

33rd Annual

Ball Guide

Review Summaries and Statistics
for **105** Bowling Balls

About the Ball Guide...

For more than three 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 2016 — 105 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 2016. Company websites may provide additional useful information to help you make your purchasing decisions.

UNDERSTANDING THE BALL GUIDE RATINGS

BJI BALL REVIEWER Vernon Peterson provides hook, length and breakpoint ratings for each ball reviewed throughout the year. All of that data for balls released during 2016 can be found in *BJI's* 33rd annual Ball Guide. Here is an explanation of numeric 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.



BRUNSWICK

AUGUST 2016

Absolute Nirvana

62.5 Hook • 14.5 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: ECS Hook

Box Finish: 500, 1000 Siaair

RG: 2.477 • **RG Differential:** .054



Review: Provides the most hook we've seen from the Nirvana line, with more mid-lane roll and continuation.



ABS

FEBRUARY 2016

Accu-Roll 3

54 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Nanoflex82 Pearl with Fullerene C60

Box Finish: 360, 600, 1000, 2000, Polished

RG: 2.40 • **RG Differential:** .058



Review: More length and stronger backend than Accu-Roll 2. Allows you to swing and bring with the best of them.



ABS

JUNE 2016

Accu-Roll IV

53.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Nanoflex 84 with Fullerene C60

Box Finish: 360, 600, 1000, Polished

RG: 2.46 • **RG Differential:** .054



Review: Fits between the stronger matte-finish Accu-Roll II and the more angular motion of the Accu-Roll III.



ABS

NOVEMBER 2016

Accu-Roll V

53 Hook • 15 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: NanoFlex 85 Solid with Fullerene C60

Box Finish: 500, 1000, 2000, Polished

RG: 2.463 • **RG Differential:** .054



Review: A good benchmark ball that will fit virtually any style for most types of patterns and lengths.



EBONITE

FEBRUARY 2016

Adrenaline Overload

55.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GB 12.0 Pearl

Box Finish: 500, 3000 Abralon

RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .056

Review: Good for flat or wet/dry tournament patterns. Brings high-rev players strong, heavy, predictable motion.



STORM

APRIL 2016

Alpha CruX

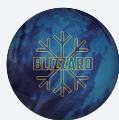
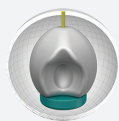
59 Hook • 14 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GI-16 Solid Reactive

Box Finish: 2000 Abralon

RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .052

Review: A forgiving, strong-hooking ball for those who are not rev-dominant or consistent with their RPMs.



LORD FIELD

OCTOBER 2016

Blizzard

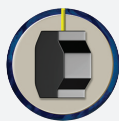
57.5 Hook • 14 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: SMART

Box Finish: 2000

RG: 2.489 • **RG Differential:** .051

Review: This ball brings easy hook to players needing that kind of help on longer or heavier lane patterns.



AZO

MARCH 2016

Cheater Hybrid

56.5 Hook • 14.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Pearl

Box Finish: 1500 Polished

RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .043

Review: The hybrid version of the Cheater is for bowlers who are in need of a ball that hooks with no effort.



MOTIV

DECEMBER 2016

Chronic Paranoia

54 Hook • 15 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Agitator Solid Reactive

Box Finish: 3100 LSP

RG: 2.53 • **RG Differential:** .047

Review: One of the most versatile balls we have seen to date from Motiv on all the patterns we tested.



STORM

NOVEMBER 2016

Code Black

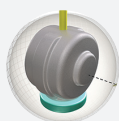
57 Hook • 16 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: R2S Pearl Reactive

Box Finish: 1500 Polished

RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .058

Review: Those with slower ball speed needing easy length and strong back-end motion will want this ball.



ROTO GRIP

JANUARY 2016

Critical

58.5 Hook • 14.5 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: 67MH Hybrid

Box Finish: 3000

RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .058

Review: For such a strong ball, it's still very versatile and will adapt to many different bowler styles.



TRACK

AUGUST 2016

Cyborg

56 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: QR-7 Hybrid

Box Finish: 500, 3000 Abralon

RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .043

Review: Brings a lot of hook (like the Paradox at a lower price) without losing motion or hitting power.



