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**BALL  
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**SUMMARIES AND STATS FOR 99  
BOWLING BALLS REVIEWED IN 2021**

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For more than three-and-a-half decades, *Bowlers Journal International* has been reviewing bowling balls to help readers select the equipment that best matches their games and the lane conditions they encounter in league and tournament play. The pages that follow include summaries of all ball reviews written by “No Holes Barred” columnist Vernon Peterson during 2021 — 99 reviews in all.

The BJI Ball Guide was an annual event in the pages of *Bowlers Journal* for 37 consecutive years before taking a hiatus around the time of this magazine’s redesign with the January 2022 issue. Its return, now exclusively in digital form, once again accompanies the dawn of a new year as it had for decades because, to put it simply, we heard you. The BJI Ball Guide was missed by plenty of loyal readers of this magazine who expressed their yearning for its return and, in some cases, their suggestions for how to do it differently, and better, for the new era this magazine ushered with our January 2022 issue. To that end, in addition to publishing digital versions of the BJI Ball Guide in forthcoming years, we also are making available digital versions of the BJI Ball Guide from previous years. In this case, the 2021 BJI Ball Guide.

We believe the clean, efficient, and easily searchable experience this digital edition of the BJI Ball Guide provides will be a welcome new twist on an old tradition for *Bowlers Journal* readers both new and longstanding. The capsule reviews themselves include more statistical and manufacturing detail than prior editions of the BJI Ball Guide tended to present, and the succinct summaries of each of the 99 bowling balls reviewed here cut right to the chase of Peterson’s experience testing each with fellow reviewer Stephen DeLong.

While a short “snapshot” of each 2021 ball review appears in the forthcoming pages, we highly recommend reading the full reviews that appeared in “No Holes Barred” to gain a clearer understanding of the balls, their capabilities and their recommended uses. The original review month is included with each listing.



# Understanding the Ratings

## HOOK RATINGS

### 35-45

Balls with lower total hook ranges, best suited for lighter oil concentrations. Players with slower speeds or higher rev rates may also prefer balls in this range for medium oil applications.

### 45-51

Balls with medium hook ability, best suited for the vast majority of “typical house shots” and some lower-volume sport patterns. This hook range should be represented by the “center-piece” ball in most arsenals.

### 51-60+

Balls with greater total hook, designed for heavier oil volumes. Players with higher speeds or lower rev rates, who need added lane traction, may also prefer balls in this range.

## LENGTH RATINGS

### 8-12

Earlier rolling balls that read the lane sooner. These products generally come factory-sanded with lower grit surfaces and match up well for speed-dominant styles and those bowling on longer oil patterns.

### 12-15

Medium-length balls that produce easier length through the midlane. Good for most house shots and medium-volume sport patterns

### 15-19+

Balls offering extra length for those bowling on lighter oil concentrations. Also beneficial for slower speed players, or those with higher rev rates needing added push downlane.

## BREAKPOINT RATINGS

### 10-13

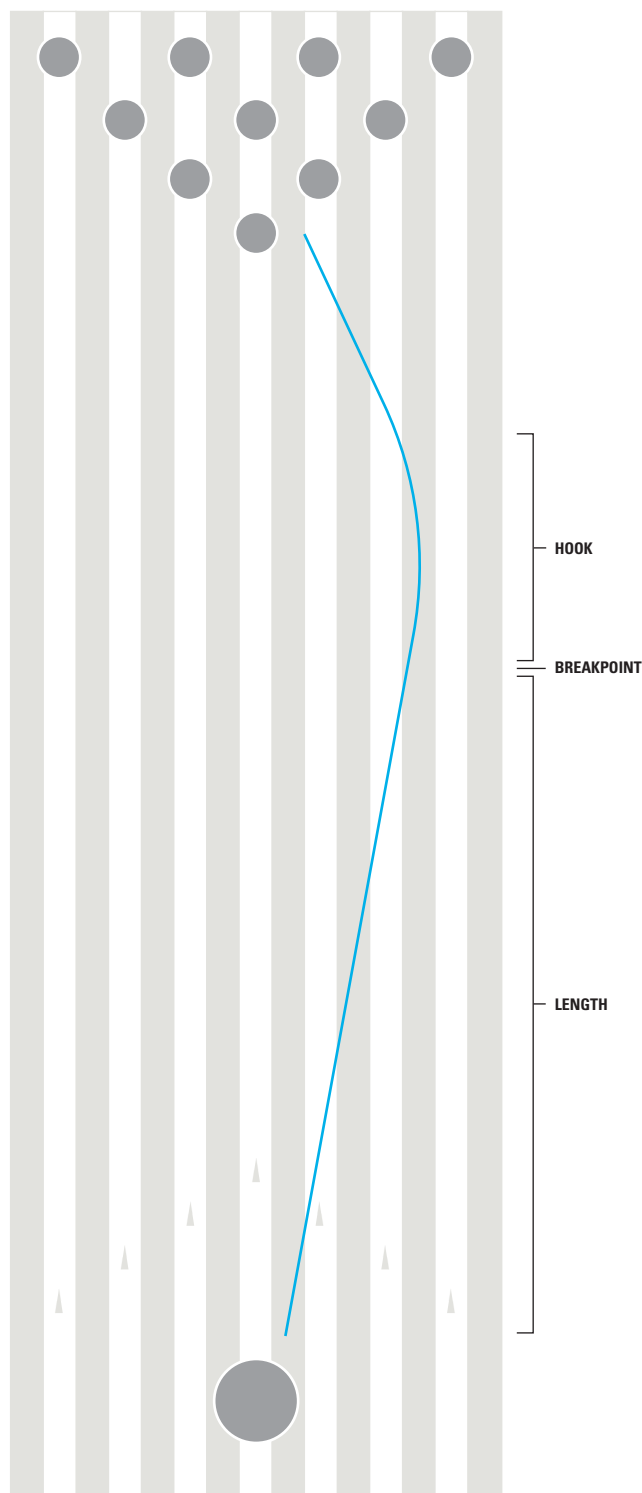
Slower-response balls that read the friction areas more gradually. This range may include balls with a urethane or mild reactive cover, designed for a smooth arc to the pocket. Also can help those with higher rev rates control motion and match up well from outside angles of attack.

### 13-15

Balls rated for slightly stronger and quicker reactions when encountering friction areas (as when the ball leaves the oil pattern). This range offers a balance of control and back-end angularity.

### 15-18+

Balls that respond more quickly and aggressively to friction areas. This range can help those with less hand action create more angularity near the pocket. Also preferred when playing deeper inside angles, which generally require more entry angle for above-average pin carry.



### DEFINITIONS

#### HOOK

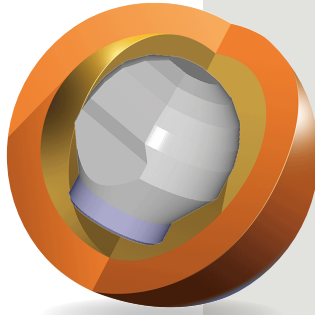
A ball moving in a curved pattern that curves sharply towards the headpin

#### LENGTH

How far a ball will travel down the lane before it begins to hook towards the headpin

#### BREAKPOINT

The point where the ball begins to hook towards the headpin



## ABS ACCU RISE VIII

August 2021

59 Hook ■ 16 Length ■ 16.75 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Nano-Thane 4.0 Hybrid

Box Finish 1000 Abralon, Diamond Compound 2 Polish

RG 2.524 ■ RG Differential .016

**Review** The Accu Rise VIII's core and hybrid surface make it a good medium-pattern ball for predictable down-lane motion when the heads start to burn up.



## DV8 ACTIV8

July 2021

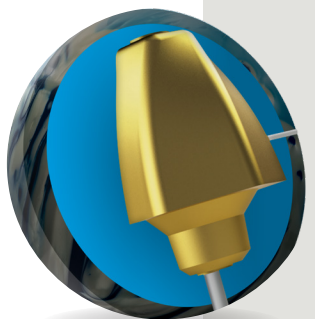
58.75 Hook ■ 16 Length ■ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Composite Fang Hybrid

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 Siaair Micro Pads, Crown Factory Polish

RG 2.514 ■ RG Differential .040

**Review** This ball will fit various styles for medium to dry lane patterns.



## EBONITE AERO DYNAMIX

February 2021

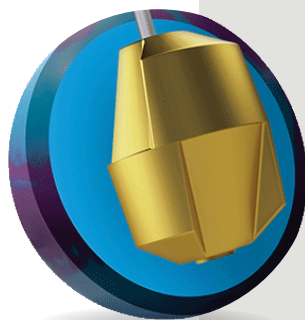
59.75 Hook ■ 16.5 Length ■ 16.25 Breakpoint Shape

Cover GSV-X Hybrid

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound

RG 2.504 ■ RG Differential .050

**Review** The Aero Dynamix brings shelf-appealing color and a sharp ball motion to complement the Aero.



## **EBONITE ALLURE SOLID**

January 2021

**61 Hook** ▪ **15 Length** ▪ **14 Breakpoint Shape**

**Cover** Solid Traxion SF

**Box Finish** 500,2000 SiaAir Micro Pads

**RG** 2.475 ▪ **RG Differential** .049

**Review** The Allure Solid is a good solid ball for a very good price that provides more overall hook than we expected.



## **900 GLOBAL ALTERED REALITY**

December 2021

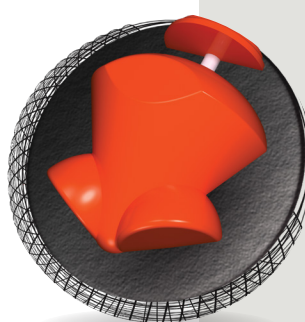
**58 Hook** ▪ **16.5 Length** ▪ **16 Breakpoint Shape**

**Cover** S84 Response

**Box Finish** 1500 Grit Polish

**RG** 2.49 ▪ **RG Differential** .052

**Review** The Altered Reality does what a pearl version of the Reality should with its motion down-lane and through the pocket area.



## **HAMMER BLACK WIDOW GHOST PEARL**

December 2021

**57.5 Hook** ▪ **16.5 Length** ▪ **16.5 Breakpoint Shape**

**Cover** Aggression Pearl

**Box Finish** 500, 1000, 15000 Siaair Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound

**RG** 2.50 ▪ **RG Differential** .058

**Review** The Black Widow Ghost Pearl is a good replacement for the popular Black Widow Pink (May 2019) with more back-end punch.



## LEGENDS BLUE DIAMOND

January 2021

52 Hook ■ 16 Length ■ 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Pearl XRT 1321 ANT-iVi

Box Finish 1000 Abralon, Factory Polish

RG 2.569 ■ RG Differential .054

**Review** The Blue Diamond is a strong, heavy-rolling solid ball that really controls the friction and backend, allowing us to play in the track.



## RADICAL BONUS PEARL

February 2021

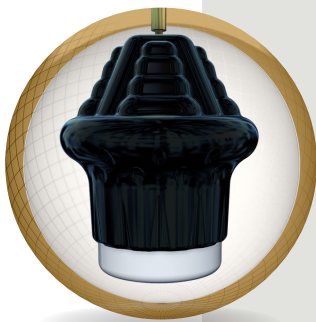
58 Hook ■ 17 Length ■ 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Forged Pearl

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 SiaAir Micro Pads

RG 2.487 ■ RG Differential .030

**Review** The Bonus Pearl enables one to create a nice push through the fronts, saving the energy for the backend.



## 900 GLOBAL BURNER PEARL

July 2021

57.5 Hook ■ 16.5 Length ■ 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover S62 Pearl

Box Finish 1500 Grit Polish

RG 2.53 ■ RG Differential .037

**Review** The Burner Pearl brings skid/flip motion for medium patterns.



## 900 GLOBAL BURNER SOLID

August 2021

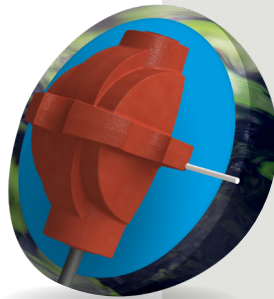
58 Hook ▪ 16 Length ▪ 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover S62 Solid

Box Finish 1500 Grit Polish

RG 2.53 ▪ RG Differential .037

**Review** Hi-rev players will like the smoother, predictable back-end motion on the fresh shorter and medium patterns.



## COLUMBIA 300 COMMAND

February 2023

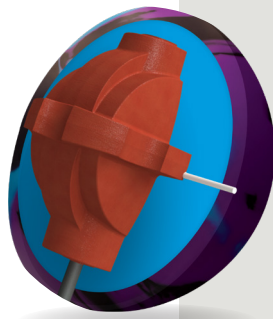
58.5 Hook ▪ 17 Length ▪ 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover A.R.S. (Angular Reaction System) Pearl

Box Finish 500 SiaAir Micro Pad, Crown Factory Compound

RG 2.513 ▪ RG Differential .053

**Review** The Command is a strong asymmetric-core pearl ball for Columbia 300's top shelf that complements the Dynamic Swing (November 2020).



## COLUMBIA 300 COMMAND SOLID

August 2021

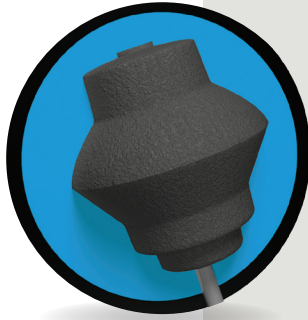
62.75 Hook ▪ 15 Length ▪ 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover A.R.S. (Angular Reaction System) Solid

Box Finish 500, 1500 Siaair Micro Pads

RG 2.513 ▪ RG Differential .053

**Review** The Command Solid gives rev-deprived or speed-dominant players free hook on medium to longer patterns.



## DV8 DAMN GOOD VERGE

March 2021

62 Hook ■ 16 Length ■ 15.25 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Inciter Max Traction Solid

Box Finish 500, 1500 SiaAir Micro Pads

RG 2.467 ■ RG Differential .037

**Review** All styles of players will like the good amount of hook and motion downlane.



## STORM DARK CODE

June 2021

62 Hook ■ 16.5 Length ■ 16.75 Breakpoint Shape

Cover ReX Pearl Reactive

Box Finish 1500 Grit Polish

RG 2.50 ■ RG Differential .058

**Review** It's a versatile ball that will fit a lot of player styles, particularly tournament players.



## DV8 DECREE PEARL

January 2021

58.5 Hook ■ 16.5 Length ■ 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

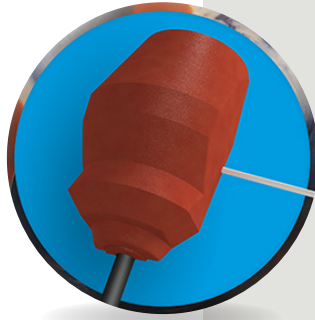
Cover Pearl Composite Fang

Box Finish 500,1000,2000 SiaAir Micro Pads

RG 2.53 ■ RG Differential .0436

**Review** The Decree Pearl brings a strong push through the fronts with a strong back-end motion to complement the Decree Solid.





