

36th Annual

Ball Guide

Review Summaries and Statistics
for 107 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 2019 — 107 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.

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 "centerpiece" 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.



ABS

MARCH 2019

ACCU RISE IV

56.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Nano-Thane 5.0

Box Finish: 1000 Diamond Compound Polish

RG: 2.462 • **RG Differential:** .060

Review: A strong pearl asymmetric; cuts through medium/longer patterns easily, especially for lower-rev players.



COLUMBIA 300

NOVEMBER 2019

BALLER

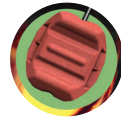
63 Hook • 14 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: ERT, Hybrid

Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon

RG: 2.52 • **RG Differential:** .052

Review: Low-rev or speed-dominant players will want this ball as it provides free hook on medium/longer patterns.



ABS

SEPTEMBER 2019

ACCU RISE V

57.5 Hook • 17 Length • 17.75 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Nano-Thane 3.0 Pearl (level 3)

Box Finish: 1000 Abralon, Diamond Compound 2 Polish

RG: 2.512 • **RG Differential:** .051

Review: One of the more responsive and angular asymmetric balls we've seen on the backend of the medium patterns.



COLUMBIA 300

AUGUST 2019

BEAST BLUE/BLACK/WHITE

48 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Bend-It • **Box Finish:** 500, 2000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Finish Polish

RG: 2.54 • **RG Differential:** .035

Review: Provides a clean, angular motion off the backend. A go-to ball when the track opens up later in a block.



ABS

MAY 2019

ACCU ROAD II

57 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Nano-Thane 3.0 Pearl (level 3)

Box Finish: 1000 Diamond Compound Polish

RG: 2.58 • **RG Differential:** .045

Review: For a shiny asymmetric ball, it provides a strong and heavy roll from the midlane through the pocket.



SWAG

MAY 2019

BIG BRO

61 Hook • 14 Length • 13 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reverie 2

Box Finish: 2000 Abralon

RG: 2.488 • **RG Differential:** .051

Review: Doesn't start up too early and rolls strongly from the midlane through the pins. Good for low-rev styles.



STORM

NOVEMBER 2019

ALL ROAD

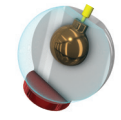
60 Hook • 15 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: NRG, Hybrid

Box Finish: 4000 Abralon

RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .046

Review: Cleaner with a stronger back-end motion than the HyRoad Nano; fits between it and the HyRoad X and HyRoad.



SWAG

OCTOBER 2019

BIG BRO FLEXIN

60.5 Hook • 14 Length • 13.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reverie 3

Box Finish: 200-grit

RG: 2.474 • **RG Differential:** .052

Review: Enables speed-dominant and rev-deprived bowlers to show off their muscle on medium to longer patterns.



STORM

JULY 2019

ASTROPHYSIX

57 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: R2S, Pearl

Box Finish: 1500-grit polish

RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .053

Review: One of the most angular asymmetric balls we've seen. Lower rev/speed players will like its clean motion.



LEGENDS

MARCH 2019

BLACK PEARL ARMADA

57 Hook • 15 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: XRT 1121

Box Finish: 2000 Abralon

RG: 2.571 • **RG Differential:** .057

Review: A good benchmark ball that reads a pattern's length/volume nicely; saves energy for strong continuation.



900 GLOBAL

SEPTEMBER 2019

BADGER INFUSED

57.5 Hook • 14 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S28, Hybrid Urethane

Box Finish: 1000 Abralon

RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .041

Review: Provides urethane motion that can open up a short/lighter pattern pretty easily even for low-rev players.



LEGENDS

JULY 2019

BLACK PEARL HUNTER

56 Hook • 14 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: XRT 1221 pearl

Box Finish: Not stated

RG: 2.579 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: High-rev players will like the motion that this ball produces down the lane. A versatile benchmark piece.





HAMMER

MAY 2019

BLACK WIDOW PINK

56.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

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

Review: Has all the hitting power of the other Widows and a very strong back-end motion for an asymmetric ball.



RADICAL

NOVEMBER 2019

THE CLOSER

61 Hook • 14.5 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Ai-39 solid
Box Finish: 500, 3000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.54 • **RG Differential:** .050

Review: A good, strong benchmark ball for tournament players or those who are seeking a good amount of free hook.



