

35th Annual

Ball Guide

Review Summaries and Statistics
for 117 Bowling Balls

About the Ball Guide...

For three-and-a-half decades, Bowlers Journal International has been reviewing bowling balls, helping readers select the equipment that best matches their games and the lane conditions they encounter in league and tournament play. On the pages that follow, you'll find summaries of all ball reviews written by "No Holes Barred" columnist Vernon Peterson during 2018 — 117 reviews in all. Included is a short "snapshot" of each review; however, we highly

recommend reading the full reviews that appeared in "No Holes Barred" in order to gain a clearer understanding of the balls, their capabilities and their recommended uses. The original review month is included with each listing. At the end of this section, you'll find contact information for bowling ball manufacturers that submitted bowling balls to BJI for review in 2018. Company websites may provide additional useful information to help you make your purchasing decisions.

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.


900 GLOBAL JANUARY 2018



ABSOLUTE TRUTH


57 Hook • 16 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S80R Hybrid
Box Finish: ICE "E" (3000 Grit)
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .055



Review: Gives lower rev rate and higher tilt players hook, recovery and drive, without forcing them too far left.


ABS FEBRUARY 2018



ACCU RISE

54 Hook • 17 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Nano-Thane 2.0 Pearl
Box Finish: Not Stated
RG: 2.466 • **RG Differential:** .056



Review: For the rev-deprived seeking an asymmetric ball to get through the fronts with power through the pins.

ABS JULY 2018



ACCU RISE II


55.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Nano-Thane 3.0 Pearl
Box Finish: 1000 Diamond Polish
RG: 2.46 • **RG Differential:** .060



Review: A go-to ball once patterns open up; helps low-rev, low-speed players carry those corner pins.


ABS OCTOBER 2018



ACCU RISE III


56 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Nano-Thane 4.0 Pearl
Box Finish: 1000 Diamond Polish
RG: 2.508 • **RG Differential:** .050



Review: This ball cuts through the conditioner on longer patterns easier than you might expect for a shiny pearl.


ABS MAY 2018



ACCU ROAD


55 Hook • 17.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Nano-Thane 2.0
Box Finish: 500/1000/2000 sanded
RG: 2.531 • **RG Differential:** .034



Review: A versatile ball on medium patterns for various player types; strong, heavy motion through the pocket.

900 GLOBAL AUGUST 2018



AFTER DARK PEARL


45 Hook • 17.5 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S30 Pearl
Box Finish: 1500-Grit Polish
RG: 2.56 • **RG Differential:** .030



Review: For high-rev players on the burn or shorter/lighter patterns, as it will still drive through the pocket.

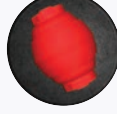
900 GLOBAL AUGUST 2018



AFTER DARK SOLID

45.5 Hook • 17.5 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S30 Solid
Box Finish: 1500-Grit Polish
RG: 2.56 • **RG Differential:** .030



Review: Brings performance, hitting power and hook capability to an entry-level ball that new bowlers will covet.



TRACK MARCH 2018

ALIAS

59 Hook • 15 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Prime Hybrid
Box Finish: 500/2000 Abralon
RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: XA "two-in-one" ball that can be drilled to create a symmetric or asymmetric core motion for players.



ROTO GRIP MARCH 2018

ALL OUT SHOW OFF

56 Hook • 16 Length • 15.25 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Stocked Hybrid
Box Finish: 1500-Grit Polish
RG: 2.55 • **RG Differential:** .045

Review: Offers clean motion through the fronts and strong back-end motion, with a heavy roll through the pocket.



LANE MASTERS JUNE 2018

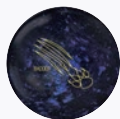
ATHENA

56.5 Hook • 13.5 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Infinity Plus Pearl
Box Finish: 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.492 • **RG Differential:** .051

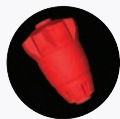
Review: Fits various player styles on medium patterns; No. 1 ball on fresh conditions or wet/dry house patterns.



900 GLOBAL MAY 2018

BADGER

54.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: S71 Hybrid Reactive
Box Finish: 1500-Grit Polish
RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .041

Review: A go-to ball when the pattern opens up or the fronts start to go; its strong cover helps carry corners.



RADICAL JANUARY 2018

BEYOND RIDICULOUS

54 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Ai30
Box Finish: 500 SiaAir, Factory Compound
RG: 2.541 • **RG Differential:** .051

Review: Brings a new look (more hook and continuation) than the original Ridiculous on medium/longer patterns.