BRUNSWICK

FEBRUARY 2016

Danger Zone

52 Hook • 15 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: PK 2016

Box Finish: 500 SiaAir, Polished

RG: 2.501 • **RG Differential:** .048

Review: Stronger back-end reaction than the LT-48 and smoother than the Gold Rhino. Versatile on all patterns.



ROTO GRIP

NOVEMBER 2016

Dare Devil

55 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Amped Pearl Reactive

Box Finish: 1500 Polished

RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .041

Review: Those bowling on hooking heads or with slower ball speeds will like the easy push through the fronts.



HAMMER

MARCH 2016

Dark Legend

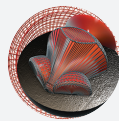
55 Hook • 15 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Symtex Hybrid

Box Finish: 500, 1000 Abralon, Polished

RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .058

Review: Very versatile on house patterns as it seems to do all the right things for all types of bowlers.



HAMMER

AUGUST 2016

Dark Legend Solid

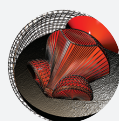
59.5 Hook • 14 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Semtex Solid

Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon

RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .058

Review: Provides more continuation than the Red Legend Solid, previously the Legend line's hookingest ball.





COLUMBIA 300

FEBRUARY 2016

Delirium Shock

53 Hook • 14 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Bend-It Solid
Box Finish: 500, 4000 Abralon
RG: 2.46 • **RG Differential:** .043

Review: Blends out patterns nicely, especially flatter Sport patterns. A benchmark ball with some back-end kick.



DV8

AUGUST 2016

Deviant Pearl

52.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Composite Pearl
Box Finish: 500 Siaair, Polished
RG: 2.562 • **RG Differential:** .050

Review: In addition to being a benchmark ball, this is a go-to ball when any type of pattern opens up.



DV8

FEBRUARY 2016

Diva XOXO

52 Hook • 16 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Composite Pearl
Box Finish: 500, Polished
RG: 2.516 • **RG Differential:** .052

Review: A good breakdown choice on flatter Sport patterns, providing a strong, angular motion on the backend.



900 GLOBAL

JANUARY 2016

Dream Big Pearl

50 Hook • 17 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: 79 Alert Pearl
Box Finish: 1500 Polished
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: A good choice when lanes start to transition so you don't have to change zones from the Dream Big solid.



900 GLOBAL

AUGUST 2016

Drift

52 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: S62 Hybrid
Box Finish: 1500, Polished
RG: 2.54 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: Those who want to move in and open up burned up lanes will like this ball's hitting power and angle.



AMF 300

MAY 2016

Escape

59.5 Hook • 15 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: F74 Hybrid
Box Finish: Neat-T (4000)
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .051

Review: Brings aggressiveness to AMF 300's high-end line for heavier patterns. Good for lower speeds or rev rates.

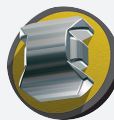


ROTO GRIP

JANUARY 2016

Eternal Cell

57 Hook • 16 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: 75M Solid Reactive
Box Finish: 1500, Polished
RG: 2.52 • **RG Differential:** .056

Review: A versatile ball with excellent length and a predictably smooth reaction because of its solid cover.



LANE MASTERS

OCTOBER 2016

Ex-Terminator

55 Hook • 15 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Evolution XT
Box Finish: 500, Polished
RG: 2.595 • **RG Differential:** .035

Review: Players with slower ball speeds and in need of free hook on various patterns will like this weapon.



BRUNSWICK

JULY 2016

Fanatic

51 Hook • 16 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Relativity V Max
Box Finish: 500 Siaair, Polished
RG: 2.527 • **RG Differential:** .052

Review: Speed-deprived will like the length this ball provides, especially on older surfaces or wood lanes.



BRUNSWICK

AUGUST 2016

Fanatic BTU

50.5 Hook • 12 Length • 13 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Solid
Box Finish: 500, 1500 Siaair
RG: 2.601 • **RG Differential:** .030

Review: Provides a smooth reaction, much like urethane, but the additional hook makes it easier to use.



STORM

MARCH 2016

Fight

56 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: R4S Solid
Box Finish: 3000 Abralon
RG: 2.62 • **RG Differential:** .043

Review: More versatile than many other very strong balls, and more angular than most solid coverstock balls.