## COLUMBIA 300 DYNAMIC SWING PEARL

April 2021

60.5 Hook ▪ 16.5 Length ▪ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover ERT Pearl

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 SiaAir with Crown  
Factory Compound Finish

RG 2.482 ▪ RG Differential .047

**Review** The Dynamic Swing Pearl provides a clean motion through the fronts with a strong but predictable back-end motion on medium patterns.



## SWAG DYNAMITE

May 2021

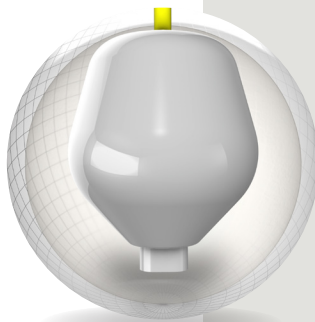
56 Hook ▪ 16.5 Length ▪ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover USY1 Pearl

Box Finish 1000 Grit Sanded

RG 2.496 ▪ RG Differential .052

**Review** The Swag Dynamite had some good pop when it hit the pocket on the BJ test pattern.



## STORM ELECTRIFY SOLID

July 2021

57 Hook ▪ 14.75 Length ▪ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover VTC Solid

Box Finish 1500 Grit Polish

RG 2.53 ▪ RG Differential .030

**Review** The Electrify Solid is a good medium or shorter sport-pattern ball to blend out the backend on the fresh, especially for high-rev players.



## MOTIV FATAL VENOM

January 2021

55 Hook ■ 17.5 Length ■ 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Pearl Infusion

Box Finish 5500 LSP

RG 2.48 ■ RG Differential .034

**Review** The Fatal Venom brings a strong back-end motion to the Venom line, which has been one of MOTIV's most successful.



## MOTIV FORGE FLARE

January 2021

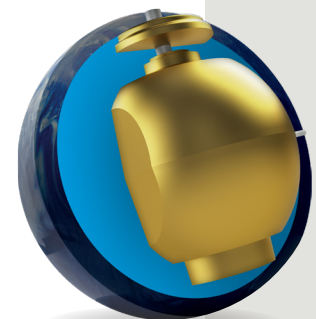
62.5 Hook ■ 13.5 Length ■ 4 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Solid Coersion MXC

Box Finish 2000 LSP

RG 2.47 ■ RG Differential .055

**Review** The Forge Flare brings a lot of hook to the Forge line.



## EBONITE GAMEBREAKER ASYM

August 2021

59 Hook ■ 16.25 Length ■ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover GB 12.0 Pearl

Box Finish 500, 1000, 2000 Siaair Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound

RG 2.468 ■ RG Differential .054

**Review** The Game Breaker Asym is a good number-two or three ball on patterns like this when you don't want to lose the midlane or continuation through the pocket.



## **EBONITE GB4**

**April 2021**

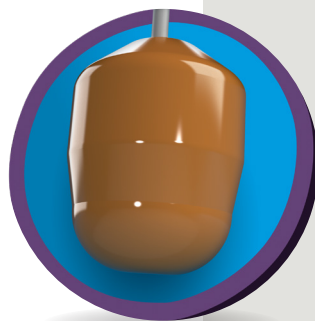
**63 Hook** ▪ **14 Length** ▪ **14.5 Breakpoint Shape**

**Cover** GB 12.0 Solid

**Box Finish** 500, 1500 SiaAir Micro Pads

**RG 2.48** ▪ **RG Differential .048**

**Review** This ball will be good for all types of revs and speeds.



## **TRACK HEAT**

**December 2021**

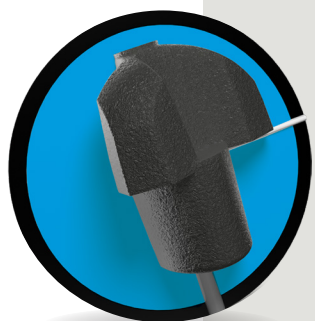
**60.5 Hook** ▪ **15.5 Length** ▪ **15.5 Breakpoint Shape**

**Cover** DR-7 Solid

**Box Finish** 500, 1000, 2000 Siaair Micro Pads

**RG 2.50** ▪ **RG Differential .038**

**Review** The new Heat is a versatile, solid ball that can open up the lane nicely on various patterns for various types of players.



## **DV8 HELL RAISER BLAZE**

**September 2021**

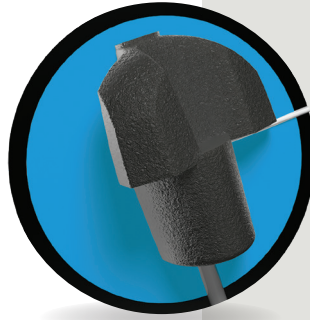
**63 Hook** ▪ **14 Length** ▪ **14 Breakpoint Shape**

**Cover** Inciter Max Traction

**Box Finish** 500, 1000 Siaair Micro Pads

**RG 2.537** ▪ **RG Differential .053**

**Review** This ball created easy free hook for low-rev players and strong roll through the pocket.



## DV8 HELL RAISER RETURN

March 2021

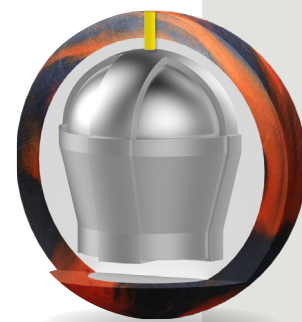
59.75 Hook ▪ 16.5 Length ▪ 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Inciter Max Flip Pearl

Box Finish 500, 1500 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound

RG 2.537 ▪ RG Differential .053

**Review** The Hell Raiser Return brings back a name from DV8 that meant strong, heavy mid-lane motion.



## LANE MASTERS HELLFIRE FLAME

July 2021

57.5 Hook ▪ 15 Length ▪ 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover USY1 Pearl

Box Finish 3000 Grit Sanded

RG 2.512 ▪ RG Differential .051

**Review** High-rev players will like this strong controlled motion on flatter and fresh medium patterns.



## 900 GLOBAL HONEY BADGER INTENSITY

March 2021

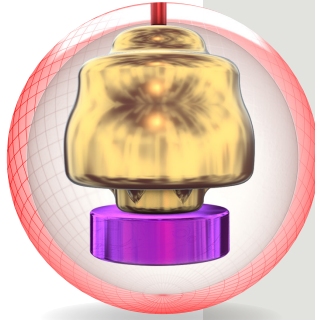
61.5 Hook ▪ 16 Length ▪ 15.75 Breakpoint Shape

Cover S70 Solid

Box Finish 4000 Abralon

RG 2.54 ▪ RG Differential .048

**Review** The Honey Badger Intensity created a good look on Stone Street, with area and control of the wet/dry.



## ROTO GRIP HUSTLE CAMO

July 2021

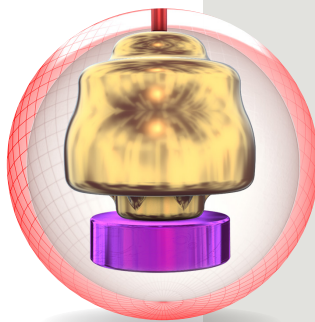
54 Hook ▪ 16 Length ▪ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover VTC Solid

Box Finish 1500 Grit Polish

RG 2.53 ▪ RG Differential .030

**Review** The Hustle Camo complements the PBR nicely when the PBR reads the heads too soon by not losing the predictable back-end motion.



