

## AMETHYST FACT SHEET



BIRTHSTONE: February

COLOURS: Mostly shades of purple

MINERAL: Quartz

HARDNESS: 6.5 - 7.5 Mohrs

## ABOUT AMETHYST

Amethyst has always been associated with February, the month the Romans dedicated to Neptune, their water-god, and is the traditional birthstone of that month. It is the stone of St. Valentine and faithful love and also gifted for 6th wedding anniversaries.

It is a purple variety of quartz ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ) and owes its violet colour to irradiation, impurities of iron and in some cases other transition metals. We aim to provide you with the brightest and most scintillating amethysts from pale pink to Serbian purple. They are perfect semi-precious gem stones to experiment with bold cuts, shapes and sizes.

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## YOUR CARE GUIDE

Amethysts can be safely cleaned with warm soapy water. Ultrasonic cleaners are usually safe except in the rare instances where a stone is dyed or treated by fracture filling.

An amethyst will break more easily than more precious coloured gems stones like sapphires and rubies, however they are much less expensive to replace.

