



My name is Geoff McDonald and I'm the owner of the Brisbane Opal Museum and incharge of the opal jewellery in the shop. Now look closely at the image below...



You will see a pile of this year's filled-out invoice books, these are all from customers investing in opals in our shop. We are exclusively an opal shop. It's all that we do, It's what we love & it's what we're good at. And I'm not talking about the cheap tacky souvenir stuff, but quality 100% natural opals (solid) For more information about what a solid opal is v's an enhanced opal [click here](#).

We've been in business for over 10 years, and we're proud to say that it's grown from strength to strength. This is not by chance, sure we've made lots of mistakes but our mantra has always been "Quality Always Sells" so that's what we focus on... Getting our customers a quality product and the best suited opal (we know what questions to ask our customers). So I know what I talking about when it comes to opal. So based on the 10 years experience without further adue. Here are my 7 things that you MUST know before buying any opal...

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1. Brightness is the number one overriding-value-determining feature. Most opals look great in the sunlight but how does it look in low light. If you invest in an opal in gold (i.e. quality opal) it should still have good brightness in low light.
2. We personally do not recommend buying an opal doublet which has been set in gold, however if you really must do it, please do not spend over \$1000 unless there really is a lot of gold in the piece. They're simply not a good investment.
3. Whatever you do, **DON'T** buy an opal doublet ring (gold or silver). **Don't do it.** They're too fragile. I have seen too many people show me a doublet ring which they purchased 1-2 years prior which is now chipped at the edges.
4. If you invest in a ring make sure the stone is held in securely. Don't just take the jewellers word for it. Take a close look at it. Make sure the stone is held in by metal not just glued.
5. If you buy a gold quality opal ring, make sure that the opal is not thin so that if needs to be repolished in the years ahead it's brilliance will remain.
6. On a scale of 1 to 10 how well is the opal protected by the setting? Regarding this scale there is no right or wrong answer however it is something that one should consider. It all comes down to the type of person you are (regarding body awareness) and the purpose of the opal piece - is it worn everyday or only on special occasions. And Finally...

7. What if you purchase an opal and then within a year a crack appears? Ask the shop what their policy is, if this was to happen. We guarantee our opals against cracking for up to 5 years (if an opal was to crack naturally, normally it would do so within a year of the opal coming to the surface).

If you buy an opal in gold inspect it closely to make sure there are no cracks or chips. I'm very pedantic when it comes to cracks. The only time I would still sell an opal that had a small natural crack in it, would be if....

- We were to put it in silver.
- The crack did not detract from the beauty of the stone.
- It's the type of crack that **won't get worse**.
- The crack is very hard to notice.

So there we have it 7 things to look out for when investing in Opal jewellery. The good thing is that when you shop in our store we have kept in mind all these things.

So there we have it **The 7 things that you MUST know before buying any opal**. I hope this helped.

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