

South Sea Grading Specifications	Japanese/Chinese Grading Specs	DESCRIPTION
Top Gem	Gem Grade	Gem Grade Flawless pearl with excellent lustre Pearl exhibits no inclusions or imperfections prior to setting or drilling
A	AAA	Flawless on at least 90% of pearl's surface Only 10% of pearl's surface may exhibit slight, concentrated imperfections Only a single deep inclusion allowable Pearl should drill or set clean to virtually clean Lustre very high to excellent
B1	AA+	Flawless on at least 80% of pearl's surface Only 20% of pearl's surface may exhibit slight, concentrated imperfections Only one or two deep inclusions allowable Pearl should drill or set clean to nearly clean Lustre is high to very high
B	AA	Flawless on at least 70% of pearl's surface Only 30% of pearl's surface may exhibit slight, concentrated imperfections Only one or two deep inclusions allowable Pearl should drill or set nearly clean Lustre is high to very high
B2	A+	Flawless on at least 40% of pearl's surface Up to 60% of pearl's surface may exhibit slight, concentrated imperfections Deep inclusions are limited to 10% of pearl's surface Lustre is medium to very high
C	A	At least 60% of pearl's surface will exhibit flaws Deep inclusions and/or white spots within inclusions on up to 20% of pearl's surface Lustre is poor to very high