

34th Annual

Ball Guide

Review Summaries and Statistics
for 114 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 2017 — 114 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 2017. 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 2017 can be found in *BJI's* 34th 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.

ABS
FEBRUARY 2017




ACCU-LINE PREMIUM 2017

56 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: AVEX Premium B Pearl
Box Finish: 1000, 3000, 10,000 Polished
RG: 2.460 • **RG Differential:** .055

Review: Provides strong back-end motion to open angles to the pocket even from deep inside when the lanes burn up.

EBONITE
OCTOBER 2017



AFFINITY

56 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GB 11.2 Pearl
Box Finish: 500/1000 Abralon/Factory
RG: 2.52 • **RG Differential:** .040

Review: Speed-deprived players will like how it gets through the fronts with ease, but doesn't lose its energy.

ABS
APRIL 2017




ACCU ROLL VI

53 Hook • 17 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: NanoFlex 83 Pearl with Fullerene C60
Box Finish: 1000, 3000, Polished
RG: 2.462 • **RG Differential:** .056

Review: Great for slower ball speed bowlers when the lanes start to open up and skid is needed through the fronts.

DV8
JUNE 2017




ALLEY CAT

45 Hook • 17.5 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Alley Cat Reactive
Box Finish: 500 SiaAir, Polished
RG: 2.564 • **RG Differential:** .025

Review: Great for high-rev players on shorter patterns, or slower-speed players on drier house conditions.

ABS
SEPTEMBER 2017



ACCU ROLL VII

53.5 Hook • 17.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: NanoFlex 85 Pearl with Fullerene
Box Finish: 600/3000 Diamond Polish
RG: 2.490 • **RG Differential:** .046

Review: A versatile, aggressive pearl ball that fits many styles of players on medium to heavy oil conditions.

LORD FIELD
MARCH 2017




BLACK BLIZZARD

57 Hook • 14.5 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Super Micro X8 Smart Pearl
Box Finish: 2000
RG: 2.489 • **RG Differential:** .051

Review: High-rev players will love this ball's controlled but strong motion on medium to longer/heavier patterns.

LANE MASTERS APRIL 2017




BLACK DIAMOND COAL

52 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: XRT721 Pearl
Box Finish: 1000, Polished
RG: 2.56 • **RG Differential:** .058

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Review: Speed-deprived and high-rev players will like the length and strong drive on medium to drier conditions.



MONSTER SEPTEMBER 2017




BOOGIEMAN

51 Hook • 17 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: MBA-17 Pearl
Box Finish: 1500 Abralon
RG: 2.55 • **RG Differential:** .040

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Review: This ball sneaks through the fronts and then makes a strong, angular motion off the end of the pattern.



LANE MASTERS MAY 2017




BLACK PEARL ATLANTIS

52.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: XRT 821
Box Finish: 2000 Polished
RG: 2.561 • **RG Differential:** .054

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Review: This is a go-to ball when the lanes start to open up and you want a clean push through the fronts.



900 GLOBAL MAY 2017




BOOST GREEN/BLACK SOLID

46 Hook • 17 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: S43 Solid
Box Finish: 1500 Polished
RG: 2.54 • **RG Differential:** .043

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Review: High-rev players will like this ball for its stronger core, and its length and back-end predictability.



HAMMER SEPTEMBER 2017



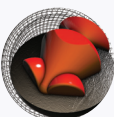
BLACK WIDOW GOLD

54 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Semtex Pearl
Box Finish: 500/1000 Abralon
RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .058

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Review: Reminiscent of the Red Pearl Legend, with similar lines to the pocket and hook, but cleaner and stronger.



900 GLOBAL MAY 2017




BOOST PEARL BUBBLE GUM

46.5 Hook • 17.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: S43 Pearl
Box Finish: 1500 Polished
RG: 2.54 • **RG Differential:** .043

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Review: Ideal for slower-speed players on hooking lanes, as well as for others when the fronts start to burn.



