Inch – Matinee Length
	30-Inch – Opera Length
Treatments:	32-Inch – Opera Length
Bleached	34-Inch – Opera Length
Dyed	
Irradiated	
Country of Origin - Pearls:	Graduated or Tapered Pearl Strand Measurements:
Certificate of Authentication:	Smallest Pearl Diameter:
Yes, No	Largest Pearl Diameter:
Weights & Measurements:	Knotted or Non-Knotted between Beads:
	Knotted
Weight: Grams or Penny	Non-Knotted
Weight	
Total weight including clasp	Color: – Average Color:
Scales Used:	Color Description:
	White/Rose´
Length & # of Beads:	Pink/Rose´
Single Strand or Multiple Strands	White
Including Clasp	

Light Cream/Rose´	Shape of Pearls – Average:
White/Greenish	All Round
Medium Cream/Rose´	Mostly Round
Pink/Greenish	Slightly Off Round
Medium Cream	Off Round
Medium Cream/Greenish	Semi-Baroque
Dark Cream/Rose´	Baroque/No Tail
Dark Cream	Baroque/Slight Tail
Dark Cream/Greenish	Baroque/Heavy Tail
Yellowish/Greenish	Fresh Water
Yellowish/Rose´	Rice
Yellowish	
Fancy	Make of Pearls – Average:
Grey	
Steel Grey	Spotting/Blemishes – Average:
Black	Unblemished
Golden	Very Slightly Blemished
	Slightly Blemished
Color –Overtone:	Blemished
Rose´	Very Blemished
Green	
None	Luster – Average:
Rosy	Very High
Pinkish	High
Greenish	Medium
Yellowish	Low
	Very Low
Size Diameter – Average Size:	Orient – Average:
2.0mm to 2.5mm	
2.5mm to 3.0mm	
3.0mm to 3.5mm	
3.5mm to 4.0mm	
4.0mm to 4.5mm	
4.5mm to 5.0mm	
5.0mm to 5.5mm	
5.5mm to 6.0mm	
6.0mm to 6.5mm	
6.5mm to 7.0mm	Nacre Thickness – Average:
7.0mm to 7.5mm	Unknown
7.5mm to 8.0mm	Very Thick
8.0mm to 8.5mm	Thick
8.5mm to 9.0mm	Medium
9.0mm to 9.5mm	Thin
9.5mm to 10.0mm	Very Thin

Matching of Overall Quality:

(9 to 10) Excellent
(7 to 8) Very Good
(5 to 6) Good
(3 to 4) Fair
(1 to 2) Poor

Pearl Carving Quality:

(9 to 10) Excellent
(7 to 8) Very Good
(5 to 6) Good
(3 to 4) Fair
(1 to 2) Poor

Pearl Grading System Used:

Pearl Fluorescence:

(0)None/Negligible
(1 to 2) Weak to Faint – Chalky White
(3 to 4) Medium/Moderate – Chalky White
(5 to 6) Strong – Chalky White

Photographic Documentation:

Photographs taken during Inspection:

Yes, No

Top View:

Yes, No

Side View:

Yes, No

Profile View:

Yes, No

Back View:

Yes, No

Stamps & Markings:

Yes, No

Strand End Attributes:

End Caps & Strand Ends:

Flat – Tapered – Plain – No Stamps/Markings
Flat – Tapered – Stamped
Flat – Straight – Plain – No Stamps/Markings
Flat – Straight – Stamped
Round – Tapered – Plain – No
Stamps/Markings
Round – Tapered – Stamped
Round – Straight – Plain – No
Stamps/Markings
Round – Straight – Stamped
Soldered Jump Ring(s)
Un-Soldered Jump Ring(s)
Other Method(s)

Cap & Clasp Tab:

Round/Oval – Stamped
Round/Oval – Plain – No Stamps/Markings
Square/Rectangle – Stamped
Square/Rectangle – Plain – No
Stamps/Markings
Other – Stamped
Other – Plain – No Stamps/Markings

Clasp:

Barrel Clasp
Barrel Clasp – Plain
Barrel Clasp – Plain – Fold over Safety
Barrel Clasp – Fluted – Plain
Barrel Clasp – Fluted – Fold over Safety
Barrel Clasp – Screw Type
Box Clasp – Plain – Top Button Release
Box Clasp – Plain – Top Button – Fold over
Safety
Box Clasp – Fancy – Top Button
Box Clasp – Fancy – Top Button – Fold over
Safety
Box Clasp – Plain – Side Button Release
Box Clasp – Plain – Side Button – Fold over
Safety
Box Clasp – Fancy – Side Button Release