LORD FIELD

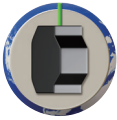
JULY 2019

BLIZZARD BLAST

59 Hook • 14 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Super Micro X9
Box Finish: 2000-grit sanded
RG: 2.482 • **RG Differential:** .052

Review: One of the strongest Lord Field balls. Low-rev players will like its free hook on medium/heavy patterns.



RADICAL

JULY 2019

CONSPIRACY HYBRID

59.5 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Forged 2 hybrid
Box Finish: Not stated
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .056

Review: Does what a hybrid should with clean motion and predictability while still being strong through the pins.



COLUMBIA 300

JANUARY 2019

CHAOS

61 Hook • 14.5 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Exciter, Hybrid
Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: Saves energy and is strong through the pocket. A good choice for low rev-rate or speed-dominant players.



RADICAL

APRIL 2019

CONSPIRACY PEARL

59 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Forged 2 pearl • **Box Finish:** 500 SiaAir Micro Pad, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.487 • **RG Differential:** .056

Review: Complements the solid when it's too early or loses energy. Low-rev players will like it on long patterns.



COLUMBIA 300

AUGUST 2019

CHAOS BLACK

55 Hook • 16 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Exciter solid • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Finish Polish
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: Offers clean motion through the fronts with strong continuation through the pins, but stays controllable.



RADICAL

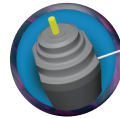
NOVEMBER 2019

CONSPIRACY THEORY

59.25 Hook • 15.75 Length • 15.75 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: TP-1 (Textured Pearl 1) • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.477 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: Not as angular as the Conspiracy Pearl, but cleaner and saves down-lane energy better than the Hybrid.



EBONITE

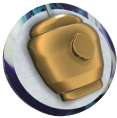
JANUARY 2019

CHOICE PEARL

58.5 Hook • 16.75 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GSV-1, Pearl • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Finish Polish
RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: Complements the original Choice, with more overall hook than the Impact. A good No. 1 ball on the fresh.



RADICAL

JULY 2019

COUNTER ATTACK PEARL

51 Hook • 18 Length • 17.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Ai 20 pearl
Box Finish: Not stated
RG: 2.56 • **RG Differential:** .023

Review: Good on medium and lighter patterns for lower-speed players. This is a go-to ball when patterns burn up.



EBONITE

SEPTEMBER 2019

CHOICE SOLID

62.5 Hook • 15 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GSV-1 solid
Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: Rev-deprived players will want this extremely strong ball in their bags for heavier and longer patterns.



RADICAL

JULY 2019

COUNTER ATTACK SOLID

58 Hook • 15 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Ai-20 solid
Box Finish: 500, 1000, 3000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.56 • **RG Differential:** .023

Review: A versatile benchmark ball that allows the play of multiple angles on various patterns with good power.





MOTIV

JULY 2019

COVERT TANK

48 Hook • 14 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Friction Microcell Polymer
Box Finish: 2000-grit LSS
RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .051



Review: Offers urethane-type motion, fitting low-rev to speed-dominant players on medium to short/light patterns.



STORM

MARCH 2019

FEVER PITCH

46 Hook • 13 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: PWR+CTRL urethane
Box Finish: 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.61 • **RG Differential:** .030



Review: Provides lower-rev and aging players with more drive through the pocket than other urethanes.



STORM

FEBRUARY 2019

CRUX PRIME

66 Hook • 14.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: SPEC solid
Box Finish: 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .052



Review: Low-rev or speed-dominant players will easily find all the hook they want on longer and heavier patterns.



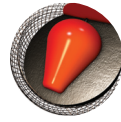
HAMMER

JANUARY 2019

FLAWLESS

52 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Juiced pearl • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Finish Polish
RG: 2.52 • **RG Differential:** .041



Review: Lower speed players will like the clean motion when the fronts hook and they need back-end length/motion.



BRUNSWICK

FEBRUARY 2019

CUTTING EDGE PEARL

54.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: 3C pearl • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.521 • **RG Differential:** .039



Review: A great ball for when the lanes open up and you need a clean push through the fronts to create more area.



900 GLOBAL

SEPTEMBER 2019

FLUX

59 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S72R solid
Box Finish: 4000 Abralon
RG: 2.55 • **RG Differential:** .048



Review: A good tournament ball that enables various styles of players to create some area and control the fresh.



EBONITE

AUGUST 2019

DESTINY PEARL

54 Hook • 17 Length • 17.5 Breakpoint Shape

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



Review: Best when a pattern burns up or opens up and you need a ball that gets through the fronts with easy push.



MOTIV

JANUARY 2019

FORGE

60.5 Hook • 14 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Coercion HFS
Box Finish: 3000-grit LSS
RG: 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .055



Review: A heavy rolling symmetric ball with a strong mid-lane read and good continuation on all test patterns.



EBONITE

AUGUST 2019

DESTINY SOLID

54 Hook • 16 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

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



Review: A strong entry-level ball ideal for tournament players with high revs on flatter and shorter patterns.



MOTIV

NOVEMBER 2019

FORGE FIRE

59.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Infusion hybrid reactive
Box Finish: 4000 LSS
RG: 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .055



Review: Complements the Forge when that ball starts to lose its energy downlane, providing a good amount of hook.



900 GLOBAL

MARCH 2019

EON INFINITE

57.5 Hook • 14.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S71 Re-Loaded hybrid
Box Finish: ICE "C" Pad
RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .049



Review: High-rev players will want this ball to control fresh, flatter patterns with good carry of the corners.



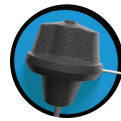
DV8

NOVEMBER 2019

FREQUENCY

62 Hook • 15 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Flexure hybrid
Box Finish: 500, 2000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.476 • **RG Differential:** .047



Review: For a strong asymmetric ball, it opens up a long, heavy pattern pretty easily; offers lots of free hook.



EBONITE

AUGUST 2019

FUTURA

61.5 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GSV-1 hybrid
Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .053

Review: A good all-around symmetric ball that takes the hook game up a notch with strong pin and back-end action.



BRUNSWICK

SEPTEMBER 2019

HERO PEARL

54.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Activator Plus 2.0 pearl • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.474 • **RG Differential:** .047

Review: A versatile ball that's predictable on medium to dry volumes and lengths. Great for lower ball speeds.



EBONITE

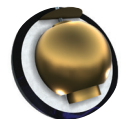
OCTOBER 2019

GAME BREAKER 3 BLACK/BLUE

57.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GB 12 hybrid • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Finish Polish
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .048

Review: Surprised us with its pop off the backend, but still had a predictable motion with a good amount of hook.



900 GLOBAL

JANUARY 2019

HONEY BADGER CLAW

60.5 Hook • 16 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S71 solid
Box Finish: 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .041

Review: Cuts through conditioner easier than the Badger and Honey Badger, but still offers strong back-end drive.



MOTIV

APRIL 2019

GOLDEN JACKAL

57.5 Hook • 16 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Hexion SE pearl
Box Finish: 4000-grit LSS
RG: 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .055

Review: A benchmark ball that works well on dry to medium lanes. Will help with the new USBC no-weight-hole rule.



900 GLOBAL

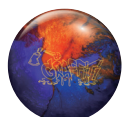
JUNE 2019

HONEY BADGER URETHANE

43 Hook • 9.5 Length • 11 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S20 urethane
Box Finish: 1000-grit Abralon
RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .041

Review: Gets into a heavy roll with strong mid-lane motion for a urethane ball. Ideal for flat-short patterns.



SWAG

MARCH 2019

GRAFFITI PEARL

52 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reverie 2 pearl
Box Finish: 1000-grit sanded, factory polished
RG: 2.475 • **RG Differential:** .051

Review: A good match on lighter/drier patterns that allows you to play more direct with tighter and better angles.



LORD FIELD

SEPTEMBER 2019

INCREDIBLE

60 Hook • 14.5 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Dazzler 2 solid
Box Finish: 2000-grit sanded
RG: 2.498 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: Has aggressive mid-lane motion for an asymmetric ball, and lower-rev players will get the hook they need.



STORM

NOVEMBER 2019

GRAVITY EVOLVE

66.5 Hook • 15 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Spec solid
Box Finish: 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .052

Review: Brings a strong midlane and continuation through the pins while covering boards on heavier oil patterns.



DV8

AUGUST 2019

INSTIGATOR SOLID

61 Hook • 14 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Inciter solid
Box Finish: 500, 3000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.481 • **RG Differential:** .051

Review: A strong solid ball that provides lower-rev-rate players with strong, predictable, smooth motion downlane.



TRACK

AUGUST 2019

HEAT LAVA

55 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: QR-7 pearl • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Finish Polish
RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .038

Review: Brings more angular motion to the Heat line, yet is clean through the fronts when they start to burn up.



TRACK

NOVEMBER 2019

IN2ITION

59 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Prime DT pearl • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Finish Polish
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: Offers clean motion through the fronts with notably strong back-end motion for a strong asymmetric ball.





STORM

JULY 2019

IQ TOUR EMERALD

57 Hook • 17 Length • 17.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: R2S pearl
Box Finish: 1500-grit polish
RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .029



Review: Provides clean motion through the fronts plus strong back-end motion, particularly on medium patterns.



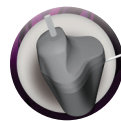
RADICAL

APRIL 2019

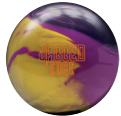
LUDICROUS SOLID

62 Hook • 14 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Ai 43 solid
Box Finish: 500, 1500 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.535 • **RG Differential:** .050



Review: Doesn't start up too early or burn up down the lane; a good choice for medium to longer sport patterns.



BRUNSWICK

AUGUST 2019

JAGGED EDGE HYBRID

54 Hook • 17 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Relativity 2.0 hybrid • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.508 • **RG Differential:** .043



Review: Provides clean motion through the heads with a stronger down-lane motion than the Jagged Edge Solid.



STORM

MAY 2019

MATCH UP BLACK/RED/BLUE

54 Hook • 15.75 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reactor hybrid
Box Finish: 1500-grit polish
RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .035



Review: A go-to ball when the track area burns and you want to stay in that zone; good on medium/short patterns.



BRUNSWICK

AUGUST 2019

JAGGED EDGE SOLID

57.5 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Relativity 2.0 solid
Box Finish: 500, 3000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.508 • **RG Differential:** .043



Review: A strong benchmark ball that tournament players will like, especially those with high revs on the fresh.



COLUMBIA 300

AUGUST 2019

MESSENGER BLACK/GOLD

45 Hook • 17 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Super Flex • **Box Finish:** 500, 2000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Finish Polish
RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .021



Review: Players looking for entry-level reactive motion get an actual core to help increase the hitting power.



RADICAL

FEBRUARY 2019

KATANA LEGEND

59.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Forger + pearl • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.503 • **RG Differential:** .02



Review: A ball that cuts through longer patterns with the strongest back-end motion seen from the Katana series.



BRUNSWICK

APRIL 2019

METHOD SOLID

61.5 Hook • 14.5 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Synthesis solid
Box Finish: 500, 2000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.499 • **RG Differential:** .055



Review: A benchmark ball that cuts through longer and heavier patterns without burning up too early in the heads.



TRACK

DECEMBER 2019

KINETIC OBSIDIAN

61 Hook • 14.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: DR-7 solid
Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .038



Review: This ball was stronger than we anticipated — strong enough for the 2018 USBC Singles and Doubles pattern.



900 GLOBAL

DECEMBER 2019

MONEY BADGER

57 Hook • 16 Length • 17.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S71 pearl
Box Finish: 1500-grit polish
RG: 2.37 • **RG Differential:** .044



Review: The go-to ball when flat sport patterns open up; a bit more aggressive and angular than the Honey Badger.



BRUNSWICK

FEBRUARY 2019

KINGPIN RULE

66 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: ECA-XR solid
Box Finish: 500, 2000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .055



Review: Cuts through longer and heavier patterns easily. The most hooking ball from Brunswick up to this point.



900 GLOBAL

DECEMBER 2019

MONEY BADGER TOUR

63 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S78R solid
Box Finish: 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .044



Review: Rev-deprived or speed-dominant players will like it for heavier and longer patterns; provides free hook.