LORD FIELD SEPTEMBER 2017




BLIZZARD HELLFIRE

58 Hook • 13.5 Length • 13.5 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: Supermicro X8
Box Finish: 2000, Sanded
RG: 2.480 • **RG Differential:** .052

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Review: Provides the most overall hook we've seen from Lord Field, yet is quite predictable on flat Sport patterns.



RADICAL JANUARY 2017




CASH

64.5 Hook • 15 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: Composite Solid
Box Finish: 500, 1500 Siaair
RG: 2.504 • **RG Differential:** .048

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Review: The most hooking ball ever (at the time of the review), yet it never seems to burn up or lose its energy.



LORD FIELD JUNE 2017




BLOODY CROSS

53.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: LTX6 Traction
Box Finish: 500, Polished
RG: 2.463 • **RG Differential:** .058

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Review: Gets through the fronts easily with a strong, angular back-end motion, even on medium/longer patterns.



HAMMER AUGUST 2017



CHERRY VIBE

48 Hook • 17.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape


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

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Review: Provides a little extra length with a stronger drive off the backend than the Blue Vibe. A great value.



HAMMER AUGUST 2017



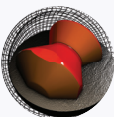
BLUE VIBE

48 Hook • 17 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape


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

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Review: Fits a variety of player styles, especially those with lower ball speeds, on medium to drier lane patterns.



STORM JULY 2017




CODE RED

57.5 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: R2S
Box Finish: 1500 factory
RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .058

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Review: This ball's hybrid surface controlled the pocket nicely, especially on medium-length and volume patterns.



900 GLOBAL AUGUST 2017




COVERT OPS

58 Hook • 14 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: S72
Box Finish: 2000 Matte
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .058

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Review: The strongest Ops ball to date, it's a good benchmark ball for all types of players on a variety of patterns.

900 GLOBAL MARCH 2017




DESERT OPS

51 Hook • 16 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: S70 Pearl
Box Finish: 1500 Polished
RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .030

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Review: Great for slower-speed players in need of extra length through the fronts when the heads are hooking.

DV8 JULY 2017




CREED

53 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: Composite Hook
Box Finish: 500 SiaAir
RG: 2.496 • **RG Differential:** .011

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Review: Lower speed players will like it on medium patterns with hooking heads as it can open up the lane easily.

HAMMER JULY 2017




DIESEL

58.5 Hook • 15 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: NBT Hybrid
Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon, Matte
RG: 2.51 • **RG Differential:** .046

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Review: Delivers a lot of hook and hitting power, especially on medium to heavier patterns, for a great price.

TRACK JANUARY 2017



CYBORG PEARL

55 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: QR-7 Pearl
Box Finish: 500, 1000 Abralon, Polished
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .043

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Review: For those who need clean motion through hooking fronts, but still want a strong, angular back-end motion.

DV8 JANUARY 2017




DIVA STYLE

52.5 Hook • 17 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape


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

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Review: This pretty girl hits like an Amazon and will fit bowlers of various styles on a variety of patterns.

RADICAL MAY 2017




CYCLOPS

53 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: Pearl
Box Finish: 500 Siaair
RG: 2.538 • **RG Differential:** .048

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Review: Creates easy hold to the left (for right-handers) and some area to the right on lighter to medium patterns.

BRUNSWICK MAY 2017




EDGE PEARL

53 Hook • 17 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: Relativity Pearl
Box Finish: 500 Siaair
RG: 2.487 • **RG Differential:** .050

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Review: Those with low speeds will use this ball on hooking patterns for good length and strong back-end reaction.

RADICAL SEPTEMBER 2017




CYCLOPS PEARL

53.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: Pearl
Box Finish: 500, Polished
RG: 2.538 • **RG Differential:** .048

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Review: Provides a similar line as the Cyclops, but with more pop on the backend and a little more length.

BRUNSWICK MAY 2017




EDGE SOLID

56.5 Hook • 16 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: Relativity Control Solid
Box Finish: 500, 2000 Siaair
RG: 2.487 • **RG Differential:** .050

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Review: High-rev bowlers will love the predictable motion on wet/dry conditions because it blends them out well.