MOTIV

JULY 2016

Forza GT Hybrid

51.5 Hook • 15 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Helix HR Hybrid
Box Finish: 4000 LSS
RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .051

Review: This missing piece in the Forza line matches up nicely for all player types and various conditions.



DV8

JULY 2016

Freakshow

51 Hook • 17 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Class 6V Pearl

Box Finish: 500 Siaair, Polished

RG: 2.481 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: Higher-rev players will love this ball on lighter or burnt-up patterns for its back-end motion.



DV8

NOVEMBER 2016

Freakshow Solid

53 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Class 8 Solid Reactive

Box Finish: 500, 1500 Siaair

RG: 2.481 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: This ball comes out of the box hooking as it cuts through the heavier and longer patterns with ease.



MOTIV

JULY 2016

Freestyle

48 Hook • 17 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Turmoil LFP

Box Finish: 5500 Grit LSP

RG: 2.59 • **RG Differential:** .025

Review: Tournament players will want this ball as it doesn't lose any hitting power when you move in deep.



EBONITE

FEBRUARY 2016

Game Breaker 2 MVP

52 Hook • 16 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GB 10.7 Hybrid

Box Finish: 500, 1000 Abralon, Polished

RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .048

Review: A good benchmark ball on medium to light patterns. Seems to do the right things at the right times.



EBONITE

SEPTEMBER 2016

Game Breaker 2 Phenom

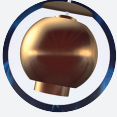
56.5 Hook • 14.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GB 11.2 Solid

Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon

RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .048

Review: Provides more hook out of the box than any of the other GB2s for heavier oil or longer patterns.



AMF 300

OCTOBER 2016

Great Escape

60 Hook • 14 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: F80 Solid

Box Finish: Neat-E (1500)

RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .051

Review: Works very well for speed-dominant players looking for a strong-rolling motion off the midlane.



DV8

FEBRUARY 2016

Grudge

62.5 Hook • 13 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Composite Solid

Box Finish: 500, 1000 SiaAir

RG: 2.490 • **RG Differential:** .056

Review: Best for longer and heavier Sport patterns, or for those who are speed dominant or seeking free hook.



DV8

JULY 2016

Grudge Hybrid

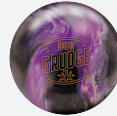
62.5 Hook • 14 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Composite Hook Hybrid

Box Finish: 500, 4000 Siaair

RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .056

Review: Especially good on heavier house patterns and for blending out a wet/dry or over/under condition.



DV8

NOVEMBER 2016

Grudge Pearl

57 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Composite Hook Pearl

Box Finish: 500 Siaair, Polished

RG: 2.490 • **RG Differential:** .056

Review: A forgiving ball that stands out for its strong motion that cuts through longer and heavier patterns.



RADICAL

JULY 2016

Guru Limited

57.5 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Pearl

Box Finish: 500 Siaair, Polished

RG: 2.501 • **RG Differential:** .044

Review: Cleanest of the Guru line, providing the most angle off the spot; cuts through oil out of the box.



TRACK

AUGUST 2016

Heat Extreme

54 Hook • 14 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: QR-5 Solid

Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon

RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .038

Review: A very strong, jacked-up version of the Heat for use on heavier oil conditions and longer patterns.



ROTO GRIP

JANUARY 2016

Hectic

47 Hook • 17.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: 50ML Reactive Pearl

Box Finish: 1500, Polished

RG: 2.56 • **RG Differential:** .034

Review: A good middle or number three ball for when the lanes start to burn up or the heads start to go.





ROTO GRIP JULY 2016

Hustle P/R/O

46.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Stoked Hybrid
Box Finish: 1500, Polished
RG: 2.53 • **RG Differential:** .030

Review: Opens up light house patterns nicely with easy push through the fronts and strong back-end motion.



ROTO GRIP NOVEMBER 2016

Hustle P/O/W and R/I/G

46 Hook • 17 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Pumped Pearl Reactive
Box Finish: 1500 Polished
RG: 2.53 • **RG Differential:** .030

Review: For those with lower ball speeds in need of easy push through the fronts on light patterns.



ROTO GRIP JULY 2016

Hustle S/A/Y

47 Hook • 16 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Psyched Hybrid
Box Finish: 1500, Polished
RG: 2.53 • **RG Differential:** .030

Review: Best for later tournament blocks as the pattern burns up; cuts through oil better than the P/R/O.



ROTO GRIP APRIL 2016

Hy-Wire

53.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Solid
Box Finish: 1500 Polished
RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .043

Review: Lower rev players will like how it opens up medium-dry patterns with a strong drive through the pins.



COLUMBIA 300 NOVEMBER 2016

Impulse

54 Hook • 15 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Reflex Hybrid
Box Finish: 500, 1000 Abralon, Polished
RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .050

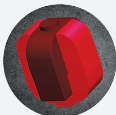
Review: Brings a smooth and predictable reaction for several lane conditions; an all-around benchmark ball.



900 GLOBAL AUGUST 2016

Inception

58 Hook • 14.5 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: S74R Solid
Box Finish: 4000 Abralon
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .055

Review: A very versatile ball that gives bowlers that extra free hook — but it's not hooking at your toes.



900 GLOBAL DECEMBER 2016

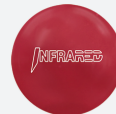
Inception Pearl

57.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: S74R Pearl Reactive
Box Finish: 1500 Polished
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .055

Review: A good choice for those with slower ball speeds in need of a strong ball downlane on medium patterns.



900 GLOBAL DECEMBER 2016

Infrared

55 Hook • 14.5 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: S62 Solid
Box Finish: Neat-T (4000)
RG: 2.53 • **RG Differential:** .047

Review: A good benchmark ball for tournament conditions, it keeps its strong motion through the pins.



MOTIV MARCH 2016

Jackal Carnage

59 Hook • 12.5 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Coerciona XFS Reactive Solid
Box Finish: 3000 LSS
RG: 2.46 • **RG Differential:** .060

Review: Brought a new level of hook to the Motiv line, but no longer approved for use in USBC-certified play.



RADICAL MAY 2016

Jackpot

52 Hook • 14.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Pearl
Box Finish: 500 SiaAir, Polished
RG: 2.517 • **RG Differential:** .056

Review: A benchmark ball providing a good look on all multiple patterns with good angles and strong roll.



RADICAL NOVEMBER 2016

Jackpot Solid

53 Hook • 14 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Solid
Box Finish: 500, 4000 Siaair
RG: 2.517 • **RG Differential:** .056

Review: Cuts through oil better than the original Jackpot, blending out the pattern and providing more hook.



BRUNSWICK JULY 2016

Mastermind Strategy

61 Hook • 14 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Relativity Solid
Box Finish: 500, 2000 Siaair
RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .048

Review: Brings hook back to the Mastermind line with a cleaner motion and more continuation through the pins.



STORM

MAY 2016

Match Pearl

48 Hook • 17.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reactor Pearl

Box Finish: 1500 Polished

RG: 2.55 • **RG Differential:** .030



Review: A ball for medium to dry conditions. A good choice when flatter Sport patterns start to burn up.



STORM

MAY 2016

Match Solid

50 Hook • 16.5 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reactor Solid Reactive

Box Finish: 2000 Abralon

RG: 2.55 • **RG Differential:** .030



Review: Ideal for use on flatter patterns because of its smooth motion. Best on fresh for high-rev players.



EBONITE

DECEMBER 2016

Maverick

60 Hook • 14.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GB 14.0 Solid

Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon

RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .050



Review: Gives lower-rev-rate players easy hook without much effort on those heavier and longer patterns.



EBONITE

OCTOBER 2016

Mission Unknown

56 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GB 12.7

Box Finish: 500, 1000 Abralon, Polished

RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .050



Review: Brings the true motion of the original matte Mission but with a cleaner look through the fronts.



ABS

AUGUST 2016

Nanodesu Superior

52 Hook • 17 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: NanoFlex Superior

Box Finish: 360, 600, 1000, 2000, 3000 Abralon, Polished

RG: 2.460 • **RG Differential:** .055



Review: This ball provides a clean skid through the fronts, along with a consistent mid-lane motion.



AMF 300

OCTOBER 2016

Ninja SE

53 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: F70 Solid

Box Finish: Neat-T (4000)

RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .054



Review: Lives up to the reputation of its namesake from the mid-1990s, but smoother and more predictable.



