

Acceptance & Submission Guidelines

MINERALS AND METEORITES



Minerals and Meteorites Premium Positioning

Authenticity - Quality - Legal Compliance

At **Catawiki** we auction minerals and meteorites of **premium quality** which are hard to find and appealing to **passionate mineral enthusiasts**.

Because potential buyers come to Catawiki looking for special and rare mineral and meteorites, our **in-house experts select every piece** for our auctions, **ensuring** they are of **premium quality** and are presented in the best possible way.

We do this because we aim to **keep our bidders excited**, allowing them to **find the pieces they're interested in** and ensure our **sellers have great selling experiences**.



At Catawiki, we move constantly forward. Our positioning is evolving to a strong premium segment which opens more opportunities for success for us and for you.

From the 14 million visitors that come to our platform every month, we gain valuable information on what they are passionate about and what they prefer to buy.

With your help, we want to make sure we continuously meet this demand and offer the special objects that our growing number of bidders are excited about and want to buy.

In these guidelines, we've defined what the special pieces are that bidders look for in our mineral auctions. We'll also state what we require from you to successfully place them in auction. These guidelines serve to create a level playing field between all our sellers.

We will be happy to make room in our auctions for your lots that meet this high quality demand, and we will aim to shape ourselves to better fit you.

Our experts and account managers will be fully supporting and guiding you for success on Catawiki.

Thank you for being with us on this exciting journey!

Product Guidelines

At **Catawiki** we auction **minerals and meteorites** gathered from all corners of the world.



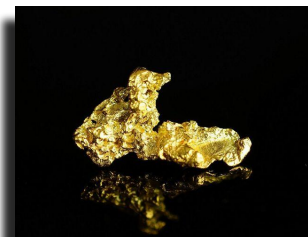
For our auctions we seek and select:

- all natural and lab-grown mineral species, including:
 - well formed crystals, (single or on matrix), with minimal damage, rough gemstones and attractive massive minerals incl. polished but unsuitable for jewellery and carved items
- all natural extraterrestrial objects, incl. tektites formed by the impact of such an object with the earth's surface
- pieces of known origin authenticity, as it is of vital importance to maintain auction credibility
- pieces that are valued at least €50

Collectable items from natural and lab-grown minerals

For our dedicated auctions we seek a wide range of natural and lab-grown mineral species, including:

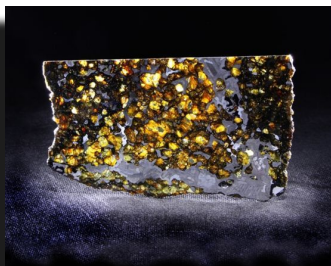
- well formed crystals, (single or on matrix; in the matrix there should be a good ratio between the crystal and the matrix), with minimal damage and clearly visible to the naked eye
- rough gemstones
- attractive massive minerals
- spheres, polished and carved items



Natural extraterrestrial objects and tektites

For our dedicated auctions we seek all natural extraterrestrial objects, including tektites formed by the impact of such an object with the Earth's surface.

All items included in this category should either be in their natural state or polished. We also accept pieces of jewellery which are formed partially or completely from meteorite or tektite material.

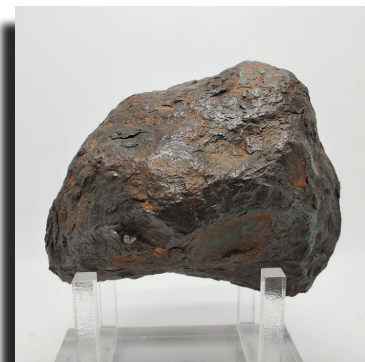


As authenticity is of vital importance to us in order to maintain auction credibility, items should be from a recognised meteorite fall as detailed in the Meteoritical Bulletin Database

(<https://www.lpi.usra.edu/meteor/metbull.php>)

or they should be accompanied by details of analysis to confirm their authenticity.

✗ Pieces from a non-recognised meteorite fall or field are not of interest to our bidders.