RADICAL JULY 2018

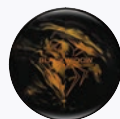
BEYOND RIDICULOUS PEARL

59 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Ai-35 Pearl
Box Finish: 500 SiaAir Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.541 • **RG Differential:** .050

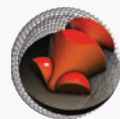
Review: Hits the pocket strongly from many angles; great when the pattern opens up and the backend settles down.



HAMMER SEPTEMBER 2018

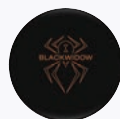
BLACK WIDOW BLACK/GOLD

54.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Aggression Hybrid
Box Finish: 500/1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Polish
RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .058

Review: This ball's Gas Mask core really delivers, providing strong hitting power for all types of players.



HAMMER JANUARY 2018

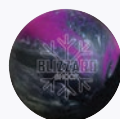
BLACK WIDOW URETHANE

52 Hook • 12 Length • 12 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Urethane
Box Finish: 500-grit Abralon
RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .058

Review: Gives low-rev players a urethane choice that provides good carry on medium to heavier short patterns.



LORD FIELD JULY 2018

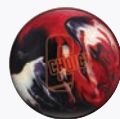
BLIZZARD SHOCK

58.5 Hook • 14 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Super Micro X9
Box Finish: 2000 Grit Sanded
RG: 2.516 • **RG Differential:** .051

Review: One of the strongest, most hooking balls seen from Lord Field; provides easy hook out of the box.



EBONITE AUGUST 2018

CHOICE

61.5 Hook • 15 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: GSV-1 Hybrid
Box Finish: 500/1000/2000 Abralon
RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: Gets through the fronts easily and then continues strong with a smooth, heavy roll through the pocket.



STORM MARCH 2018

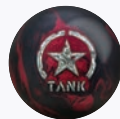
CODE X

63 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: R2S Solid
Box Finish: 3000 Abralon
RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .058

Review: A strong, versatile ball that easily cuts through longer and heavier patterns. Plan to play deep on THSs.



MOTIV JANUARY 2018

COMBAT TANK

46 Hook • 13.5 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Alchemy Hybrid
Box Finish: 3000 Grit LSS
RG: 2.59 • **RG Differential:** .025

Review: High-rev players will like the push through the fronts on shorter patterns, with good continuation.



RADICAL

NOVEMBER 2018

CONSPIRACY

60 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Forged 2 Solid
Box Finish: 500/3000 SiaAir
RG: 2.474 • **RG Differential:** .056

Review: A good No. 1 ball for all player styles on medium/flat sport patterns to gain some control of the pocket.



ROTO GRIP

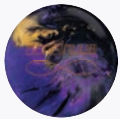
MARCH 2018

DARE DEVIL DANGER

56.5 Hook • 16 Length • 15.75 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Psyched Hybrid
Box Finish: 1500-Grit Polish
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .041

Review: A strong ball in terms of back-end motion, and a good No. 2 or 3 ball for recent USBC Open Team patterns.



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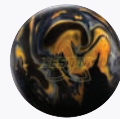
AUGUST 2018

CONTINUUM

58 Hook • 13.5 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S82RX Hybrid
Box Finish: 2000-Grit Abralon
RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: Great for low-rev players who need a ball that hooks a good amount without burning up the heads.



EBONITE

NOVEMBER 2018

DESTINY HYBRID

52.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GB 11.2 Hybrid
Box Finish: 500/1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Polish
RG: 2.53 • **RG Differential:** .053

Review: A good hybrid ball at a value price, creating good angles on both light house and longer patterns.



DV8

AUGUST 2018

CREED REBELLION

62 Hook • 14 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Composite Claw Solid
Box Finish: 1500 SiaAir
RG: 2.496 • **RG Differential:** .055

Review: A good choice for longer and heavier flat sport patterns; provides a lot of hook and is a good value.



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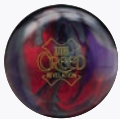
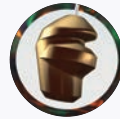
JULY 2018

DESTINY PEARL

51.5 Hook • 17 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GB 11.2 Pearl
Box Finish: 500/1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Polish
RG: 2.53 • **RG Differential:** .053

Review: Provides easy push through the fronts on lighter house patterns; a good entry-level ball and value.



DV8

FEBRUARY 2018

CREED RELEVATION

52.75 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Composite Flip Pearl
Box Finish: 500 SiaAir, Crown Factory Finish
RG: 2.496 • **RG Differential:** .055

Review: A good No. 2 ball for one's tournament arsenal, or for lower speed bowlers on hooking league patterns.