COLUMBIA 300

JULY 2016

Nitrous

45 Hook • 17 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Boost/R Reactive Pearl

Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon, Polished

RG: 2.55 • **RG Differential:** .033



Review: A go-to ball when the track area starts to burn up because it allows you stay to the right longer.



ROTO GRIP

AUGUST 2016

No Rules

62 Hook • 15 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Micro DNA Solid Reactive

Box Finish: 2000

RG: 2.51 • **RG Differential:** .053



Review: One of the most hooking balls we've seen from any company; needs a good amount of lane conditioner.



MOTIV

JANUARY 2016

Octane Burn

53.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Helix SFP Reactive

Box Finish: 550 LSP

RG: 2.55 • **RG Differential:** .043



Review: Will work well for both average and advanced players; one of the more versatile balls we have tested.



AZO

MARCH 2016

Outbreak Pearl

53 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Contagion Pearl

Box Finish: 1500 Polished

RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .050



Review: Provides true pearl motion with its clean push through the fronts and angular motion in the backend.



LANE MASTERS

NOVEMBER 2016

Pandemic

56 Hook • 14 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Pandemic

Box Finish: 2000

RG: 2.558 • **RG Differential:** .059



Review: Provides free hook on medium/longer patterns, yet is clean enough through the fronts to save energy.



TRACK

FEBRUARY 2016

Paradox Pearl

59 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: QR-9 Pearl

Box Finish: 500, 1000 Abralon, Polished

RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .057



Review: Provides a long push through the fronts, an angular motion off the backend, and a lot of hook.



TRACK

OCTOBER 2016

Paradox Trilogy

58 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: QR-10 Hybrid
Box Finish: 500, 1000 Abralon, Polished
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .057

Review: A good No. 2 ball on Sport patterns; also good for those with lower ball speeds who want free hook.



MOTIV

APRIL 2016

Paranoia

53.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Agitator Pearl Reactive
Box Finish: 5500 LSP
RG: 2.53 • **RG Differential:** .047

Review: Provides late hook and a strong backend with little effort required to help the sharp angular motion.



STORM

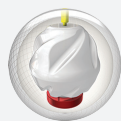
MARCH 2016

Phaze

53 Hook • 16 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: AX-16 Pearl Reactive
Box Finish: 1500 Polished
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .051

Review: Easy push through the fronts and strong motion off the friction for those with lower ball speeds.



STORM

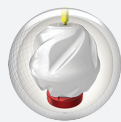
NOVEMBER 2016

Phaze II

58.5 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: TX-16 Solid
Box Finish: 3000 Abralon
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .051

Review: A versatile ball for being so strong; will fit many types of styles on medium to heavy patterns.



STORM

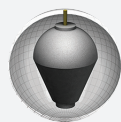
MARCH 2016

Pitch Blue

43.5 Hook • 12 Length • 13 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Controll Plus Pearl Urethane
Box Finish: 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .022

Review: High-rev players or two-handers will like how this ball saves energy better than most urethanes.



MOTIV

DECEMBER 2016

Primal Fear

55.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Voracity Pearl Reactive
Box Finish: 5000 LSP
RG: 2.55 • **RG Differential:** .050

Review: A strong ball that saves energy for the back-end as its big core keeps driving through the pin deck.



RADICAL

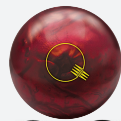
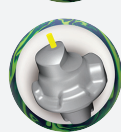
FEBRUARY 2016

Primo Solid

58 Hook • 14.5 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Solid
Box Finish: 500, 2000 SiaAir
RG: 2.483 • **RG Differential:** .048

Review: For those seeking free hook but prefer a reliable breakpoint motion (as it doesn't start up too soon).



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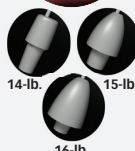
NOVEMBER 2016

Quantum Fire Pearl

52.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: PK 2016 Pearl
Box Finish: 500 Siaair, Polished
RG: 2.521 • **RG Differential:** .053

Review: This is a go-to ball for players with slower ball speeds, especially when the heads start to hook.



BRUNSWICK

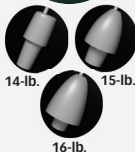
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Quantum Forest Green Solid

59 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: PK 2016 Solid
Box Finish: 500, 1000 Siaair
RG: 2.521 • **RG Differential:** .053

Review: One of the most hooking bowling balls from Brunswick, with great drive and impact on the pins.



LORD FIELD

NOVEMBER 2016

Queen

57 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Proton+ 3.0
Box Finish: 2000
RG: 2.480 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: One of the most aggressive balls from Lord Field, it cuts through oil without losing back-end motion.



RADICAL

MARCH 2016

Rave On

51 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Pearl Hybrid
Box Finish: 500, Polished
RG: 2.522 • **RG Differential:** .049

Review: High rev rates or slow ball speeds will love the length and predictability on light to medium patterns.



HAMMER

AUGUST 2016

Rebel

51 Hook • 16 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: NBT Pearl
Box Finish: 500, 1000 Abralon, Polished
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .044

Review: Blends out many patterns, with strong motion through the deck without over-reacting off the friction.





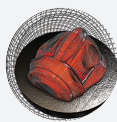
HAMMER DECEMBER 2016

Rebel Solid

55.5 Hook • 14 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: NBT Solid
Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .044

Review: A good benchmark ball for fresh tournament patterns, with predictable motion from start to finish.



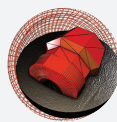
HAMMER MARCH 2016

Scandal

59.5 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Aggressive Overall Hook
Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: Brings the most hook ever to the Hammer line, with a strong, continuous motion off the breakpoint.



900 GLOBAL JANUARY 2016

Respect Solid

56.5 Hook • 14 Length • 13 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: 78 Dig Solid
Box Finish: Neat-T (4000)
RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .052

Review: One of the most hooking balls for heavier/longer patterns; very forgiving if you miss it at the bottom.



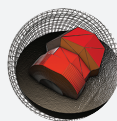
HAMMER NOVEMBER 2016

Scandal Pearl

58.5 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Semtex Pearl CFI
Box Finish: 500, 1000 Abralon, Polished
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: Makes a left turn downlane, complementing the solid nicely for good 1-2 punch on longer patterns.



BRUNSWICK JUNE 2016

Rhino

45.5 Hook • 17 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: R-16 Pearl Reactive
Box Finish: 500 Siaair, Polished
RG: 2.524 • **RG Differential:** .030

Review: A good addition to a tournament arsenal when the lanes burn up and you want to stay toward the track.



COLUMBIA 300 AUGUST 2016

Sideswipe

51 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Bend-It Pearl
Box Finish: 500, 1000 Abralon, Polished
RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .041

Review: Players needing length due to burned-up or old wooden lanes and low ball speed will like this pearl.



RADICAL MARCH 2016

Ridiculous Asym

52.5 Hook • 14.5 Length • 13 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Solid
Box Finish: 500, 4000 SiaAir
RG: 2.538 • **RG Differential:** .050

Review: High-rev players will like the back-end smoothness on fresh or flatter patterns; a good benchmark ball.



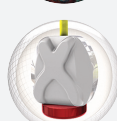
STORM JULY 2016

Snap Lock

54.5 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: R3S Pearl Reactive
Box Finish: 1500 Polished
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: A good number one ball for bowlers who need some length, but with a good degree of back-end hook.



RADICAL AUGUST 2016

Ridiculous Pearl

47.5 Hook • 17.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Pearl
Box Finish: 500 Siaair, Polished
RG: 2.54 • **RG Differential:** .050

Review: A go-to ball when lanes start to hook. Those with lower ball speeds can match up on lighter patterns.



900 GLOBAL AUGUST 2016

Special Ops

54 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S70 Hybrid
Box Finish: 1500, Polished
RG: 2.52 • **RG Differential:** .044

Review: A versatile all-around ball that will fit many conditions. Longer and stronger than the Black Ops.



STORM JULY 2016

Rocket Ship

53 Hook • 15 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: R2S Solid Reactive
Box Finish: 1500 Polished
RG: 2.54 • **RG Differential:** .046

Review: High-rev players will love the control off the breakpoint, without sacrificing drive through the pins.



STORM NOVEMBER 2016

Street Fight

57.5 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: R4S Pearl Reactive
Box Finish: 3000 Abralon
RG: 2.62 • **RG Differential:** .043

Review: Those who liked the Fight will want this as a number two ball; provides extra length and more drive.





COLUMBIA 300

FEBRUARY 2016

Swerve FX

56 Hook • 14.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reflex Pearl

Box Finish: 500, 1000 Abralon, Polished

RG: 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .052

Review: For bowlers seeking a strong ball that will float through the fronts but not be afraid of oil.



COLUMBIA 300

SEPTEMBER 2016

Swerve GT

57 Hook • 14 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reflex Hybrid

Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon

RG: 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .052

Review: Low-rev-rate players will like the easy-hooking motion and continuous drive through the pindeck.



RADICAL

NOVEMBER 2016

The Fix

60 Hook • 14 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Solid

Box Finish: 500, 1500 Siaair

RG: 2.511 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: Offers option of standard symmetrical ball performance or "shape-shifting" to provide more power.



MOTIV

SEPTEMBER 2016

Trident

59.5 Hook • 13 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Coercion HVH Reactive

Box Finish: 3000 LSS

RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: Those with lower rev rates in need of free hook on medium to heavier patterns will like this ball.



STORM

MAY 2016

Tropical Storm

42 Hook • 17 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reactor Pearl

Box Finish: 1500 Polished

RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .009

Review: These White/Blue and Yellow/Silver balls are designed for dry lane conditions and short patterns.



900 GLOBAL

AUGUST 2016

Truth

57 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S75R Solid

Box Finish: 4000 Abralon

RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .055

Review: A good benchmark ball as you can easily get lined up to the pocket on several lengths and angles.



TRACK

DECEMBER 2016

Tundra

42 Hook • 17.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: DR-4 Pearl

Box Finish: 500, 1000 Abralon, Polished

RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .029

Review: Those with low ball speed who bowl on hooking lanes will love the easy push through the fronts.



COLUMBIA 300

DECEMBER 2016

Tyrant

60.5 Hook • 15 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reflex Solid HST

Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon

RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .055

Review: A good number one ball on longer and heavier tournament patterns with "hook-in-the-box" technology.



BRUNSWICK

FEBRUARY 2016

Ultimate Nirvana

61 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: ECS Hybrid

Box Finish: 500, 4000 SiaAir

RG: 2.477 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: A good all-around ball that maintains energy through the fronts and provides all the hook you need.



DV8

AUGUST 2016

Vandal Smash

53.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Composite Flip Solid

Box Finish: 500, 4000 Siaair

RG: 2.499 • **RG Differential:** .055

Review: Best on medium to heavier conditions, with more hook, length and backend than the original Vandal.



MOTIV

MAY 2016

Venom Cobra

51.5 Hook • 17.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Sabotage Hybrid

Box Finish: 5500 LSP

RG: 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .035

Review: Complements the Venom line when more kick is needed than the Shock provides. A very versatile ball.



HAMMER

JULY 2016

Viral Hybrid

45.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Violent Flip Reactive Hybrid

Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon, Polished

RG: 2.51 • **RG Differential:** .042

Review: This benchmark ball reads the pattern length with a predictable motion and strong hitting power.



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EBONITE

AUGUST 2016

Warrior Supreme

59.5 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GB 13.3 Solid
Box Finish: 500, 3000 Abralon
RG: 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .057

Review: Provides the most hook we have seen from Ebonite, with very strong continuation through the pins.



ROTO GRIP

AUGUST 2016

Wreck-It

59 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Psyched Hybrid Reactive
Box Finish: 3000
RG: 2.55 • **RG Differential:** .042

Review: A good choice for those who are looking for free hook and strong down-lane motion at a value price.



900 GLOBAL

MAY 2016

X

53 Hook • 14 Length • 13 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S57 Solid
Box Finish: Neat-A (2500)
RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .035

Review: Provides smoothness to high-rev bowlers and free hook to lower-rev players. Great for use on the fresh.



RADICAL

AUGUST 2016

Xeno

56 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Solid
Box Finish: 500, 4000 Siaair
RG: 2.508 • **RG Differential:** .048

Review: Provides more hook than most benchmarks, but also doesn't over-react off the pattern friction area.



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