

TAG CODES AND DEFINITIONS

III. ASSEMBLED MATERIALS (COMPOSITE)

ASBL “ASBL” is the tag code for products made of multiple layers or combinations of manufactured and/or natural material fused, bonded or otherwise joined together to increase stability and/or imitate the appearance of a natural gemstone, create a unique design or generate unusual color combinations.

EXAMPLES:

ASBL Opals – (Various Combinations) Doublets and Triplets

ASBL Garnet – Glass Doublets

ASBL Sapphire – Synthetic Sapphire Doublets

ASBL Colorless Beryl – joined by green bonding (Triplets)

ASBL Mabe “Pearls” color coated, dyed, bleached, filled with hardened substances and a Mother of Pearl back. Sometimes coating can be plastic or polymer to protect the thin nacre.

ASBL Bonded material such as Turquoise, Lapis, etc.

The “ASBL” coded stones require special care; avoid household chemicals, cosmetics, abrasives and sudden shocks.