EBONITE

JULY 2018

DESTINY SOLID

58 Hook • 16 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GB 11.2 Solid
Box Finish: 500/1000/3000 Abralon
RG: 2.53 • **RG Differential:** .053

Review: High-rev players will like this matte-finish ball because of the breakpoint control and back-end motion.



BRUNSWICK

JULY 2018

CUTTING EDGE HYBRID

57.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Relativity Hook Hybrid
Box Finish: 500/2000 SiaAir
RG: 2.521 • **RG Differential:** .039

Review: Low-rev players will like the almost effortless hook and back-end drive that this ball provides.



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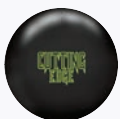
SEPTEMBER 2018

DIESEL TORQUE

59 Hook • 14 Length • 13.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Juiced Solid
Box Finish: 500/2000 Abralon
RG: 2.51 • **RG Differential:** .046

Review: Cuts through longer patterns and controls medium to longer/flatter patterns well; strong benchmark ball.



BRUNSWICK

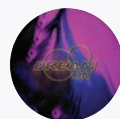
JULY 2018

CUTTING EDGE SOLID

54 Hook • 16 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: 3C Solid
Box Finish: 500, Crown Factory Shine
RG: 2.521 • **RG Differential:** .039

Review: Brings smooth, clean motion through the fronts with a strong, heavy, predictable motion through the pins.



900 GLOBAL

APRIL 2018

DREAM ON


56 Hook • 14.5 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: 74 Response Hybrid
Box Finish: 4000-Grit Abralon
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: Reads the midlane but continues through the pocket with a lot of forgiveness and hitting power.




STORM MARCH 2018



DRIVE


61 Hook • 14.5 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: R2S Nano Hybrid
Box Finish: 3000 Abralon
RG: 2.57 • RG Differential: .050



Review: Brings some surface to the Timeless line with strong roll through the pocket and a high carry percentage.


EBONITE OCTOBER 2018



GB3 PEARL

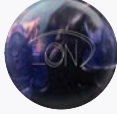
57 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GB 12.7 Pearl
Box Finish: 500/1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Polish
RG: 2.48 • RG Differential: .048



Review: A No. 2 or 3 ball for creating more length through the fronts when sport patterns break down or open up.


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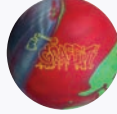
56.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S82RX Pearl
Box Finish: 1500-Grit Polish
RG: 2.50 • RG Differential: .049



Review: A go-to ball on flatter sport patterns when the track area opens up or more energy is needed at the pins.


SWAG MAY 2018



GRAFFITI

59.75 Hook • 14.5 Length • 13.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reverie 2
Box Finish: 2000-Grit Sanded
RG: 2.470 • RG Differential: .036



Review: Gives high-rev players controllable back-end motion; a good choice for flatter, fresh sport patterns.

WORXSHOP AUGUST 2018



FAILSAFE


60 Hook • 13 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Hybrid
Box Finish: 500/2000 Abralon
RG: 2.501 • RG Differential: .035

CORE IMAGE NOT PROVIDED

Review: Strong from the midlane through the pocket with a heavy roll; the strongest of the three WorXshop balls.

WORXSHOP AUGUST 2018



HARDENED


59.5 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Hybrid
Box Finish: 500/2000 Abralon
RG: 2.516 • RG Differential: .052

CORE IMAGE NOT PROVIDED

Review: For those needing free but not super hook, or to get through the fronts with a smooth, strong backend.


BRUNSWICK NOVEMBER 2018



FEARLESS


56 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Relentless Reactive
Box Finish: 500 SiaAir, Crown Factory Finish
RG: 2.474 • RG Differential: .047



Review: This is a good sport-condition ball to control flatter patterns by creating some hold and recovery.


DV8 JULY 2018



HITMAN ENFORCER


59.5 Hook • 17 Length • 17.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: N-Forcer Plus
Box Finish: 500, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.511 • RG Differential: .020



Review: A good, strong, versatile ball that can strike from various angles; great on medium-oil conditions.


HAMMER MARCH 2018



FIERCE PHOBIA

59 Hook • 14.5 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Semtex Hybrid
Box Finish: 500/2000 Abralon
RG: 2.49 • RG Differential: .054



Review: Forgiveness for rev-deprived or speed-dominant players, with free hook on medium to heavier patterns.


ROTO GRIP MARCH 2018



HUSTLE HYB

57.5 Hook • 14.75 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: VTC-H18 Hybrid
Box Finish: 3000 Grit
RG: 2.53 • RG Differential: .030



Review: This matte-finish ball created good angles and good carry percentages on all of our test patterns.


EBONITE MARCH 2018



GB3


59 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GB 12.7 Pearl
Box Finish: 500/2000 Abralon
RG: 2.48 • RG Differential: .048



Review: Gives bowlers with lower rev rates extra help and the famous Game Breaker motion on longer patterns.


MOTIV JULY 2018



HYDRA

50 Hook • 18 Length • 18 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Hexion LFP Reactive
Box Finish: 5000-Grit LSP
RG: 2.55 • RG Differential: .037



Review: One of the more angular and responsive balls from Motiv, offering skid/flip motion on drier lanes.



ROTO GRIP

MARCH 2018

HYPER CELL FUSED

59 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15.75 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: eTrax 18 Hybrid
Box Finish: 1500-Grit Polish
RG: 2.52 • RG Differential: .056

Review: Fits between the No Rules Exist when it starts up too soon, and the No Rules Pearl when it's too angular.



STORM

JUNE 2018

INTENSE FIRE

58.5 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: R3S Hybrid
Box Finish: 1500-Grit Polish
RG: 2.49 • RG Differential: .050

Review: A versatile, strong asymmetric hybrid that performs beautifully on medium to heavier or longer patterns.



STORM

OCTOBER 2018

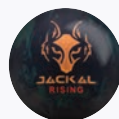
HY-ROAD X

57.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: R2X Solid
Box Finish: 1500-grit polish
RG: 2.57 • RG Differential: .046

Review: An excellent benchmark ball to read flatter patterns, while still offering strong drive and good control.



MOTIVE

JANUARY 2018

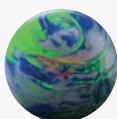
JACKAL RISING

60.5 Hook • 12.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Coercion HV2
Box Finish: 2000 Grit LSS
RG: 2.47 • RG Differential: .055

Review: Ideal for low-rev or speed-dominant players who need free hook; great for blending over/under situations.



EBONITE

DECEMBER 2018

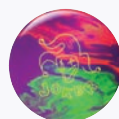
IMPACT

58 Hook • 16.5 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: GSV-1 Hybrid
Box Finish: 500/1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Polish
RG: 2.48 • RG Differential: .049

Review: Will fit nicely into a bowler's arsenal if they are looking for a strong, versatile asymmetric ball.

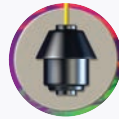


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SEPTEMBER 2018

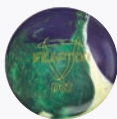
JOKER

57 Hook • 14 Length • 13 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Dazzler 1
Box Finish: 2000 Grit
RG: 2.507 • RG Differential: .051

Review: Great for players with lower rev rates or speed dominance, as it creates free hook with little effort.



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MARCH 2018

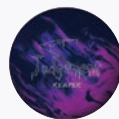
INCEPTION DCT PEARL

58 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15.75 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: S86R Pearl
Box Finish: 1500-Grit Polish
RG: 2.48 • RG Differential: .055

Review: Best for tournament players looking to get through the fronts easily with strong overall back-end motion.

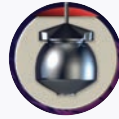


LORD FIELD:

NOVEMBER 2018

JUDGEMENT REAPER

56 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Eliminator 4.0 Pearl
Box Finish: 2000-Grit
RG: 2.535 • RG Differential: .054

Review: A versatile No. 1 ball for medium sport/house patterns; cuts through the oil with strong continuation.

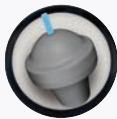


RADICAL

JANUARY 2018

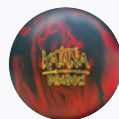
INTEL

59.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Ai25
Box Finish: 500/1000/2000 SiaAir
RG: 2.483 • RG Differential: .035

Review: This forgiving ball tells you what you need to know to play a variety of angles on numerous patterns.



RADICAL

JULY 2018

KATANA DRAGON

65 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Forged 3 Solid
Box Finish: 500/1000/2000 SiaAir
RG: 2.503 • RG Differential: .050

Review: Provides good motion for speed-dominant or rev-challenged players on longer and heavier patterns.



RADICAL

AUGUST 2018

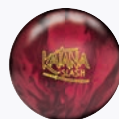
INTEL PEARL

57 Hook • 17 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Ai-27 Pearl
Box Finish: 500/1000 SiaAir, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.483 • RG Differential: .035

Review: This is a great second ball to complement the original Intel after the original opens up the fresh.

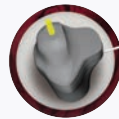


RADICAL

MARCH 2018

KATANA SLASH

59 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Forged H Hybrid
Box Finish: Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.506 • RG Differential: .050

Review: A great choice for high-rev players as it's strong and continuous but also predictable and controllable.



TRACK AUGUST 2018

KINETIC AMETHYST

50 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: QR-6 Pearl
Box Finish: 500/1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Polish
RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .038

Review: A go-to ball on the burn or late in events as you can stay farther right and not give up angle or power.



STORM JUNE 2018

MATCH UP BLACK PEARL

57 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Reactor Pearl
Box Finish: 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .035

Review: Provided a strong and angular, yet predictable, back-end motion on all three test patterns; a good value.



LORD FIELD JANUARY 2018

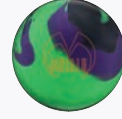
KING

53 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Promotion 4.0
Box Finish: 1000-Grit, Factory Finish
RG: 2.492 • **RG Differential:** .053

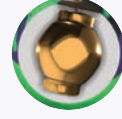
Review: Opens up medium patterns when the fronts start to burn up, and creates strong motion off the breakpoint.



EBONITE SEPTEMBER 2018

MATRIX SOLID

59.5 Hook • 13.5 Length • 13 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: GB12.7 Solid
Box Finish: 500/2000 Abralon
RG: 2.53 • **RG Differential:** .049

Review: A good choice for the fresh; controls the back-end/pocket but still has strength as the pattern opens up.



BRUNSWICK MARCH 2018

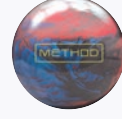
KINGPIN MAX

63.5 Hook • 15.25 Length • 15.25 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: ECA-X Solid
Box Finish: 500/1000 SiaAir
RG: 2.489 • **RG Differential:** .055

Review: Provides more hook than the original Kingpin with stronger motion and continuation for great carry.



BRUNSWICK AUGUST 2018

METHOD

60.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Synthesis Hybrid
Box Finish: 500/3000 SiaAir
RG: 2.499 • **RG Differential:** .055

Review: Generated area on all three test patterns; can be used in competition longer than most matte balls.



COLUMBIA 300 APRIL 2018

LIT PEARL

58 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Reflex XS Pearl
Box Finish: 500/1000 Abralon Powerhouse Polish
RG: 2.478 • **RG Differential:** .052

Review: Brings more hook/backend to the Red Line collection. Complements the Lit when it's too strong too early.



DV8 FEBRUARY 2018

NASTY RUMOR

52.5 Hook • 17 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Deception Pearl Plus
Box Finish: 500 SiaAir, Crown
RG: 2.534 • **RG Differential:** .048

Review: This stronger version of the Rumor will open up the backend more and cut through longer patterns better.



RADICAL AUGUST 2018

LUDICROUS

58.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Ai-40
Box Finish: 500/1000 SiaAir, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.535 • **RG Differential:** .050

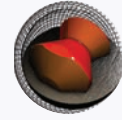
Review: A benchmark ball for flatter patterns; tournament players will want it for length and predictability.



HAMMER JULY 2018

ONYX VIBE

51 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: CT Reactive Max
Box Finish: 500/2000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Polish
RG: 2.51 • **RG Differential:** .042

Review: Those who need a little more hook to cut through longer patterns will appreciate what this ball delivers.



BRUNSWICK JANUARY 2018

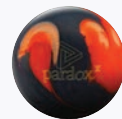
MAGNITUDE 035 PEARL

53 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Relativity Flip Pearl
Box Finish: 500 SiaAir, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.521 • **RG Differential:** .035

Review: A go-to ball when the lanes open up; great for slower ball speeds on medium or burned-up patterns.



TRACK NOVEMBER 2018

PARADOX V

59.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Prime Pearl.
Box Finish: 500/1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Polish
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .057

Review: This asymmetric ball is the most angular in the Paradox line, providing the strongest back-end motion.

STORM OCTOBER 2018

PHYSIX

63.5 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: NRG Hybrid
Box Finish: 3000-Grit Abralon
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .052

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Review: A strong asymmetric ball for medium to longer patterns; great for low-rev and speed-dominant players.

BRUNSWICK AUGUST 2018

QUANTUM BIAS

62 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: ECA-XR Solid
Box Finish: 500/1000 SiaAir
RG: 2.563 • **RG Differential:** .052

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Review: Clean through the fronts with strong continuation; good for low rev rates and/or high ball speeds.

DV8 NOVEMBER 2018

PITBULL BARK

65.5 Hook • 15.75 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Composite Fang Max
Box Finish: 1000 SiaAir
RG: 2.486 • **RG Differential:** .055

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Review: Provides the most hook of any ball reviewed to date. An ideal ball for low-rev or speed-dominant players.

JET DECEMBER 2018

RAIDER-X

50 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Jet Flight Hybrid
Box Finish: 2000-Grit Sanded, Polish
RG: 2.53 • **RG Differential:** .052

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Review: Versatile on medium-dry lanes; provides great push through the fronts and strong roll through the pins.

DV8 FEBRUARY 2018

PITBULL BITE

63.5 Hook • 14.75 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Composite Fang
Box Finish: 500/1500 SiaAir
RG: 2.486 • **RG Differential:** .055

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Review: The most hook to date from DV8. Even for those who stand left and throw right, it needs length/volume.

HAMMER APRIL 2018

RHODMAN PEARL

55.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Juiced Maxx Pearl
Box Finish: 500/2000 Abralon, Powerhouse Polish
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .048

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Review: Speed-deprived players will like the easy push through the fronts; good for medium to long patterns.

DV8 NOVEMBER 2018

POISON

59.5 Hook • 14.5 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Toxin-R
Box Finish: 500/1500 SiaAir
RG: 2.564 • **RG Differential:** .054

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Review: A good flat/sport pattern ball for medium to shorter patterns; doesn't lose energy on lighter patterns.

HAMMER APRIL 2018

RIP'D

61 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Aggressive Solid CFI
Box Finish: 500/1000/2000 Abralon
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .054

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Review: Provides the most hook seen to date from Hammer, yet keeps a clean, continuous motion through the pocket.

WORXSHOP AUGUST 2018

POP!

56 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Pearl
Box Finish: 500/1000 Abralon, Factory Polish
RG: 2.51 • **RG Differential:** .048

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Review: This ball goes clean through the fronts and has a good pop on the backend for various player types.

HAMMER APRIL 2018

RIP'D HYBRID

59.75 Hook • 16 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Aggressive Hybrid CFI
Box Finish: 500/1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Polish
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .054

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Review: Has a stronger back-end motion than any hybrid reviewed to date, and cuts through longer patterns easily.

TRACK AUGUST 2018

PRECISION

59.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Prime Pearl
Box Finish: 500/1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Polish
RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .054

◆

Review: Brings a lot of hook and cuts through medium to longer patterns a lot easier than most pearl balls.

HAMMER NOVEMBER 2018

RIP'D PEARL

60.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Aggression Pearl CFI
Box Finish: 500/1000/3000 Abralon
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .054

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Review: Will fit any player style as a strong back-end ball that cuts through longer and heavier patterns.



MOTIV SEPTEMBER 2018

ROGUE BLADE

55 Hook • 15 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Hexion SE Reactive
Box Finish: 4000 Grit
RG: 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .047



Review: Don't let the matte finish fool you; this ball is very strong on the backend, but with controllability.



STORM FEBRUARY 2018

SONIQ

55 Hook • 17 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: R2S Pearl
Box Finish: 1500-Grit Polish
RG: 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .047



Review: Brings a cleaner angular motion to the IQ line. Will fit any type of player for leagues or tournaments.



COLUMBIA 300 AUGUST 2018

SABER PEARL

58 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reflex Pearl
Box Finish: 500/1000 Abralon
RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .054



Review: This ball brings a clean motion through the fronts with a strong, angular move off the breakpoint.

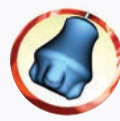


COLUMBIA 300 DECEMBER 2018

SPOILER ALERT

57.5 Hook • 17 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reflex Pearl
Box Finish: 500/1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Polish
RG: 2.52 • **RG Differential:** .045



Review: Gives low-speed players easy push through the fronts of medium to dry lanes, with strong back-end motion.



COLUMBIA 300 OCTOBER 2018

SAVAGE

62.5 Hook • 12.5 Length • 13 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Exciter Solid
Box Finish: 500/2000 Abralon
RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .051



Review: Helps low-rev players cut through longer/heavier patterns, and high-rev players control the backend.



AMF AUGUST 2018

SUMO SE

58 Hook • 16 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: F80 Solid
Box Finish: 1500-Grit Polish
RG: 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .050



Review: This ball provides one of the strongest, most angular reactions we have seen from any company to date.



HAMMER JULY 2018

SCANDAL/S

60.5 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Semtex Hybrid CFI
Box Finish: 500/2000 Abralon
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .054



Review: This is a symmetric ball with a strong core/cover combination that offers strong bite off the backend.



MOTIV NOVEMBER 2018

T10

58 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Coercion MFS Solid
Box Finish: 3000-Grit LSS
RG: 2.54 • **RG Differential:** .052



Review: High-rev players will like the strong, predictable motion. For a solid, it makes a strong left turn.



