

## **CARAT 6.0 – What's new in this version?**

For over ten years **CARAT** appraisal software has been used by thousands of jewelers and appraisers with great success. We continuously update and enhance our product to provide you with the most complete, easiest, efficient and responsive tool to help perform your jewelry appraisals. We are now pleased to announce the release of our latest and greatest achievement, Version 6.0.

**CARAT** Version 6.0 is loaded with more than one hundred new features and enhancements. Many of these changes were implemented in response to the feedback we receive from our large base of loyal customers. We hope that you continue to communicate with us at [support@ogdir.com](mailto:support@ogdir.com) as your input is invaluable.

Please make sure to visit our web site at <http://www.ogdir.com> periodically and check for updates to **CARAT**, announcements and detailed explanations to frequently asked questions.

Thank you.

The following highlights some of **CARAT** Version 6.0 key enhancements, listed by functional area. Note that some of the functions were provided through interim updates to version 5.0.

### **Gemology**

- **Diamonds:** Added attributes and simplified calculations. You can now specify **Table Size**, **Crown Height** and **Pavilion Depth** measurements whereby **CARAT** will perform **percentage** as well as **angle** calculations and rounding. In accordance with recent publications, **Cut grade** chart has been added and includes five grades, from Excellent down to Poor. **CARAT** provides you with an estimator assistant that will use various diamond characteristics to suggest its potential cut grade, including giving you a graphical presentation. You can choose from a variety of methods, including an approximation of the GIA Cut grade assessment. An optional attribute is available, **Girdle Thickness** percentage that can be used for Cut grade estimation. In addition, **Bow-Tie** effect option is now available for non-rounded shape Diamonds only. Last but not least, you can now select, estimate calculate, plot, print and apply all **CARAT** features to two new shapes **Asscher** and **Cushion**.
- **Gemstones:** Added attributes and increased upper limit weight in support of large gemstones. In accordance with recent GIA publication, **Clarity** chart now includes seven grades, from VVS down to I3. In addition, you can also specify the Clarity **Type** chart used. You can now specify **Weight** for large stones, up to 999.99 carats.
- **Jewelry Items:** Added feature. You can now attach an **unlimited number of photos** to any appraisal to print with the certificate, including annotation for each photo. A rich set of attributes allows a variety of printing options including creation of a photos appendix page, automatic resizing and optimal fit of photos on the photo gallery pages.
- **Diamonds/Gemstones Inclusions:** Added appraisal integrity. **Appraisal Certificates** now include **legends** for identified inclusions even when you decide to suppress printing of the diagram plot and exclude it from the certificate.

- **Pearls:** Added attributes. You can now select 'Salt Water cultured' and 'Akoya' options when specifying **Nature** attribute.
- **Metals:** Added attributes. You can now select 'Hand assembled' and 'Machine made' options when specifying **Manufacturing** attribute. 'Excellent', 'Good' and 'Pre-owned' are now available as options when specifying **Condition**.
- **Appraisal Certificate:** Added integrity and functionality. **Appraisal Certificates** now include a running **Page Number** (optional) and **Date** on every component of the printed package. Also included is the total count, in the format 'page nn of mm'. This helps eliminate removal of pages from the appraisal package. Note also that **client address** will now print on a single line (instead of up to three) and some white space was eliminated to preserve print space on the appraisal certificate.
- **Appraisal Certificate - Side View Diagram:** Added feature. **Appraisal Certificates** can now include an optional **side view diagram**, profiled with the specifications of the Diamond being appraised. This feature has been added in conjunction with the new Cut Grade functionality but can also be used independently and will appear on the certificate next to the (optional) top and bottom view plot diagrams.
- **Appraisal Certificate – General Comments:** Added feature. **Appraisal Certificates** can now include optional **General Comments**, printed below the client address, which can be used for any comment you want printed on the certificate (similar to designating Executor, Deceased and Date of death for Estate appraisals.)
- **Multi-Item Appraisal Certificate:** Improved functionality. The production date is now printed as the date of a **Multi-Item Appraisal Certificate** and not the date of the earliest appraisal included in the package. Additionally, you can request a print a summary sheet only, which includes a one-liner for each item. The option to print full-page for each item continues to be available.

