

The Five Buddha Families

Each Buddha is the purified aspect of one of the five aggregates, and one of the afflictions. They represent one of the five wisdoms, have different colors and hand mudras, and reside in a different direction/part of a mandala (but that varies, depending on the type of mandala).

Buddha	Aggregate	Affliction	Wisdom	Color	Family
VAIROCANA	Form	Ignorance	Dharmadhatu	White	Buddha
RATNASAMBHAVA	Feeling	Pride/Miserliness	Equality	Yellow	Vajra
AMITABHA	Discrimination	Attachment	Discernment	Red	Ratna
AMOGHASIDDHI	Miscellaneous factors	Jealousy	All-accomplishing	Green	Padma
AKSHOBHYA	Consciousness	Anger	Mirror-like	Blue	Karma