ROTO GRIP MAY 2017




DARE DEVIL TRICK

58 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reckless Solid
Box Finish: 2000
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .041

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Review: A good choice for heavier and longer patterns, with enough "tricks" to carry even the corners easily.

COLUMBIA 300 DECEMBER 2017



ERUPTION PRO BLUE

53 Hook • 16 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Bend-It Solid
Box Finish: 500/1000 Abralon
RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .036

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Review: High-rev players will like it on the fresh and through the transition of medium and flatter patterns.

BRUNSWICK JULY 2017




FANATIC BTU PEARL
50 Hook • 14 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Pearl
Box Finish: 500 and 4,000 SiaAir
RG: 2.601 • **RG Differential:** .030



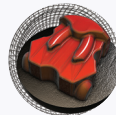
Review: Provided more hook and back-end reaction than expected; had a good carry percentage on all test patterns.

HAMMER MARCH 2017



GAUNTLET
60.5 Hook • 14 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Semtex Hybrid CFI
Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .050



Review: Offers continuous, strong roll through the pin deck, keeping the pins low; great for rev-deprived players.

BRUNSWICK FEBRUARY 2017



FANATIC SS
58 Hook • 16 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Relativity Hook
Box Finish: 500, 1500 Siaair
RG: 2.480 • **RG Differential:** .055



Review: Complements the original Fanatic when the original does not rev up to the pocket on longer/heavier patterns.

HAMMER NOVEMBER 2017




GAUNTLET FURY
59 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Semtex Pearl CFI
Box Finish: 500, 1000 Abralon
RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .050




Review: A versatile pearl asymmetric ball for any player style on medium to heavy volumes and longer patterns.

MOTIV SEPTEMBER 2017



FORZA SS
56 Hook • 13 Length • 13 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Helix HFS Solid
Box Finish: 3000 LSS
RG: 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .047



Review: Players will like how this ball reads the lane, provides good surveillance of the pattern, and its length.

DV8 NOVEMBER 2017




HITMAN
58.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: N-Forcer
Box Finish: 500 SiaAir
RG: 2.524 • **RG Differential:** .050




Review: Gives players with lower rev rates a strong skid/flip motion; works best on medium to longer patterns.

DV8 JULY 2017



FREAKSHOW FLIP
50.5 Hook • 17.5 Length • 17.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Freaky Flip
Box Finish: 500 SiaAir
RG: 2.481 • **RG Differential:** .054



Review: Brings length, skid and flip to the Freakshow line, and is versatile on many patterns. A good value.

ROTO GRIP DECEMBER 2017




HOT CELL
45 Hook • 10 Length • 10 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Radioactive Solid Urethane
Box Finish: 1000-Grit Matte
RG: 2.52 • **RG Differential:** .056




Review: Provides more mid-lane motion for lower rev-rate players who need to throw urethane on certain patterns.

MOTIV JUNE 2017



FREESTYLE RUSH
48.5 Hook • 17.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Agility LFP
Box Finish: 5500 LSP
RG: 2.60 • **RG Differential:** .030



Review: Quite versatile for an entry-level ball, and provides extra kick when the lanes start to burn up.

900 GLOBAL AUGUST 2017




HONEY BADGER
54 Hook • 16 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S71 Pearl
Box Finish: 1500 Grit Polish
RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .041




Review: Provides good length with a strong back-end motion. One of the more angular asymmetric balls we have seen.

EBONITE FEBRUARY 2017



GAME BREAKER 2 PHENOM PEARL
56.5 Hook • 16 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GB 11.2 Pearl
Box Finish: 500, 1000, Polished
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .048



Review: One of the cleanest and most angular balls from Ebonite; should fit nicely into any player's arsenal.

ROTO GRIP OCTOBER 2017



HUSTLE INK
47.5 Hook • 15.5 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Thrilled Solid
Box Finish: 1500 Grit
RG: 2.53 • **RG Differential:** .030



Review: Great for shorter/flatter patterns as it holds a straighter line and creates a strong roll off the backend.

