

The Terminology and Definitions of Baltic Amber (Succinite) Gemstones by International Amber Association

Natural Baltic amber (Succinite) – gemstone which has undergone mechanical treatment only (for instance: grinding, cutting, turning or polishing) without any change to its natural properties

Modified Baltic amber (Succinite) – gemstone subjected only to thermal or high-pressure treatment, which changed its physical properties, including the degree of transparency and colour.

Reconstructed (pressed) Baltic amber (Succinite) – gemstone made of one Baltic amber stone or many pieces pressed in high temperature and under high pressure without additional components.

Bonded Baltic amber (Succinite) (doublet, triplet) – gemstone consisting of two or more parts of natural, modified or reconstructed Baltic amber bonded together with the use of the smallest possible amount of a binding agent necessary to join the pieces.

The following abbreviations can be used to describe gemstone modification degrees:

N – no modification

H – heating

International jewellery and gemmology organisations recommend providing customers with exhaustive information on the gemstone modifications applied.

*The classification of Baltic amber gemstones was adopted by the Board of the **International Amber Association** on November 20, 1999, as amended. Last amended on September 05, 2014, unified text.*