DV8

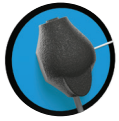
SEPTEMBER 2019

NIGHT PROWLER

54.5 Hook • 16.75 Length • 16.75 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: N-Forcer SF pearl • **Box Finish:** 500 SiaAir Micro Pad, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.503 • **RG Differential:** .042

Review: This ball is a little stronger version of the Prowler for use on medium to drier conditions and patterns.



STORM

DECEMBER 2019

PHAZE III

57.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: R3S hybrid
Box Finish: 1500-grit polish
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .051

Review: Saves energy and is clean through the fronts. Use when the Phaze II loses its energy on burned-up lanes.



DV8

MARCH 2019

NOTORIOUS

59.5 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Composite Fang hybrid
Box Finish: 500, 3000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .047

Review: Opens up medium/longer patterns for most. Lower-rev players will like the strong backend and free hook.



DV8

AUGUST 2019

POISON PEARL

55 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Toxin-SF pearl • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.564 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: Has the same strong hitting power as the original Poison, but with a stronger and more angular backend.



HAMMER

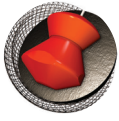
AUGUST 2019

ORANGE VIBE

54 Hook • 16 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

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

Review: Offers the clean motion that defines the Vibe series, with strong hitting power on medium/light patterns.



TRACK

JANUARY 2019

PRECISION SOLID

62.5 Hook • 13.5 Length • 13.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Prime solid
Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: Opens up today's longer and heavier patterns. This is a ball that steps up the hooking level for Track.



900 GLOBAL

SEPTEMBER 2019

ORDNANCE PEARL

56 Hook • 17 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S70 pearl
Box Finish: 1500-grit polish
RG: 2.54 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: A good choice for various player styles, especially speed-deprived bowlers on hooking or medium lanes.



BRUNSWICK

NOVEMBER 2019

PRISM HYBRID

56 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: ACT hybrid • **Box Finish:** 500 SiaAir Micro Pad, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.465 • **RG Differential:** .051

Review: A strong asymmetric hybrid that complements the Prism Solid when the Solid is too much or loses energy.



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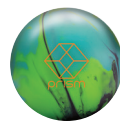
SEPTEMBER 2019

ORDNANCE SOLID

61.5 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S70 solid
Box Finish: 4000 Abralon
RG: 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .043

Review: A good benchmark ball to read and control fresh patterns, yet still provides plenty of strength and hook.



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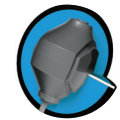
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PRISM SOLID

64 Hook • 16 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: ACT solid
Box Finish: 360, 500, 2000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.465 • **RG Differential:** .051

Review: A strong asymmetric ball for longer/heavier patterns. Low-rev players will want it for medium patterns.



TRACK

OCTOBER 2019

PARADOX RED

61 Hook • 14 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Prime ET (Extra Traction) solid
Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .057

Review: This ball reads the midlane nicely, but also has a strong motion off the breakpoint with predictability.



STORM

JULY 2019

PRO MOTION

62 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: SPEC solid
Box Finish: 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.52 • **RG Differential:** .049

Review: Enables bowlers to play various angles and create lots of area on medium patterns, even from deep angles.





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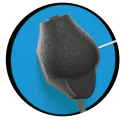
MARCH 2019

PROWLER

54 Hook • 17 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: N-Forcer Plus • **Box Finish:** 500 SiaAir Micro Pad, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.491 • **RG Differential:** .044

Review: Offers clean motion through the fronts for an asymmetric-core ball, with angular motion off the backend.



HAMMER

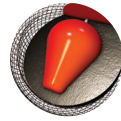
OCTOBER 2019

RUTHLESS

59 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Juiced solid
Box Finish: 500, 1000, 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.52 • **RG Differential:** .041

Review: Does everything a good benchmark ball should do. Tournament players will want it for medium patterns.



BRUNSWICK

APRIL 2019

QUANTUM BIAS PEARL

57 Hook • 17 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: ECA-XR pearl reactive
Box Finish: 500-grit, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.563 • **RG Differential:** .052

Review: Players with low ball speeds will like this ball's clean motion through the fronts and its hitting power.