Items that are not suitable

We do not find minerals of a potentially harming compounds suitable for our auctions. These include:

- ✗ Radioactive Minerals, such as Autunite, Uranophane, Uraninite, Uranocircite, Torbernite

- ✗ Fibrous minerals related to asbestos in the amphibole mineral group e.g. Fibrous Tremolite, Riebeckite, Chrysotile, Grunerite, Anthophyllite, Crocidolite

We also do not find suitable:

- ✗ Specimens that have been artificially constructed and are not realistic or impossible associations according to physical and geological rules

- ✗ Replicas



For the following minerals:

Agate	Carnelian	Kambaba (type of jasper)	Serpentine
Amethyst	Fluorite	Lapis Lazuli	Shungite
Black tourmaline (schorl)	Garnet	Obsidian	Jasper (especially less
Calcite	Granite	Quartz (reconstituted)	colourful and patterned types

We only accept these shapes and sizes:

Spheres (single or groups):	weight at least 1,000 g and diameter > 10 cm
Smaller carvings (single or groups):	weight at least 200 g
Bigger carvings:	weight at least 1,000 g and diameter > 10 cm
Slices:	weight at least 500 g
Groups of cabochons:	weight at least 200 g

X We don't accept any jewellery made from the above minerals in our Mineral auctions

For all other minerals, we only accept these sizes:

Opals and gemstones (single):

weight at least 10 g

Opals and gemstones (groups):

weight at least 20 g



For the following meteorites, we only accept these sizes:

Common (non-lunar or martian) meteorites:

weight at least 5 g

Unclassified chondrite meteorites:

weight at least 75 g

Classified chondrite meteorites:

weight at least 10 g

X We don't accept any jewellery in our Meteorite auctions.



All items should be in good condition with little or no visible damage.

To have a better understanding of the accepted conditions for our lots, we have provided a condition classification which you can use to categorise your submissions:

- Excellent - perfect condition, no damage to crystals
- Good - minimal damage, only very minor scratches or 'dings' on crystal faces
- Moderate - some broken crystals but the majority intact or with minimal damage

✗ Poor - the majority of crystals are broken or display obvious major damage. Because we want to bring value to our buyers, items of poor condition are not suitable.



Submission Guidelines

Potential buyers are more likely to bid on lots with a good description, all relevant information displayed clearly and, of course, beautiful photos.



Lot Description

To help encourage potential buyers to bid on your lot, you should include a detailed description of your object(s). This should be thorough and honest, and follow the guidelines on the next page.

If you are using our website to upload your lots, tips will appear to give you guidance about what information we need to know about your lot. The fields that you fill in help to present the information in a way that's easy for the buyer to read.

The required information includes:

- Number of items
- Main mineral/name of meteorite
- Mineral form/type meteorite
- Supplement
- Dimensions (in centimetres)
- Weight (in grams)
- Origin (region/city)
- Origin (country)

If lab-grown this should be clearly stated in the description

The locality of a mineral's origin can be an important factor in its value. Minerals from internationally recognised localities can be much more valuable than the same mineral from a more common locality.

Therefore if you have this information please add it to your description: locality (name of the mine, country), the date when it was found and provenance.



Submission Guidelines

Including strong photographs is key to catching buyers' eyes, ensuring they bid on your lot.

Of course, buying online means potential bidders do not get a chance to see your lot in person, therefore detailed and high quality photographs are very important.

Photographs

To allow our experts, as well as our bidders, to get the right impression of an item, we require:

- a 360 degree view of the item
- close-ups of important details, according to the guidelines on the next page



Image Guidelines

- Photograph your item in front of a plain and neutral background, preferably a white wall.
- Make sure you avoid any distracting background, such as a shop interior or outdoors. Photos should show nothing else but the item(s) you want to put up for auction. Please avoid any self-portrait. We won't accept images in which the object is held by a person.
- Bidders are interested in seeing as many details as possible. Therefore, please always include images of the back, bottom, top, sides and from the inside where applicable. In case of several items, please photograph the all offered items together as well as every item separately.
- Provide specific sharp images of details, such as a signature or monogram, any decorative details, a logo, title or inscription(s) and, where relevant, of the inside. Signs of wear and tear or (minor) damage must be very clearly shown in images. Include sharp detail images of repaired or restored parts.
- With the exception of opals, items should not be photographed in a wet or oiled condition as this can give buyers a false impression of the item's appearance.



Image Guidelines - Examples



Thank you