

Classification	Akoya Pearls	
Hanadama	Comments	Hanadama is Japanese word for Spherical Flower and is the term used to describe the highest quality and most highly valued pearls from any given harvest. Each Akoya pearl necklace or single of this degree must be accompanied by a numbered certificate issued by the Pearl Science Laboratory of Japan. This is the only way to sell Akoya Pearl as "Hanadama pearls".
	Surface	The surface has no visible minimal inclusions.
	Shape	The shape is perfectly spherical.
	Lustre	From high to very high lustre. Pearl exhibits sharp reflection.
	Nacre Thickness	Nacre determined by optical fiber to be greater than 0.4 mm per radius
	Matching	Excellent
AAA	Surface	About 95% of the surface is free from any defect (with bare eyes)
	Shape	The shape is perfectly spherical.
	Lustre	Lustre is strong to very strong. The pearls have sharp reflection.
	Nacre Thickness	Nacre is visibly thick.
	Matching	Excellent.
AA+	Surface	About 90% of the surface is free from any defect (with bare eyes)
	Shape	The shape is perfectly spherical.
	Lustre	Lustre is strong to very strong
	Nacre Thickness	Nacre is visibly thick.
	Matching	From good to excellent.
AA	Surface	About 80% of the surface is free from any defect (with bare eyes)
	Shape	The shape is sphere or semi-sphere
	Lustre	Good to medium.
	Nacre Thickness	Nacre thickness is medium
	Matching	From good to excellent.
A	Surface	About 70% of the surface is free from any defect .(with bare eyes)
	Shape	The shape is sphere or semi-sphere.
	Lustre	Low to medium lustre.
	Nacre Thickness	Nacre thickness is low
	Matching	From good to medium
Note	<p style="text-align: center; color: red;">The Pearl Science Laboratory in Japan does not classify Akoya pearl strands as "flawless" or "spotless"</p>	