## ROTO GRIP HUSTLE WINE

July 2021

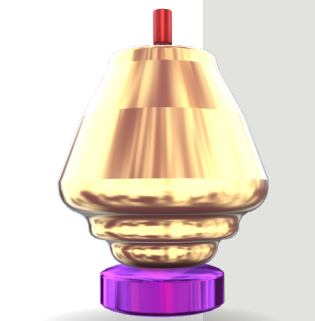
53.5 Hook ▪ 16.25 Length ▪ 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover VTC Pearl

Box Finish 1500 Grit Polish

RG 2.53 ▪ RG Differential .030

**Review** The Hustles still provide a good punch and pocket power for speed-deprived or high-rev players.



## ROTO GRIP HYPED HYBRID

October 2021

58 Hook ▪ 16.5 Length ▪ 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover VTC Hybrid

Box Finish 1500 Grit Polish

RG 2.52 ▪ RG Differential .036

**Review** Players of various styles will like the Hybrid version of the Hyped on medium to drier lane patterns.



## ROTO GRIP HYPED PEARL

October 2021

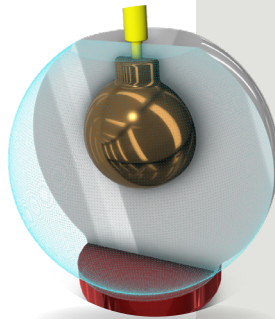
57 Hook ■ 16.5 Length ■ 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover VTC Pearl

Box Finish 1500 Grit Polish

RG 2.52 ■ RG Differential .036

**Review** Speed-deprived players will like the clean motion through the fronts with good amount of hook on medium to drier patterns.



## STORM HYROAD MAX

February 2021

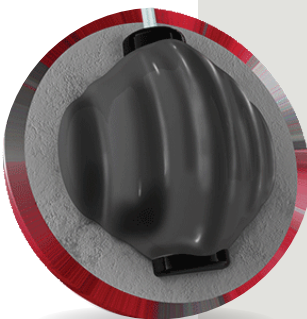
61.5 Hook ■ 16 Length ■ 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover NeX Solid

Box Finish 3000 Abralon

RG 2.57 ■ RG Differential .046

**Review** The Hy-Road Max has finally hit what a solid Hy-Road should be with its strong down-lane motion for a solid coverstock.



## BIG BOWLING IDEA

January 2021

57.5 Hook ■ 15.25 Length ■ 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Pearl EP5

Box Finish 1500 Grit Polish

RG 2.495 ■ RG Differential .045

**Review** The Idea is a strong pearl asymmetric core ball that reads the midlane earlier than most pearl asymmetrics, which we saw on both patterns.



## ROTO GRIP IDOL HELIOS

November 2021

62.5 Hook ▪ 15 Length ▪ 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover XtremeTrax Solid

Box Finish 2000 Abralon

RG 2.49 ▪ RG Differential .052

**Review** The Idol Helios will jump out with its vibrant color but also its good overall ball reaction on medium to longer patterns.



## ROTO GRIP IDOL SYNERGY

March 2021

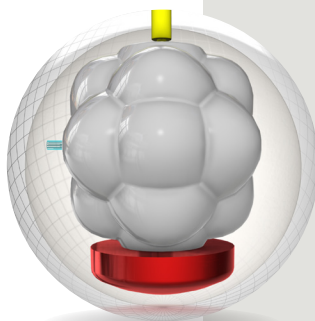
58.5 Hook ▪ 16.5 Length ▪ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover eTrax Hybrid

Box Finish 1500 Grit Polish

RG 2.49 ▪ RG Differential .052

**Review** High-rev players will like this ball for the motion and back-end predictability.



## STORM INCITE

February 2021

62.5 Hook ▪ 15.75 Length ▪ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover R4S Hybrid

Box Finish 3000 Abralon

RG 2.50 ▪ RG Differential .053

**Review** The strong asymmetric hybrid Incite complements the Proton Physix (December 2020) for those heavier conditions when the low-rev bowler needs a strong ball but wants a little down-lane motion.



## RADICAL INCOGNITO PEARL

April 2021

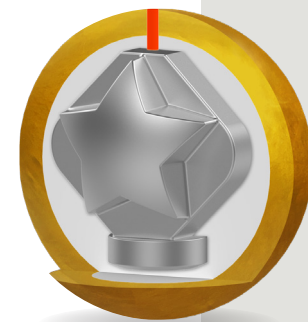
61.25 Hook ■ 16.5 Length ■ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover S.H.A.R.P. Pearl

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 SiaAir Micro Pads,  
Crown Factor Compound

RG 2.487 ■ RG Differential .053

**Review** The Incognito Pearl provided a clean push through the fronts and strong, continuous backend motion on both test patterns.



## SWAG INCREDIBLE X

August 2021

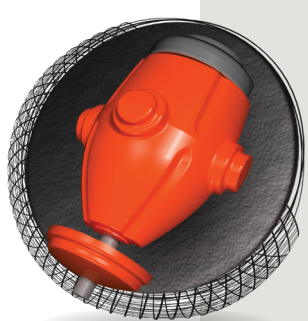
54 Hook ■ 16 Length ■ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover USY1 Pearl

Box Finish 1000 Grit Snded, Factory Polish

RG 2.514 ■ RG Differential .054

**Review** The Incredible X brings a pearl version to complement the Incredible line and especially the Incredible Hero (June 2020).



## HAMMER INFAMOUS

September 2021

62 Hook ■ 15 Length ■ 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Envy Solid

Box Finish 500, 1000, 2000 Siaair Micro Pads

RG 2.559 ■ RG Differential .052

**Review** The Infamous is a good middle-arsenal ball that isn't too early for a solid but has strong down-lane motion through the pocket even for high-rev players.





## **RADICAL INFORMER**

**August 2021**

**63 Hook** ▪ **15.5 Length** ▪ **15.5 Breakpoint Shape**

**Cover S.H.A.R.P./TS-1 Solid**

**Box Finish** 500, 1500 Siaair Micro Pads

**RG 2.477** ▪ **RG Differential .051**

**Review** The Informer is a solid to complement the Incognito (December 2020) when you want a cleaner ball through the fronts but with a bit less hook.