STORM

DECEMBER 2017



HY-ROAD NANO

57.5 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: BRG Solid

Box Finish: 2000 Abralon

RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .058



Review: Controls the breakpoint and creates an optimum angle to the pocket for an impressive carry percentage.

COLUMBIA 300

APRIL 2017



IMPULSE SOLID

56 Hook • 14 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reflex Solid

Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon

RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .050



Review: Works well on a variety of patterns. This is one of the most versatile balls we've seen from Columbia 300.

900 GLOBAL

AUGUST 2017



INCEPTION DCT

59 Hook • 13.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S86 R Solid

Box Finish: ICE "I" 1500

RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .055



Review: Delivers free hook with a strong motion through the pins, particularly on medium to longer patterns.

900 GLOBAL

MAY 2017



INCEPTION REDUX

57.5 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S80R Hybrid

Box Finish: NEAT-E (1500)

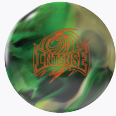
RG: 2.52 • **RG Differential:** .050



Review: A versatile top-shelf ball that many players will want for use on medium to heavier and longer patterns.

STORM

OCTOBER 2017



INTENSE

58 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: R3S Pearl

Box Finish: 1500 Grit

RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .050



Review: Speed-deprived bowlers will like the push through the fronts and strong motion/continuation on the backend.

MOTIV

FEBRUARY 2017



JACKAL GHOST

60 Hook • 13 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Coercion HFS

Box Finish: 3000 LSS

RG: 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .054



Review: The most hooking ball from Motiv tested, it's ideal for lower rev rate and/or speed-dominant players.

LORD FIELD

JANUARY 2017



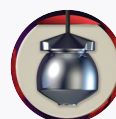
JUDGEMENT ASSASSIN

57.5 Hook • 14 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Eliminator 3.0

Box Finish: 4000

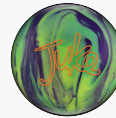
RG: 2.511 • **RG Differential:** .059



Review: Will fit various styles of bowlers, from strokers to crankers, who need free hook out of the box.

COLUMBIA 300

JULY 2017



JUKE

52 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Bend-It Pearl

Box Finish: 500, 1000 Abralon, Polished

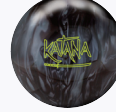
RG: 2.51 • **RG Differential:** .047



Review: A good choice to cover medium or dry patterns, or to be the No. 2 or 3 ball for tournament players.

RADICAL

DECEMBER 2017



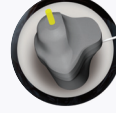
KATANA

59.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Forged

Box Finish: 500/1000 SiaAir

RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .050



Review: Produces strong skid/flip motion on medium to longer patterns while maintaining control of the pocket.

LORD FIELD

MAY 2017



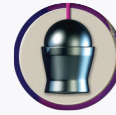
KEY ANSWER

53 Hook • 16 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Proton 3.0

Box Finish: 1000, Polished

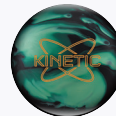
RG: 2.498 • **RG Differential:** .051



Review: Good for hooking patterns or fresh conditions with light volumes as it holds the line and doesn't overreact.

TRACK

MARCH 2017



KINETIC

50 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: DR-6 Hybrid

Box Finish: 500, 1000 Abralon, Polished

RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .038



Review: This is a versatile ball on medium lengths and volumes, providing predictable drive through the pin deck.

TRACK

AUGUST 2017



KINETIC RUBY

57.5 Hook • 13.5 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: QR-6 Solid


Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon

RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .038



Review: A good benchmark ball for tournament bowlers; provides smooth, predictable motion on Sport patterns.

BRUNSWICK NOVEMBER 2017




KINGPIN

63 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: ECA
Box Finish: 500/1500 SiaAir Micro Pad
RG: 2.483 • **RG Differential:** .055

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Review: This ball provides a lot of free hook — not at your feet, but overall — on heavier and longer patterns.



SEISMIC NOVEMBER 2017




LYNX

55 Hook • 14 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: MSS 1000 Solid Reactive
Box Finish: 1000 Abralon
RG: 2.480 • **RG Differential:** .051

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Review: This is a good number-one ball for tournament play to read the pattern and get you out of the gates nicely.