HAMMER

JULY 2019

THE SAUCE

61.5 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Aggression Solid CFI
Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .049

Review: Provides strong overall hooking motion, heavy movement off the breakpoint and good roll through the pins.



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JANUARY 2019

RESPECT

58 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: 79 Alert hybrid
Box Finish: 1500-grit sanding, polish
RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .052

Review: A strong symmetrical ball for tournament players when they have to move in as the lanes start to open up.



COLUMBIA 300

APRIL 2019

SAVAGE LIFE

58.5 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Exciter pearl • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Finish Polish
RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .050

Review: The asymmetric core helps control fresh backends, while the pearl cover makes it strong through the pins.



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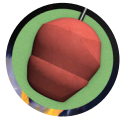
SEPTEMBER 2019

RESURGENCE

60.5 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reflex hybrid
Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.46 • **RG Differential:** .043

Review: This is a versatile benchmark ball for medium lane conditions that will fit various styles of players.



900 GLOBAL

MARCH 2019

SPACE TIME CONTINUUM

54 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S71 Re-Loaded pearl
Box Finish: 1500 polish
RG: 2.53 • **RG Differential:** .042

Review: Provides strong continuation with predictable motion on medium patterns. Creates power at the pocket.



MOTIV

JULY 2019

RIPCORD

56 Hook • 17 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Infusion pearl
Box Finish: 5000-grit LSP
RG: 2.53 • **RG Differential:** .047

Review: One of the most aggressive back-end balls we've seen, yet still offers clean motion through the fronts.



RADICAL

FEBRUARY 2019

SQUATCH

55.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Ai 39
Box Finish: 500 SiaAir Micro Pad, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.482 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: The Yeti is back in a new version. Reads the fresh easily, and provides strong motion through the pocket.



MOTIV

SEPTEMBER 2019

ROGUE ASSASSIN

60 Hook • 14 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Coercion HFS
Box Finish: 3000-grit LSS
RG: 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .047

Review: High-rev tournament players will want to use this as their benchmark ball when bowling on sport patterns.



RADICAL

SEPTEMBER 2019

SQUATCH SOLID

62 Hook • 14.5 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Ai-39 solid
Box Finish: 500, 1000, 2000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.482 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: A very aggressive symmetric ball that reads the midlane well and creates a strong motion to the pocket.





HAMMER

SEPTEMBER 2019

STATEMENT HYBRID

57.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Aggression Hybrid CFI • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Finish Polish
RG: 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: For use when the Solid loses its energy but one does not need the strong, angular motion of the Pearl.



TRACK

SEPTEMBER 2019

TACTIX HYBRID

59 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.75 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: QR-9 hybrid • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Finish Polish
RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .051

Review: A good fit for various styles. Complements the solid version when more drive at the backend is needed.



HAMMER

MARCH 2019

STATEMENT PEARL

59.75 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Aggression Pearl CFI • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Finish Polish
RG: 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: A strong pearl ball that's clean with a strong back-end motion; works well on medium and longer patterns.



MOTIV

DECEMBER 2019

TANK BLITZ

53 Hook • 12.5 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Friction+ Microcell Polymer urethane
Box Finish: 2000-grit LSS
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .034

Review: Low-rev players who need strong urethane on medium patterns will want it; opens up patterns more easily.



HAMMER

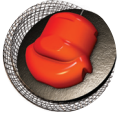
MARCH 2019

STATEMENT SOLID

62 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Aggression Solid CFI
Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: A free-hooking ball that doesn't start up too soon like some strong asymmetrics. Lower rev rate-friendly.



MOTIV

MAY 2019

THRILL

48 Hook • 17.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Agility XP reactive
Box Finish: 500-grit LSP
RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .015

Review: High-rev players will like the motion off the back-end and length, especially on the burn of late squads.



STORM

MARCH 2019

SUPER SONIQ

60.5 Hook • 15 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: NRG hybrid
Box Finish: 3000 Abralon
RG: 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .047

Review: A good No. 1 ball on the fresh. You can chase the pattern left easily without losing the pocket or power.



TRACK

APRIL 2019

TRITON ELITE

60.5 Hook • 15 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: QR-7 solid
Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.51 • **RG Differential:** .046

Review: A matte finish helps control the fresh but still allows strong back-end motion. Versatile for all styles.