Box Clasp – Fancy – Side Button – Fold over
Safety
Box Clasp – Fancy – Side Button Release
Box Clasp – Fancy – Side Button – Fold over
Safety
Concealed Box – Top Button Release
Concealed Box – Top Button – Fold over
Safety
Concealed Box – Side Button Release
Concealed Box – Side Button – Fold over
Safety
Hook & Eye Clasp
Invisible Pearl Clasp
Lobster Claw Clasp
Lobster Claw Clasp – Plain
Lobster Claw Clasp – Fancy
Magnetic Clasp
Pearl Clasp – Plain
Pearl Clasp – Fancy
Pearl Clasp – Invisible

Sister Hook Clasp – Plain
Sister Hook Clasp - Fancy
Spring Ring – Standard
Spring Ring – Fancy
Toggle Bar & Hoop – Plain
Toggle Bar & Hoop - Fancy
Fancy Clasp
Specialized Clasp

Item's Age and/or Period:

Modern

Retro (1935 to 1955)

Art Deco (1920 to 1935)

Edwardian (1890 to 1920)

Art Nouveau (1895 to 1910)

Arts & Crafts (1890 to 1920)

Beaux-Arts & Neo-Renaissance (1890-1920)

Victorian (1837 to 1901)

Late Victorian (1875 to 1901)

Mid Victorian (1860 to 1875)

Early Victorian (1837 to 1850)

Georgian (1714 to 1830)

Modern-Reproduction of:

Condition of the Strand Material:

As New

Excellent

Very Good

Good

Fair – Should be re-strung

Poor – Should be re-strung

Metal(s) used in the Caps & Clasps:

9K Yellow Gold

9K White Gold

10K Yellow Gold (417)

10K White Gold (417)

10K Yellow & White Gold (417)

10K White & Yellow Gold (417)

10K Green Gold (417)

10K Rose/Red Gold (417)

10K Tri-Color Yellow, Green, Red (417)

14K Yellow Gold (585)

14K White Gold (585)

14K Yellow & White Gold (585)

14K White & Yellow Gold (585)

14K Green Gold (585)	No
14K Rose/Red Gold (585)	
14K Tri-Gold Yellow, Green, Red (585)	Manufacturing Methods: Cast
18K Yellow Gold (750)	Cast – Mass Production (Light Weight Mounting)
18K White Gold (750)	Cast – Mass Production (Medium Weight Mounting)
18K Yellow & White Gold (750)	Cast – Mass Production (Heavy Weight Mounting)
18K White & Yellow Gold (750)	
18K Green Gold (750)	
18K Rose/Red Gold (750)	
18K Tri-Gold Yellow, Green, Red (750)	
19K White Gold	Cast & Assembled – Mass Production (Light Weight Mounting)
Palladium- (950-PD)	Cast & Assembled – Mass Production (Medium Weight Mounting)
90% Platinum/10% Iridium	Cast & Assembled – Mass Production (Heavy Weight Mounting)
Platinum- (950-PT)	
Platinum- (PLAT)	Cast & Assembled (Light Weight Mounting)
Mexican Silver	Cast & Assembled (Medium Weight Mounting)
Nickel Silver	Cast & Assembled (Heavy Weight Mounting)
German Silver	
Coin Silver (900)	
Sterling Silver (925)	
Gold Filled	Custom Wax & Cast
Gold Filled	Custom CAD/CAM
Rolled Gold Plate	Hand Constructed
Gold Overlay	Hand Fabricated
Gold Plated	Hand Assembled
Silver Plate	
Rhodium Plate (Bright White)	Die Struck
Rhodium Plate (Gun Metal)	Die Struck & Assembled
	Machined
	Machined & Assembled
	Machine Assembled
Metal Tested:	
Visual Identification	Combination
Visual Identification - Stamped	
Yes - Electronic Tester	
Yes - Standard Acid Test	
Yes - Laser	
Yes	

Quality of Workmanship: Overall

Best (9 to 10)

Better (7 to 8)

Good (5 to 6)

Fair (3 to 4)

Poor (1 to 2)

Noticeable Repairs and/or Damage:

Yes-

No

None

Trademark/Quality Stamps:

Yes-

No

None

Not Legible

Designer:

Manufacturer:

Country of Manufacture – The Strand:

Model No. & Name:

Hallmark / Year / Sponsor:

Yes

No

None

Not Legible

Additional Comments:

The La Shawn Bauer Collection – A Systematic Approach to Appraisal Data Collection
Pearl Strand - Attributes

Next: