

Chakra Palace Report

Identify Fake Crystals

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How Do You Know If You Have a Real Crystal?

Do you want to make sure you're buying real crystals when you next go shopping?

You do? So, stick around. In this report I'm going to show you exactly how... step-by-step. It will be quick and easy.

These crystal tips are for anyone that buys or collects crystals... and most of you are getting it wrong. So, if you're really serious, you'll want to read this report till the end and learn all these tips.



When Is It Useful to Know This Information?

This is really useful for dealing with new vendors and merchants.

And once you know these tips, you'll avoid getting ripped off forever!



When I started buying crystals, it never occurred to me that fake crystals were even a thing. I just assumed that all merchants sold genuine crystals!

It turns out that fake crystals are often glass or plastic.

Some are painted plaster of Paris.

And some... and these are the hardest to detect... are real crystals made to look like expensive crystals. It makes me so furious!

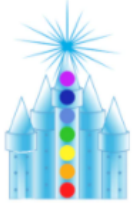
A Quick Warning.

We are not responsible for any destruction to your crystals by using these tests. And with that out of the way, please consider these basic tests.

What I mean is that these tests do not replace a qualified gem expert or even an actor on TV who pretends to be an expert.

With that warning out of the way, let's begin





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Test #1 Is It Plastic?

Far too often, plastic “crystals” look way too perfect.

Here is the best way to determine if your crystal (with air quotes) is plastic.



First, does it have a perfect shape? Plastic needs to be formed in a mold. Molds make the same shape over and over again.

So, since a mold ensures that every one of these little rascals looks the same. It's suspicious, right?

Here's the test you could try. Grab the item with tweezers or something non-heat conductive and apply a flame.

No surprise, a natural crystal will get black soot on it which wipes off.

Plastic will warp and melt – yuck! Be careful as too much heat could crack the crystal.

Test #2 Is It Too Cheap?

Look... we all like a bargain.

If you see a crystal bracelet in a department store that is only a few bucks, there is a good chance it's fake.

I won't name any single store in particular but... they usually have a name that has a dollar sign in their name. (Cough cough)

I will admit that if you know that you're buying a fake and you are ok with a fake, then go for it.

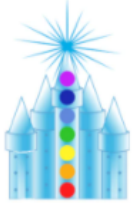
After all, costume jewelry has been around forever, and there's nothing wrong with a bit of bling here and there.

I have seen bad merchants mix real and fake, but it isn't all that common.

On this test, I can only suggest you learn prices by comparing the item with other players in the market.

Too high or too low... suggests that someone is getting the rough end of the pineapple in this deal.





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Test #3 Is It Too Perfect?

Crystals are like people, present company excluded of course. Crystals... have imperfections and very seldom straight lines.

If you see a crystal with enough straight lines to make your friend with OCD happy, give it a pass.

Nature is full of curves and bumps. Crystals also have this thing called, occlusions.

Occlusions are materials between the crystal structure.

They also have small cracks.

So, if you examine the crystal and you find these tell-tale signs then all is well.

For example. Rough bits. Great.

Globs of muck inside the crystal. Excellent!

A crystal with a chip or a rough bit here or there, and you've got a winner.

If you want a perfect crystal, you'll get really frustrated. Perfection is seldom found in nature. A close to perfect crystal is super expensive.

This brings us to our next test.

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Test #4 Is It Glass?

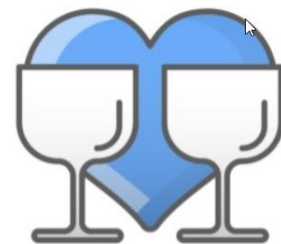
This test is one of my pet peeves, as glass can look very much like crystal.

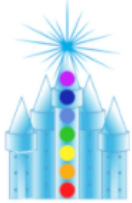
If someone were going to make a fake crystal... glass would be a good starting point.

Dyed glass can resist heat unlike plastic. This type of fake is a lot harder to detect. The first sign is oddly bright colors.

Anything neon color... gets my attention as a possible fake. If a fine coat of metal is added to the crystal... it's not natural. The technical name for this process is called... electrodeposition or vacuum deposition oxide.

Fake glass crystals look like candy. Too red or too yellow and very bright. This last test is mostly for the pro's but you should know about it.





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Test #5 Does It Pass the Loupe and Mohs Hardness Test?

Professionals use two more items to test crystals. The first is the loupe which you sometimes see in jewelry shops. The loupe is a small magnifying glass that allows you to examine the crystal.

You are looking for defects to show the crystal has imperfections. This magnifying glass makes it much easier than using your naked eye.

The hardness test on the other hand... determines if the crystal is genuine by making a tiny scratch. Every mineral has a different hardness.

If the hardness is wrong, it's an altered crystal.

So. Let's Sum This All Up.

You know now the five best ways to determine if your crystals are real or fake.

If you want more information on crystals, stay on our newsletter, it's free.

We send out more information on crystals, sage and smudging from time to time.

Thanks for reading and remember to keep your crystals, shiny side up!

More soon,

Michael and Marissa