MOTIV

DECEMBER 2019

SUPRA

57 Hook • 17.5 Length • 17.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Infusion pearl
Box Finish: 5500 LSS
RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .050

Review: Bowlers looking for that skid/flip ball for use late in blocks will like this strong and angular piece.



STORM

MAY 2019

TROPICAL SURGE BLACK/COPPER

45 Hook • 16.5 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reactor hybrid
Box Finish: 1500-grit polish
RG: 2.58 • **RG Differential:** .024

Review: An excellent entry-level ball, providing players of all styles with great hitting power... and scents.



SWAG

MARCH 2019

SWAGGER

60 Hook • 15 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Bragger 1
Box Finish: 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.555 • **RG Differential:** .048

Review: Brings more swagger to the Swag line with more overall hook and down-lane motion. Good for all players.



STORM

MAY 2019

TROPICAL SURGE VIOLET/CHARCOAL

45.5 Hook • 15 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reactor pearl
Box Finish: 1500-grit polish
RG: 2.58 • **RG Differential:** .024

Review: Provides power at the pocket — more angle and hitting power than the first Tropicals and Tropical Storms.





DV8

MARCH 2019

TURMOIL HYBRID

58 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Composite Hook hybrid • **Box Finish:** 500, 2000 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.528 • **RG Differential:** .042

Review: This is a predictable benchmark ball that offers a bit more kick on the backend than the solid version.



BRUNSWICK

DECEMBER 2019

VINTAGE PHANTOM

62 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Savvy Hook Solid 2.0
Box Finish: 360, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.471 • **RG Differential:** .032

Review: Provides a strong degree of hook and motion through the pin deck for a ball that has a solid coverstock.



DV8

JUNE 2019

TURMOIL 2 PEARL

53 Hook • 17.5 Length • 17.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Intense Composite pearl • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.53 • **RG Differential:** .043

Review: Offers clean motion through the fronts and angular motion off the backend of medium to light patterns.



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SEPTEMBER 2019

VOLT

57.5 Hook • 16.75 Length • 17.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S72R pearl
Box Finish: 1500-grit polished
RG: 2.56 • **RG Differential:** .047

Review: A strong symmetric pearl ball that's responsive and angular off the backend on medium to longer patterns.



DV8

JUNE 2019

TURMOIL 2 SOLID

60 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Intense Composite solid
Box Finish: 500, 3000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.53 • **RG Differential:** .043

Review: An upgrade from the original Turmoil Solid ball, providing more overall hook; fits various bowler styles.



HAMMER

OCTOBER 2019

WEB PEARL

58 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Aggression pearl • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Finish Polish
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .048

Review: A good choice for players with slow ball speeds, while its strong backend benefits rev-deprived players.



BRUNSWICK

SEPTEMBER 2019

VAPOR ZONE SOLID

61.5 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Activator Plus 2.0 solid
Box Finish: 500, 2000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.478 • **RG Differential:** .048

Review: This is a versatile matte-finish ball that doesn't start up too soon and saves energy through the pocket.



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MARCH 2019

WHITE HOT BADGER

55 Hook • 16 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S71 pearl
Box Finish: 1500 polish
RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .041

Review: Lives up to the label of a true skid/flip bowling ball; the company's strongest back-end ball to date.



MOTIV

APRIL 2019

VENOM RECOIL

54 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Coercion MFS
Box Finish: 4000-grit LSS
RG: 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .036

Review: A benchmark ball that works well on dry-medium lanes; also offers a good look and area on long patterns.



RADICAL

SEPTEMBER 2019

ZING!

61.5 Hook • 15.75 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Forged 2 solid
Box Finish: 500, 1000, 3000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.499 • **RG Differential:** .051

Review: A good choice for the longer 2018 USBC Singles and Doubles pattern, with a breakpoint-controlling cover.



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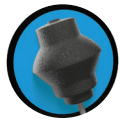
NOVEMBER 2019

VERGE SOLID

62.5 Hook • 13 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Inciter solid
Box Finish: 360, 500, 2000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.476 • **RG Differential:** .049

Review: One of the most hooking, aggressive symmetric balls to date, with strong continuation through the pins.



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