### Usability Enhancements

- **Multiple clients/language:** Added function. You can now easily create and maintain multiple configuration (customization) databases that can be used to support multiple languages (international users) as well as multiple customers (for the traveling appraiser.)
- **Personal notes:** Added function. You can now create and maintain personal notes for each jewelry item. These notes will not print on the certificate and are only for your records.
- **Advanced Search:** Added function. You can now use the new **advanced search** function to locate jewelry items matching one or more of the following attributes: **Type**, **Date Range/Period**, **Manufacture Code** (barcode etc.), **Certificate number**, **Total Value** (in range), **Description**, **Personal Notes** and **Appraisal Log**. Most search attributes support partial values and wild cards.
- **Switching Appraiser:** Added function. You can now switch appraisers without exiting the system. In addition, the number of characters in the appraiser's login name has increased to provide room for full name and credentials.

- **Appraisal Log:** Added function. **CARAT** now maintains an automatic log of events to keep track of all updates made to an appraisal. Each entry in the log records the **Date**, **Time** and **Appraiser's Name** for every update.
- **Reports:** Added function. You can now produce reports by **client** in addition to selection by **jewelry**.
- **Calculator:** Added function. You can now access a Calculator directly inside **CARAT** using a single click. This function is available on all applicable windows, such as weight and price specifications, and allows you to open as many calculator windows as required to accomplish your task.
- **Multi-Item Appraisal Certificate:** Improved function. You can request a print a summary sheet only, which includes a one-liner for each item. This will provide you great printing savings when working of very large appraisal (the option to print full-page for each item continues to be available.) The **summary page** is now optimized and, at your choice, can include the entire or an abbreviated description of the jewelry.

### Corrections

- **Help:** Fixed. An updated, context-sensitive help file, is now available from most program screens by pressing the F1 function. In addition, the help file is available from the **CARAT** program group and includes search capabilities, structure content review ('book' structure) and navigation through the pages.
- **Multi-Item Appraisal Certificate:** Fixed. **Appraisal Type** now prints consistently throughout all components of the certificate. **Estate** and **Total Value** information now print correctly for all Multi-Item appraisals requiring such information.
- **Customization:** Fixed. **CARAT** will no longer revoke registered status when exiting the Customization program without saving updates to configuration. In addition, **CARAT** will now correctly change store name and address when switching between databases in networking environment.
- **Reports:** Fixed. **CARAT** will now select and display the correct appraisals when searching by jewelry value range without specifying upper value limit.
- **Pearls/Metals Values:** Fixed. The values of Pearls and Metals on the **Detail** window view are no longer transposed.
- **Certificate Appendix Page:** Fixed. Minor adjustments have been made to the default **Appendix** page to align with GIA definitions for diamonds color and clarity charts and improve its appearance.
- **Print Preview:** Fixed. A print error that caused a Run-Time Error 6 when printing large jewelry photos has been corrected and **CARAT** will now correctly process very large photo files and support the advanced graphics standards used by some of the latest digital cameras.

## Performance

- **Microsoft Vista:** Added support. **CARAT** now operates natively in **Microsoft's Vista** environment, eliminating compatibility issues.
- **Database:** Enhanced functionality, integrity and performance. **Database** functionality is now streamlined and optimized and additional checks are performed to assure integrity of the data.
- **Graphics:** Enhanced integrity and performance. **Graphics files** used to capture **Jewelry and Clients photos** are now stored outside the database, available for your use. For added stability, **CARAT** now limits the size of photo files.

## Tip of the day

- **Emailing Appraisals:** To email an appraisal (or any other document) to a client, we suggest the following easy solution. Download a printer driver that can generate a print file such as PDF (many are available on the Internet.) Then direct printing to this "printer" and save the output file. Attach this file to an email message and send to your client.