

# The Creamway lap by Gearloose – a specialised lap for polishing quartz (pre-charged – just add water)

Following information is from the manufacturer (Jon Rolfe, Gearloose)

The success of the Chrome Oxide GREENWAY™ Lap has been established in polishing quartzes, excelling with the beryls, and has done well with garnets, tourmaline, the feldspars and peridot.

Similar to the Greenway™, the **Creamway™** is a Zirconium Oxide/ceramic polymer "Just Add Water" lap. The polymer has further been modified to allow exceptionally high oxide loading.

Why another lap?

Because quartz is one of the most popular minerals encountered by faceters.

Monoclinic Zirconium Oxide is significantly more aggressive and faster than Cerium Oxide on polishing quartzes.

A companion product, the Zirconia BATTSTIK™ has also been released for use on the Darkside and other polymer laps, or can be used as a "Boost" on the **Creamway™**.

As always, there are surprises. Users have now reported good results on peridot, feldspars and the beryls.

The Zirconia products are a joint venture with Adamas Faceting, who has been using zirconia with quartz for a long time.

Since the polymer composite system and manufacturing practices already were in place for the Greenway, it was practical to collaborate on these products.

This allowed rapid prototype production for field testing and a seamless introduction to the Market.

Gemology Online review from Vlad:

<http://www.gemologyonline.com/Forum/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?f=8&t=15212&start=420>

I spent last weekend cutting several stones to test the new **Creamway**. There was no need to "break into" for this lap, tried it on amethyst with amazing results - smooth finish with no efforts at all, lap has very strong "grip" require no pressure at all, on aquamarine it "sticks" to the large facets causing lap to stop! It also did great job on peridot - may be the best polish I ever had on this material.

First impression - it is much more aggressive than Lighting CeO lap, and much easier to use than Greenway. It did not scratch even when almost dry, something I never experienced with my other polishing laps.

I will post pictures of my stones when they will be finished, but I can tell that Creamway now is **my favorite lap for polishing**.