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## **Natural Baltic Amber**

This is an *introduction* about *natural Baltic Amber*

It is intended to be for everyone who is interested

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## **Product Information**

*Since 1982*, our company is active, in working with these classic gemstones from Russia, Poland, Scandinavia and Germany (= The Baltic Area ).

Other resources of Amber not from the Baltic region are either

- Regions containing Amber, which is not “old” enough to work properly with it (polish, heat treatments etc.) or
- Regions that contain aged Amber but not in commercial quantities and therefore also being expensive, resp. not available.

Therefore Baltic Amber is the only amber, being available and old enough (45-50 million years), to get a cutting job done, which clients do require.

Most of the natural rough stones are milky, pale or translucent but very light yellow. To match the taste and the requirement of the consumers, very special techniques of heat treatment for these stones has been developed, whereas each company, working with these fine stones, keeps their developed technique as a secret know-how.

Just by heating these stones (at low temperature), the following general changes will appear:

- \* If heat and air (as in a regular stove is the case) is supplied to the stones, the material will clear up and darken.

- \* If stones are heated under a vacuum (i.e. by an autoclave), stones will clear but not changing their color towards a darker shade.
- \* By special techniques, heat may cause Glitter to appear inside of the stone.
- \* Under such a heat treatment, the natural properties of amber is not changing, so that such a heat treatment may never be proofed and the amber is still considered to be a natural Amber.

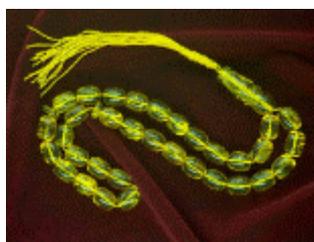
**K.E.K. GEMS INTERNATIONAL** keeps a permanent large stock of these rough stones, in order to be able, to supply required cut stones on a consistent basis to our clients. Nowadays we often must use a so called 'pressed amber', since supply of good natural rough is getting short – especially during the winter months in Europe. Pressed amber is natural small pieces of amber, whereas the skin gets cleaned off and thereafter to be pressed together into a larger slab, which then can be used to be cut. Pressed amber is nothing but real amber, since no additives should be used. We take care that we only work with pressed amber, where only natural amber without additives is used, so it may be declared as 'real amber'. We do believe, that we got a very good knowledge in how to heat treat these stones, in order to match our client requirement in color, Glitter, etc.

There sure is a lot more to tell about Amber. Some more of this has been published in our Internet pages at: [Amber.html](#) We invite you to study these pages for more information on Baltic Amber.

Have a look at some *pictures* of our Amber:



Some cut stones & Rosary



Rosary



some cut and rough Baltic Amber



Amber with a 50 million-year-old! Pinecone & one with a Butterfly



In case that you like what you see and you are interested, to view larger and higher quality images of these pictures, you may do so online at the following address: [Information.html](#)

Our butterfly and the pinecone is the only Amber ever been found, containing such full visible inclusions and their value are estimated very high.

Both, the butterfly and the pinecone are “Museum pieces” and are both of our property.

Correction: The butterfly been sold to a company, who also is willing to resell it to a collector or a Museum. We may help you in getting it, if you are interested.

More about this topic can be read about in the Internet in our pages under the topics “included exciting Amber” or under “Jurassic Park”

Visit us at our office, to have a look at our collection of “included Amber”, which are for sale, also individually.

The Gem Shows, where we do participate:

- a) Bangkok Gem Show in February each year,
- b) Hong Kong Gem & Jewelry fair in September each year.

**PRICE LIST for cut stones**

We are THE source for Amber cut stones in Thailand - Satisfaction is **guaranteed!**

We only use Original Baltic Amber rough, which is 45-50 Million years old!

**C A B O C H O N S**      any color is available - also with Glitter, if required.

Round mm	2 - 6	7	8	9	10	12	14	16	18	20
USD/pce	0.24	0.36	0.48	0.66	0.84	1.44	2.04	3.00	3.60	4.80

Oval mm	5x3	6x4	7x5	8x6	9x7	10x8	11x9	12x10	13x11	14x10
USD/pce	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.30	0.42	0.60	0.84	1.08	1.20	1.20

Oval mm	14x12	16x12	17x12	18x13	20x15	25x18	30x22	40x30
USD/pce	1.56	1.92	2.28	2.40	3.24	6.00	9.60	22.80

Marquise (navett) shape, teardrop (pear) shape, rectangles, squares, octagons and other fancy shapes are 10% higher in price than ovals.

Heart shapes are as fancy shapes above + a surcharge of 7 cents/pce.

**H E A R T S**      both sides domed, undrilled or half-drilled, for pendants etc.

mm x mm	6x6	8x8	10x10	12x12	14x14	16x16	18x18	20x20	25x25
USD/pce	0.60	1.14	1.92	3.00	4.56	5.90	6.96	10.14	17.40

We cut on orders only. No orders below 100 pcs. Per size and shape are accepted. For perfection, we do mostly Machine cutting. All odd sizes and shapes are available. Ask for our prices for your individual size, shape or kind of cutting.

**SPECIAL STOCKS**

*We always got a good stock of Cabochons in most all sizes and shapes  
In a 2<sup>nd</sup> quality, which are sold at only 0.69 US\$ per Gram.*

*These stones are well calibrated and cut. There are no broken stones or whatsoever  
in these lots. All stones are usable for Silver Jewelry setting.*

*The quality is called a 2<sup>nd</sup> quality because the patterns are not so uniform and the  
colors might not all match in a lot, as it is needed by large Jewelry factories.*

*Minimum order for these is 1 kg (mix or match).  
Prices are fob Bangkok.*

*Since we are very sure of the quality and the design of  
these Cabs, we grant a 100% money back guarantee.  
You return an entire lot to us within 14 days and  
you'll get your money back the very same day your parcel  
reaches us – guaranteed with no strings attached.*

Thank you for your interest and hope to hear from you soon.

***K.E.K. GEMS INTERNATIONAL CO., LTD.***  
*Klaus E. Kappler, managing director*