

Cram's Up Date Program

To help determine the size of their globe, use a tape measure and measure around the equator. If the tape measures 37.88" divide that number by PI (3.14) to get the diameter of the globe ($37.68/3.14=12$).

9" globe ball only

\$25.00

12" globe ball only

\$30.00

(Hint: A basketball is 10" in diameter.)



Illuminated
\$40.00



16" globe ball only

\$50.00

(Hint: A beach ball is about the same size as a 16" globe ball.)



Illuminated
\$90.00



If you have an outdated globe ball and want it to be replaced, please contact us at 800-227-4199. Please have the diameter size of your globe ball and know if the globe is an illuminated or non-illuminated globe (light inside of ball) ready when you place your call.

The George F. Cram Company: Map and Globe Accuracy

Developing and maintaining the accuracy of Cram globes and maps is a deliberate and ongoing effort. Prior to each printing, a map or globe will be edited for update changes and revision work.

Authoritative sources

The updating and printing of over 150 maps and globes in the course of a year requires a nearly constant review of authoritative sources to update our files. Major geographic publications, which include encyclopedias, atlases, competitors' maps and globes, are used to review overall content.

Recent or ongoing changes require more contemporary sources, which are produced on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis. These sources include newspapers with reputable international coverage, weekly newsmagazines, and governmental or academic publications and websites.

Official sources include US Government agencies, such as the State Department and the US Board of Geographic Names, or foreign embassies.

A question of de facto vs de jure

A de facto status refers to a "factual" situation as it actually exists, while de jure means the legal or official status. Sometimes de facto and de jure are the same; sometimes there are sharp differences. Cram (and many US publishers) primarily uses the de facto status of a situation.

An example is the nation of Taiwan. This island is claimed by China, it is not formally recognized by the US Government, and it is not a member of the United Nations. However, Cram (and many US publishers) treats Taiwan, as it is in fact, a fully functioning and independent nation.

A World of Confusion

The world will always be a confusing place, with competing interests and interpretations. Many places are known by more than one name or spelling. No publisher can honestly claim to represent the one, true interpretation of the world. We all make judgment calls. In some particularly confusing situations, we will include an alternate name, spelling, translation, or explanation.

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