900 GLOBAL MARCH 2018

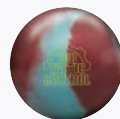
SHADOW OPS

43 Hook • 11 Length • 13 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S25 Hybrid Urethane
Box Finish: 1000 Abralon
RG: 2.52 • **RG Differential:** .044



Review: Lower rev players who haven't been fans of urethane will like this ball's greater hitting power.



DV8 JULY 2018

TACTIC CONTROL

44 Hook • 12 Length • 12 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Control Urethane
Box Finish: 500/3000 SiaAir
RG: 2.514 • **RG Differential:** .042



Review: The true urethane motion that's provided by this ball is great for lighter or shorter patterns.



RADICAL NOVEMBER 2018

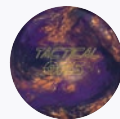
SIZZLE

54 Hook • 17 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Ai-38
Box Finish: 500 SiaAir, Crown Factory Finish
RG: 2.537 • **RG Differential:** .050



Review: A good choice for medium house patterns and older wood lanes; gets through the fronts with strong drive.



900 GLOBAL AUGUST 2018

TACTICAL OPS

57 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S72 Pearl
Box Finish: 1500-Grit Polish
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .058



Review: Provides a clean motion through the fronts with a strong, predictable back-end motion on medium patterns.



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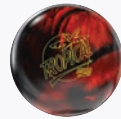
OCTOBER 2018

TACTIX

59 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: QR-9 Solid
Box Finish: 500/2000 Abralon
RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .051

Review: This is a good benchmark ball for all types of players, especially for longer and heavier patterns.



STORM

JUNE 2018

TROPICAL STORM BLACK/COPPER

44.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reactor Hybrid
Box Finish: 1500-Grit Polish
RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .009

Review: Provides predictable back-end motion, particularly for those with slower ball speeds on hooking lanes.



LORD FIELD

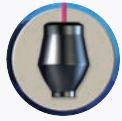
SEPTEMBER 2018

TALENT SHOW

54.5 Hook • 15 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Proton New Smart
Box Finish: 2000-Grit
RG: 2.534 • **RG Differential:** .045

Review: High-rev players will like the motion that this ball provides, and the clean push through the fronts.



STORM

JUNE 2018

TROPICAL STORM VIOLET/CHARCOAL

44 Hook • 17 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reactor Pearl
Box Finish: 1500-Grit Polish
RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .009

Review: An entry-level ball creating good hitting power on lighter/shorter patterns for lower speed players.



BRUNSWICK

FEBRUARY 2018

TENACITY

58.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: UR Pearl
Box Finish: 500 SiaAir, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.503 • **RG Differential:** .052

Review: A strong skid/flip asymmetric ball, and a good choice for lower rev players on medium to longer patterns.



BRUNSWICK

JANUARY 2018

TRUE MOTION

51 Hook • 12.5 Length • 12.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: True Urethane
Box Finish: 500/1000 SiaAir
RG: 2.521 • **RG Differential:** .035

Review: Hooks more than we expected, and its core creates nice motion through the pocket and good carry.



BRUNSWICK

NOVEMBER 2018

TENANCITY GRIT

61 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: URG Pearl
Box Finish: 500/1000/2000 SiaAir
RG: 2.503 • **RG Differential:** .052

Review: Ideal for lower rev players looking for a strong down-lane motion on longer and heavier patterns.



900 GLOBAL

MAY 2018

TRUTH TOUR

61 Hook • 16 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S78R Solid Reactive
Box Finish: ICE "E" (3000 Grit)
RG: 2.53 • **RG Differential:** .038

Review: One of the most hooking balls to date from 900 Global, with non-stop continuation for any player type.



ABS

DECEMBER 2018

TOUR PREMIUM II

55.5 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Nano-Thane 2.0 Solid
Box Finish: 1000 Diamond Polish
RG: 2.46 • **RG Differential:** .055

Review: Brings a strong, heavy, predictable, continuous motion on various medium to drier lane conditions.



TRACK

NOVEMBER 2018

TUNDRA SOLID

56 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: QR-4 Solid
Box Finish: 500/1000/3000 Abralon
RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .029

Review: High-rev players will love this ball and its motion, especially on flatter or shorter patterns.



MOTIV

OCTOBER 2018

TRIDENT ABYSS

62 Hook • 13 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Coercion HV3 Reactive
Box Finish: 2000-grit LSS
RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: Creates strong/heavy roll and continuous motion through the pins for low-rev and speed-dominant players.



DV8

MAY 2018

TURMOIL PEARL

52 Hook • 17 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Composite Flip Pearl
Box Finish: 500 SiaAir, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.28 • **RG Differential:** .042

Review: Fits all types of players on medium patterns; great for slower-speed players on hooking house patterns.