## **RADICAL INTEL PEARL SE**

**August 2021**

**57.75 Hook** ▪ **16.5 Length** ▪ **17.25 Breakpoint Shape**

**Cover TP-1 Pearl**

**Box Finish** 500, 1000 Siaair then Factory Compound

**RG 2.485** ▪ **RG Differential .035**

**Review** The Intel Pearl SE is a versatile pearl ball for various styles of players on medium patterns.



## **MOTIV IRON FORGE**

**November 2021**

**58 Hook** ▪ **16.5 Length** ▪ **17 Breakpoint Shape**

**Cover Infusion MVP Pearl**

**Box Finish** 5000 Grit LSP

**RG 2.47** ▪ **RG Differential .055**

**Review** The Iron Forge is about an arrow right of the Forge Flare, but with the same strong motion low-rev players will love.



## MOTIV JACKAL LEGACY

February 2021

63.5 Hook ■ 13.5 Length ■ 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Coercion MXC Solid

Box Finish 2000 Grit

RG 2.47 ■ RG Differential .054

**Review** The Jackal Legacy brings MOTIV hook to a new level, especially for low-rev or speed-dominant players on longer and heavier patterns.



## TRACK KINETIC PLATINUM

April 2021

59 Hook ■ 17 Length ■ 16.75 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Pearl DR-7

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 SiaAir Micro Pads,  
Crown Factory Compound

RG 2.48 ■ RG Differential .040

**Review** The Kinetic Platinum keeps the Kinetic stablemate line going strong with its strong angular motion for medium to drier patterns and all styles of players.



## BRUNSWICK KNOCK OUT

February 2021

61.5 Hook ■ 15 Length ■ 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Savvy Hook 3.0 Solid

Box Finish 500, 1000, 2000 SiaAir Micro Pads

RG 2.487 ■ RG Differential .050

**Review** The Knock Out is a smooth symmetric ball that creates a lot of hook for a great price.



## TRACK LATITUDE PEARL

January 2021

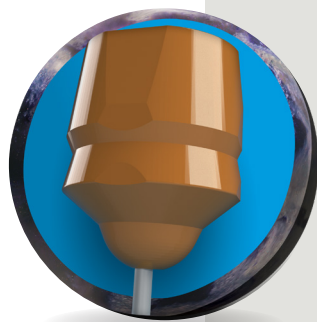
58 Hook ▪ 16.5 Length ▪ 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Pearl QR-8

Box Finish 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound

RG 2.511 ▪ RG Differential .0457

Review The Latitude Solid is the ball for the fresh Stone Street pattern, controlling the pattern and opening up the lane.



## TRACK LEGION PEARL

September 2021

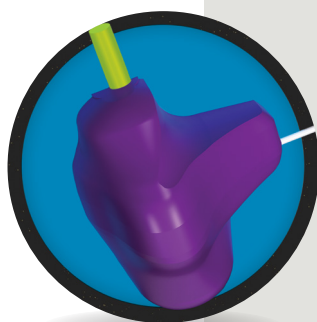
57 Hook ▪ 17 Length ▪ 17.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Prime Reponse Pearl

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 Siaair Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound

RG 2.50 ▪ RG Differential .046

Review The Legion Pearl is the go-to ball when the fronts start to go and you want that skid/flip motion.



## RADICAL MAXIMUM RESULTS

July 2021

65 Hook ▪ 15.25 Length ▪ 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover TS-1 Solid

Box Finish 500, 1500 Siaair Micro Pads

RG 2.494 ▪ RG Differential .050

Review The Maximum Results will be good on longer patterns for speed-dominant or rev-deprived players.



## DV8 MEDUSA

November 2021

60 Hook ■ 15.5 Length ■ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Inciter Max Flip

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 Siaair Micro Pads,  
Crown Factory Compound

RG 2.507 ■ RG Differential .048

**Review** The strong, continuous back-end motion on medium patterns for various types of players will complement balls like the Damn Good Verge when they start to hook too early or lose energy.



## BRUNSWICK MELEE JAB MIDNIGHT BLUE

September 2021

57.5 Hook ■ 16.25 Length ■ 17.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Savvy Hook 3.0 Hybrid

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 Siaair Micro Pads,  
Crown Factory Compound

RG 2.487 ■ RG Differential .050

**Review** The Jabs complement each other when the bowler is trying to fine-tune their carry without giving up the line.



## ABS NANODESU 9

November 2021

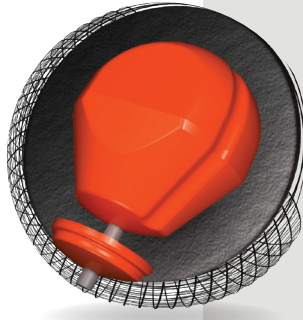
61 Hook ■ 14 Length ■ 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Nano-Thane Level 3 Solid

Box Finish 600, 1000, 4000 Grit Abralon

RG 2.572 ■ RG Differential .060

**Review** The 9 pounds of core create a lot of carry for lower-rev players.



## HAMMER OBSESSION

March 2021

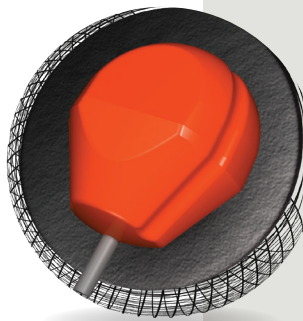
64.25 Hook ▪ 15 Length ▪ 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Envy CFI Solid

Box Finish 500, 1500 SiaAir Micro Pads

RG 2.468 ▪ RG Differential .050

**Review** The Hammer Obsession brings more hook to the already-strong Hammer line, but with much more continuation.



## HAMMER OBSESSION TOUR

March 2021

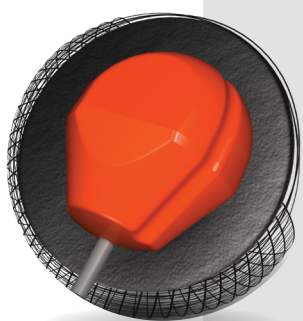
63 Hook ▪ 15.5 Length ▪ 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Tour V2 Solid

Box Finish 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads

RG 2.469 ▪ RG Differential .034

**Review** The Obsession Tour provides a strong motion downlane for having a solid coverstock and asymmetric core, just like the Web Tour, but with stronger overall hook.



## HAMMER OBSESSION TOUR PEARL

September 2021

57.5 Hook ▪ 16 Length ▪ 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Tour v2 Pearl

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 Siaair Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compounds

RG 2.469 ▪ RG Differential .013

**Review** The Obsession Tour Pearl is the go-to ball when the pattern starts to burn up or heads start to go.



## 900 GLOBAL ORDNANCE C4

February 2021

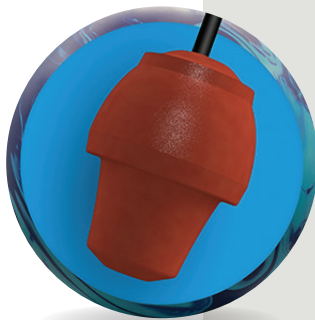
60.5 Hook ■ 15 Length ■ 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover S70 Hybrid

Box Finish 4000 Abralon

RG 2.48 ■ RG Differential .042

**Review** The Ordnance C4 is a predictable benchmark ball with a hybrid cover that provided a great reading of the pattern with strong continuation through the pocket.



