



G E M P A S S P O R T

Gem Passport Number
Specimen_0048

Colour
blue

Date
10 August 2023

Species
Natural corundum

Item
One faceted gemstone

Variety
Sapphire

Weight
2.80 ct

Origin
Burma (Myanmar)

Shape
cushion-shape

Condition
No indications of heating.
Important notes and limitations on
the reverse.

Cut
brilliant cut / step cut

Measurements
8.50 x 6.75 x 6.01 mm



Notes and Limitations

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The combination of data may not, in all instances, provide the necessary basis for the determination of a single origin. When such cases arise, the Gübelin Gem Lab does not comment or provides any guarantees as to the origin of the gemstone. In addition, a determination of the origin of a gemstone reflects the level of knowledge and expertise about the respective type of gemstone at the time of the analysis.

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