DV8

MAY 2018

TURMOIL SOLID

59 Hook • 15 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Composite Hook Solid Reactive
Box Finish: 500/4000 SiaAir
RG: 2.28 • **RG Differential:** .042

Review: Fits any style on medium to heavy patterns; provides controlled back-end motion for high-rev players.



MOTIV

APRIL 2018

VILLAIN

59 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Coercion MFS Solid
Box Finish: 3000-Grit LSS
RG: 2.54 • **RG Differential:** .051

Review: Does a great job of getting to and through the pins on medium to longer patterns for any type of player.



BRUNSWICK

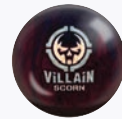
JULY 2018

TWIST

45 Hook • 17.5 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: R-16 Pearl
Box Finish: 500, Crown Factory Finish
RG: 2.591 • **RG Differential:** .018

Review: This is a good ball for beginners as well as older bowlers needing length on drier house conditions.



MOTIV

NOVEMBER 2018

VILLAIN SCORN

58 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Hexion SE Pearl
Box Finish: 5000-Grit LSP
RG: 2.54 • **RG Differential:** .051

Review: For players wanting a pearl asymmetric ball with a strong and angular motion off the backend.



TRACK

APRIL 2018

ULTRA HEAT

49 Hook • 15 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: DR-6 Hybrid
Box Finish: 500/1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Polish
RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .038

Review: Enables high-rev players to be aggressive yet maintain control of the breakpoint on fresh backends.



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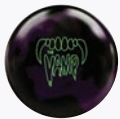
NOVEMBER 2018

VINTAGE VAPOR ZONE

55 Hook • 17 Length • 17.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Activator Plus 2.0
Box Finish: 500 SiaAir, Crown Factory Finish
RG: 2.478 • **RG Differential:** .017

Review: Great for slower speed players looking for a big back-end ball to use on medium to dry patterns.



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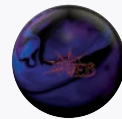
MARCH 2018

VAMP

43 Hook • 17 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: MBS-17 Solid
Box Finish: 1500-Grit Polish
RG: 2.58 • **RG Differential:** .016

Review: For high-rev, speed-deprived and old-school players on shorter patterns and hooking conditions.



HAMMER

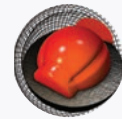
DECEMBER 2018

WEB

61 Hook • 14.5 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Aggression Hybrid
Box Finish: 500/2000 Abralon
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .048

Review: Provides strong back-end motion for a matte-finish ball; good for both league and tournament play.



MOTIV

MARCH 2018

VENOM SHOCK PEARL

53 Hook • 17.25 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Hexion MFP Pearl
Box Finish: 5500-Grit LSP
RG: 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .035

Review: This is a versatile pearl at a great value that provided good looks on all three test patterns.



HAMMER

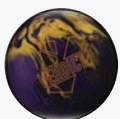
DECEMBER 2018

WEB TOUR

60.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: TourV1 Solid
Box Finish: 360/1000 Abralon
RG: 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .030

Review: Versatile for various styles to open up most medium-longer patterns and create strong/continuous motion.



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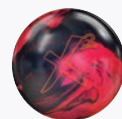
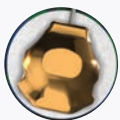
FEBRUARY 2018

VERDICT PEARL

58.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GSV-1 Pearl
Box Finish: 500/1000 Abralon
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .055

Review: Its strong, angular motion is controllable and creates good angle to the pocket on a variety of patterns.



900 GLOBAL

JANUARY 2018

X2

54.5 Hook • 13.5 Length • 13 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S59 Solid
Box Finish: ICE "C" (2000 Grit)
RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .055

Review: Fits a variety of styles; best for high-rev players needing a little more ball that's not too aggressive.



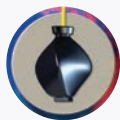


SWAG

JANUARY 2018

YOLO

59.5 Hook • 15 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: One Shot 1
Box Finish: 2000 Grit, Sanded
RG: 2.508 • RG Differential: .048

Review: The first release for the new Swag brand, this versatile ball performs well on medium to longer patterns.

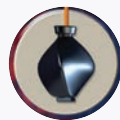


SWAG

JULY 2018

YOLO PEARL

50 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: One Shot 2 Pearl
Box Finish: 1000 Grit Sanded, Factory Polish
RG: 2.532 • RG Differential: .047

Review: This pearl ball nicely complements the Yolo Solid, creating more angular motion off the backend

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