## COLUMBIA 300 OUTLOOK SOLID

January 2021

61 Hook ■ 14.5 Length ■ 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Solid Exciter Max

Box Finish 500, 1000, 2000 SiaAir Micro Pads

RG 2.533 ■ RG Differential .047

**Review** The Outlook Solid is a versatile solid ball that saves energy downlane and fits both high-rev and low-rev players.



## RADICAL PANDEMONIUM SOLID

April 2021

62 Hook ■ 14 Length ■ 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Forged+ Solid

Box Finish 500, 1000, 3000 SiaAir Micro Pads

RG 2.487 ■ RG Differential .053

**Review** The Pandemonium Solid brings a strong hooking motion with a strong, predictable back-end motion for a great price.



## STORM PARALLAX EFFECT

April 2021

61.75 Hook ▪ 16.75 Length ▪ 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Traction X7 Pearl

Box Finish 1500 Grit Polish

RG 2.52 ▪ RG Differential .054

**Review** The cool-looking Parallax Effect pearl provides a strong down-lane motion for an asymmetric core.



## RADICAL PAYBACK

November 2021

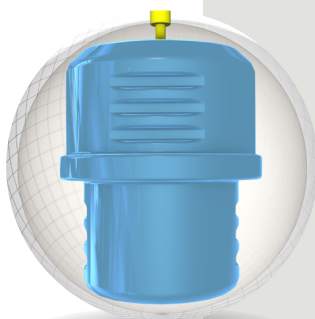
62 Hook ▪ 14.5 Length ▪ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Ai27 Pearl Plus

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 Siaair Micro Pads

RG 2.52 ▪ RG Differential .041

**Review** The Payback easily fits in the Bonus Line, stronger than the Solid but not as long as the Pearl (February 2021).



## EBONITE POLARIS

October 2021

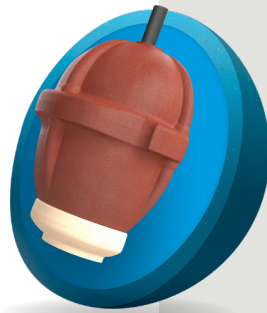
64 Hook ▪ 15 Length ▪ 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover GSV-3 Solid

Box Finish 500, 1500 Siaair Micro Pads

RG 2.475 ▪ RG Differential .048

**Review** The Polaris will benefit both speed-deprived and rev-deprived players on medium to longer patterns.



## COLUMBIA 300 POWER TORQ

October 2021

62.75 Hook ■ 15 Length ■ 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover ERT Solid

Box Finish 500, 2000 Siaair Micro Pads

RG 2.489 ■ RG Differential .054

**Review** The versatile solid coverstock Power Torq provides a good amount of hook for a great value.



## MOTIV PRIDE

October 2021

58.5 Hook ■ 16 Length ■ 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Coersion UCS Solid

Box Finish 4000 Grit LSS

RG 2.50 ■ RG Differential .042

**Review** Low-rev players will like the forgiving and easy hook that this ball provides on medium patterns.



## TRACK PROOF HYBRID

February 2021

61.5 Hook ■ 15.5 Length ■ 15.75 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Prime Response Hybrid

Box Finish 500, 3000 SiaAir Micro Pads

RG 2.519 ■ RG Differential .052

**Review** The ball provides a strong hook with strong, continuous down-lane motion at a great value.





## **EBONITE PUMA**

August 2021

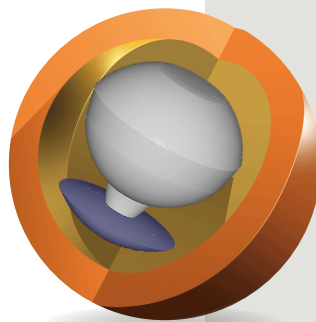
**56 Hook** ■ **16.75 Length** ■ **16.5 Breakpoint Shape**

**Cover** GB 10.7 Pearl

**Box Finish** 500, 1000, 1500 Siaair Micro Pads,  
Crown Factory Polish

**RG** 2.525 ■ **RG Differential** .036

**Review** This cat fits well for tournament players late in a block or on the burn patterns.



## **ABS PURE RISE 74D**

August 2021

**56 Hook** ■ **13.5 Length** ■ **13.5 Breakpoint Shape**

**Cover** Low Crosslink Urethane with Nano/Fullerene C600

**Box Finish** 1000 Grit

**RG** 2.512 ■ **RG Differential** .045

**Review** The Pure Rise 74D is a ball that is will be instrumental to higher-rev players on shorter patterns in international competition.



## **HAMMER PURPLE PEARL HAMMER**

July 2021

**57 Hook** ■ **14.5 Length** ■ **14.75 Breakpoint Shape**

**Cover** Urethane Pearl

**Box Finish** 500, 1000, 2000 Siaair Micro Pads

**RG** 2.650 ■ **RG Differential** .015

**Review** The new Purple Pearl Hammer is for real, and they didn't miss a beat on making a new batch.



## MOTIV PURPLETANK

May 2021

52.5 Hook ▪ 13 Length ▪ 13 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Purple Solid Urethane

Box Finish 1000 Grit LSS

RG 2.57 ▪ RG Differential .015

**Review** The Purple Tank brings a new purple urethane ball with some strong hitting power to the market.



## BRUNSWICK QUANTUM EVO PEARL

November 2021

59 Hook ▪ 16.5 Length ▪ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Evolution Pearl

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 Siaair Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound

RG 2.502 ▪ RG Differential .048

**Review** The Evo Pearl is a good complement to the Quantum line on medium to lighter patterns without giving up strong core strength and hitting power.



## BRUNSWICK QUANTUM EVO SOLID

November 2021

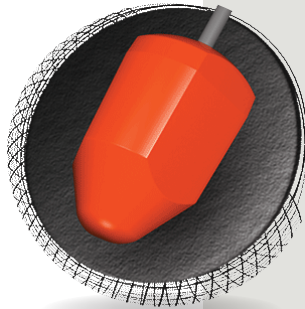
64.5 Hook ▪ 15.75 Length ▪ 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover AEvolution Solid

Box Finish 500, 1500 Siaair Micro Pads

RG 2.502 ▪ RG Differential .048

**Review** The Quantum Evo Solid does need some conditioner in the front with some length to the pattern, but low-rev players will love the free hook and very good strength of hitting power from the famous Quantum construction.



## HAMMER RAW BLACK

June 2021

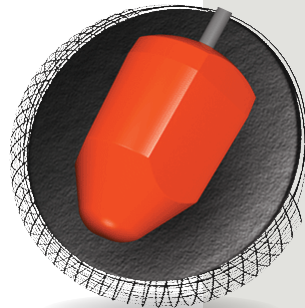
55 Hook ▪ 15 Length ▪ 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Juiced Solid Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1500, 3000 SiaAir Micro Pads

RG 2.537 ▪ RG Differential .038

**Review** With its matte finish and performance characteristics, it will come into play for high-rev players on flatter, shorter patterns.



## HAMMER RAW BLUE/SILVER/WHITE

June 2021

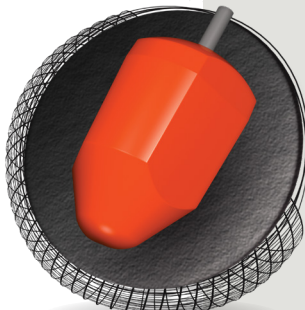
53 Hook ▪ 17 Length ▪ 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Juiced Pearl Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1000, 2000 Siaair, Crown Factory Polish

RG 2.537 ▪ RG Differential .038

**Review** The Hammer Raw Blue/Silver/White would be the go-to ball when the track burns up and the bowler wants to stay to the right to keep a tighter angle.



## HAMMER RAW HYBRID

July 2021

53.5 Hook ▪ 16.5 Length ▪ 16.25 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Juiced Hybrid

Box Finish 500, 1000, 2000 Siaair Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound

RG 2.537 ▪ RG Differential .038

**Review** The Raw Hybrid will fit various styles on medium to shorter patterns.



## 900 GLOBAL REALITY

March 2021

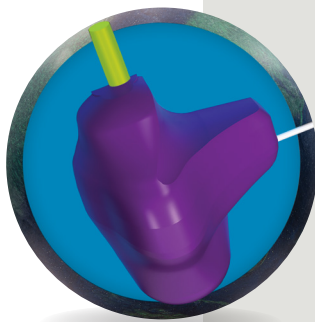
62.5 Hook ■ 15.75 Length ■ 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover S84 Response Solid

Box Finish 2000 Abralon

RG 2.49 ■ RG Differential .052

**Review** The Reality is one of the strongest and most hooking balls we have seen from 900 Global.



## RADICAL RESULTS PLUS

February 2021

59 Hook ■ 16.75 Length ■ 16.75 Breakpoint Shape

Cover TP-1+ Pearl

Box Finish 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound

RG 2.517 ■ RG Differential .044

**Review** The Results Plus really completes the Results line on the top shelf, providing a strong asymmetric pearl ball for lower-rev players needing free backend on medium patterns.



## MOTIV RIPCORD VELOCITY

August 2021

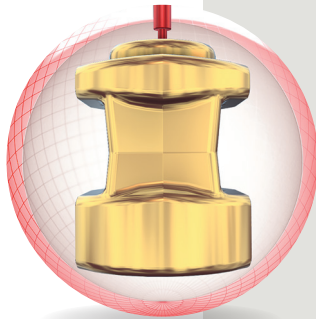
56 Hook ■ 16 Length ■ 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Infusion MVP Pearl

Box Finish 5500 LSP

RG 2.53 ■ RG Differential .047

**Review** Tournament players will like the down-lane motion that the Ripcord Velocity provides when they get late into a block and the fronts start to burn up.



## ROTO GRIP RST X-1

March 2021

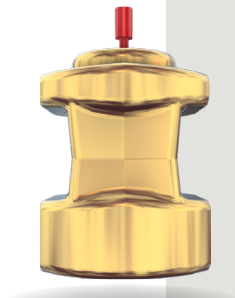
62.5 Hook ▪ 16 Length ▪ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Micro Tax Hybrid

Box Finish 3000 Abralon

RG 2.53 ▪ RG Differential .053

**Review** The Roto Grip RST X-1 brings a clean but strong motion downlane with quite a bit of hook for lower-rev or speed-dominant players on medium to longer patterns.



## ROTO GRIP RST X-2

August 2021

58.5 Hook ▪ 16.25 Length ▪ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover eTrax Plus Pearl

Box Finish 1500 Grit Polish

RG 2.53 ▪ RG Differential .016

**Review** The RST X-2 is a good number-two ball in general for when the pattern burns up.



## ROTO GRIP RUBICON UC2

February 2021

58 Hook ▪ 17 Length ▪ 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover eTrax Pearl

Box Finish 1500 Grit Polish

RG 2.49 ▪ RG Differential .052

**Review** The Rubicon UC2 brings the pearl version to the already versatile Rubicon line for medium to drier lane patterns.



## ROTO GRIP RUBICON UC3

November 2021

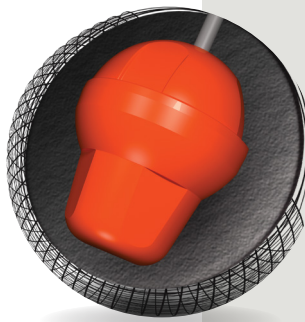
58 Hook ▪ 14.5 Length ▪ 14.75 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Tour-ethane Pearl

Box Finish 1000 Abralon

RG 2.49 ▪ RG Differential .052

**Review** The Rubicon UC3 is a urethane ball that lower-rev players can throw to open up a medium to lighter pattern without forcing them too far left so they keep a good angle to the pocket.



## HAMMER SCORPION

September 2021

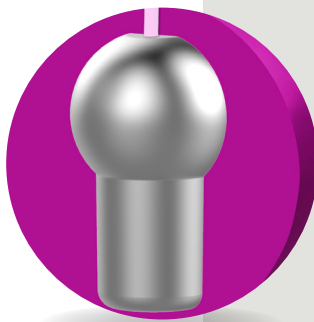
62.5 Hook ▪ 16 Length ▪ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Semtex Hybrid

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 Siaair Micro Pads

RG 2.52 ▪ RG Differential .043

**Review** This is one of those balls that goes through the pocket well and has a lot of forgiveness for various styles of players.



## LANE MASTERS SECRET DIAMOND

September 2021

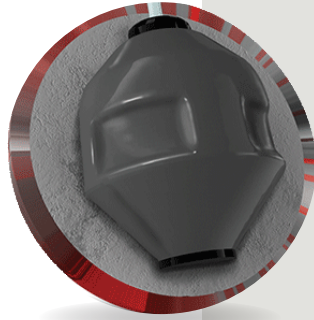
62.5 Hook ▪ 15 Length ▪ 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover XRT 1321 Solid

Box Finish 4000 Grit Sanded

RG 2.547 ▪ RG Differential .058

**Review** The Secret Diamond is a Diamond in the rough with its total hook and hitting power for various styles of players.



## BIG BOWLING SHIM

January 2021

57 Hook ▪ 16 Length ▪ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover P5

Box Finish 2000 Grit Sanded

RG 2.468 ▪ RG Differential .040

**Review** The Shim is clean through the fronts with quick response off the breakpoint and strong to the pocket.



## BIG BOWLING SHIM REKKER

January 2021

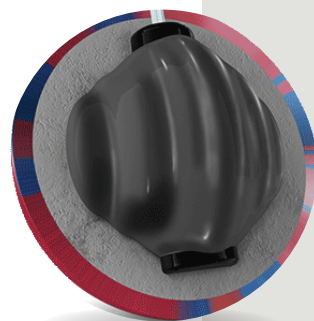
59.5 Hook ▪ 14.5 Length ▪ 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Solid ME6

Box Finish 1500 Grit Sanded

RG 2.468 ▪ RG Differential .040

**Review** High-rev players will like the motion and predictability of the Shim Rekker on medium to longer patterns.



## BIG BOWLING SOLID IDEA

January 2021

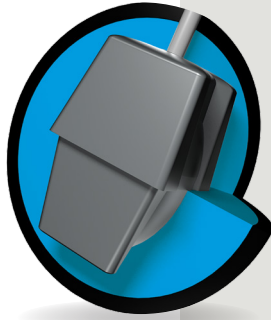
58 Hook ▪ 15 Length ▪ 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Solid E8

Box Finish 3000 Sanded

RG 2.503 ▪ RG Differential .050

**Review** The Solid Idea delivers what you think when you see a strong, low-RG asymmetric core.



## BRUNSWICK STELLAR

July 2021

55.75 Hook ■ 16 Length ■ 16.25 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Activator Plus 2.0 Hybrid

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 Siaair Micro Pads,  
Crown Factory Compound

RG 2.54 ■ RG Differential .052

Review It's a good shiny benchmark ball for various types of players, especially higher rev ones.



## TRACK STRATA HYBRID

July 2021

59 Hook ■ 16.75 Length ■ 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover QR-11 Hybrid

Box Finish 500 Siaair Micro Pad, Crown Factory  
Compound, Crown Factory Polish

RG 2.475 ■ RG Differential .050

Review The Strata Hybrid is the go-to ball when the Solid loses its energy or can't get through the fronts and you still want that strong asymmetric motion.



## MOTIV SUPRA ENZO

October 2021

56 Hook ■ 17 Length ■ 17 Breakpoint Shape

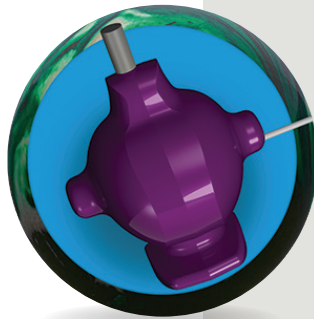
Cover Infusion Hybrid

Box Finish 5500 Grit LSP

RG 2.57 ■ RG Differential .050

Review The Supra Enzo will be an important piece for various types of players, especially later in the blocks.





## **RADICAL TRAIL BLAZER**

**November 2021**

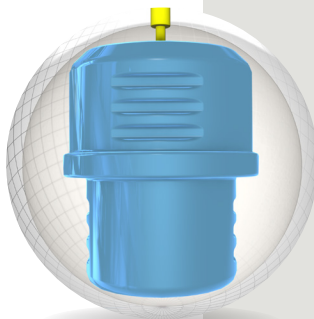
**58.5 Hook** ■ **17 Length** ■ **17 Breakpoint Shape**

**Cover** Motion Magic Solid

**Box Finish** 500, 1000, 1500 Siaair Micro Pads,  
Crown Factory Compound

**RG** 2.48 ■ **RG Differential** .052

**Review** The Trail Blazer complements the Maximum Results (July 2021) when the Maximum Results is too early, but you still need that strong response downlane.



## **STORM TREND 2**

**October 2021**

**58.5 Hook** ■ **16.75 Length** ■ **16.5 Breakpoint Shape**

**Cover** NRG Hybrid

**Box Finish** 1500 Grit Polish

**RG** 2.54 ■ **RG Differential** .041

**Review** Our higher rev lefty really liked this ball's motion down the lane with its strong, but still controlled, motion and heavy roll.



## **MOTIV TRIDENT HORIZON**

**May 2021**

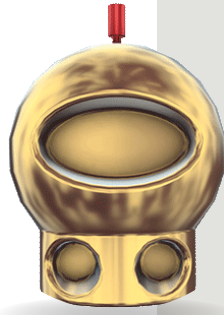
**59.5 Hook** ■ **16 Length** ■ **16 Breakpoint Shape**

**Cover** Coercion MXC Hybrid

**Box Finish** 4000 Grit LSS

**RG** 2.52 ■ **RG Differential** .049

**Review** Players of various styles will really like this versatile asymmetric core, hybrid-surface ball.



## ROTO GRIP UFO ALERT

June 2021

61.75 Hook ■ 16.25 Length ■ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover e-Trax Hybrid Reactive

Box Finish 1500 Grit Polish

RG 2.52 ■ RG Differential .054

**Review** Those with lower rev rates will like this ball on longer and medium patterns when the fronts start to hook or the pattern opens up.



## DV8 WARRANT SOLID

January 2021

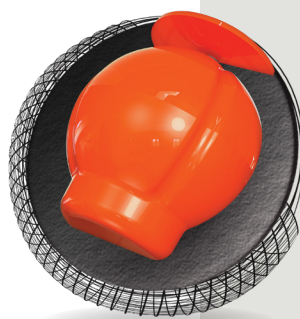
62.5 Hook ■ 13.5 Length ■ 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Solid N-Forcer SF

Box Finish 500,1500 SiaAir Micro Pads

RG 2.505 ■ RG Differential .054

**Review** The Warrant Solid brings a heavy, strong roll with a lot of hook for medium to heavier patterns.



## HAMMER WEB PEARL

August 2021

58 Hook ■ 16.75 Length ■ 17.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Aggressive Pearl

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 Siaair Micro Pads,  
Crown Factory Finish

RG 2.481 ■ RG Differential .048

**Review** It's a good go-to ball when the fronts start to go on the stronger Webs or other Hammer balls.



## 900 GLOBAL WOLVERINE

December 2021

57 Hook ▪ 17 Length ▪ 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover S70 Pearl

Box Finish 1500 Grit Polish

RG 2.54 ▪ RG Differential .053

**Review** From a Michigan Wolverine fan, this ball hits way harder than we did against Sparty this year.



## SWAG YOLO ROCKS

September 2021

55 Hook ▪ 16 Length ▪ 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover One Shot 1 Pearl

Box Finish 1000 Grit Sanded, Factory Polish

RG 2.535 ▪ RG Differential .044

**Review** This ball has a much cleaner motion through the fronts and strong, predictable back-end motion downlane to create nice hold and good carry.



## 900 GLOBAL ZEN

January 2021

57.5 Hook ▪ 16.75 Length ▪ 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Pearl S77R

Box Finish 1500 Grit Polish

RG 2.49 ▪ RG Differential .051

**Review** The Zen's strong pearl symmetric core easily opens up various patterns from various angles.



## 900 GLOBAL ZEN MASTER

August 2021

63.25 Hook ■ 15.75 Length ■ 15.75 Breakpoint Shape

Cover S77 Response

Box Finish 3000 Abralon

RG 2.49 ■ RG Differential .051

**Review** The Zen Master is the Zen for rev-deprived players on longer patterns.



## BRUNSWICK ZENITH HYBRID

September 2021

64 Hook ■ 16 Length ■ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover A.X.H. (Activator Xtreme Hook) Hybrid

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 Siaair Micro Pads

RG 2.485 ■ RG Differential .052

**Review** The Zenith Hybrid really does complement the Solid when you need cleaner motion on longer patterns, and the Pearl when the pattern isn't broken down enough.



## BRUNSWICK ZENITH PEARL

April 2021

61.75 Hook ■ 16 Length ■ 16.25 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Pearl A.X.H.

Box Finish 500 SiaAir Micro Pad, Crown Factory Compound, Crown Factory Polish

RG 2.485 ■ RG Differential .052

**Review** The Zenith Pearl provides a good amount of hook and good entry angle, even for lower-rev players.

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