MONSTER SEPTEMBER 2017




KRAKEN

59 Hook • 14 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: MBH-17
Box Finish: 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .052

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Review: Low-rev players will like the easy hook and mid-lane motion for little effort on medium/heavier patterns.



BRUNSWICK AUGUST 2017



MAGNITUDE 035

57 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: Relativity Flip
Box Finish: 500, 2000 SiaAir Micro
RG: 2.509 • **RG Differential:** .035

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Review: One of most versatile balls we've seen from Brunswick, creating a good line to the pocket on all patterns.



MOTIV DECEMBER 2017




LETHAL PARANOIA

54 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Hexion Hybrid
Box Finish: 5500-Grit LSP
RG: 2.53 • **RG Differential:** .047

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Review: This is one of the more angular hybrids that we have tested, but with an easy push through the fronts.



BRUNSWICK NOVEMBER 2017



MAGNITUDE 055

61 Hook • 15 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: Relativity Traction Solid
Box Finish: 500/1500 SiaAir
RG: 2.499 • **RG Differential:** .055

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Review: Brings a lot more hook than the Magnitude 035, but provides similar motion downlane and off the backend.



COLUMBIA 300 OCTOBER 2017




LIT

63 Hook • 13 Length • 13.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reflex XS
Box Finish: 500/2000 Sanded
RG: 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .052

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Review: For any rev-deprived player, this ball will provide substantial hook on longer and heavier patterns.



TRACK FEBRUARY 2017



MAKO

61 Hook • 15 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: QR-10 Solid
Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .053

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Review: Probably the most hooking ball from Track to date, with strong motion off the midlane through the pin deck.



MONSTER APRIL 2017




LOCH NESS

58.5 Hook • 15 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: MBM-17 Solid
Box Finish: 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .044

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Review: This ball brings a nice amount of free hook to rev-deprived players on medium to heavier oil patterns.



TRACK SEPTEMBER 2017




MAKO ATTACK

59 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: QR-10 Hybrid
Box Finish: 500/1000 Abralon
RG: 2.480 • **RG Differential:** .053

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Review: Brings cleaner motion through the fronts, with more drive and angle off the breakpoint than the Mako.



TRACK OCTOBER 2017




LOGIX

53.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: QR-7 Pearl
Box Finish: 500/1000 Abralon
RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .046

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Review: Use when the lane opens up on medium/lighter patterns, or when your No. 1 ball starts to lose carry or area.



STORM AUGUST 2017




MARVEL PEARL

56.5 Hook • 17 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: R2X Pearl
Box Finish: 1500 Polish
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .050

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Review: Offers clean motion through the fronts, recovery to the right, and strong, angular motion through the pins.



STORM

OCTOBER 2017



MATCH UP HYBRID

51 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reactor Hybrid
Box Finish: 1500 Grit, Polished
RG: n/a • **RG Differential:** .035



Review: Had less angle on the backend than the Match Up Pearl, but cut through the conditioner for better carry.

STORM

MAY 2017



MATCH UP PEARL

50 Hook • 17 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reactor Pearl
Box Finish: 1500 Polished
RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .035



Review: Lower-speed or tournament players will love this ball's strong drive after its clean push through the heads.

STORM

MAY 2017



MATCH UP SOLID

52 Hook • 16 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reactor Solid
Box Finish: 1500 Grit
RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .035



Review: Offers clean motion through the fronts and a strong back-end move, making it good for various player styles.

EBONITE

AUGUST 2017



MATRIX

57 Hook • 16 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GB12.7 Hybrid
Box Finish: 500, 1000 Abralon
RG: 2.53 • **RG Differential:** .049



Review: Can open up a lane with its strong motion from the midlane on, without overreacting or losing power.

EBONITE

APRIL 2017



MAVERICK PEARL

57.5 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

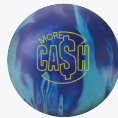
Cover: GB 14.0 Pearl
Box Finish: 500, 1000 Abralon, Polished
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .056



Review: Complements the Maverick Solid nicely, fitting a variety of player styles and providing more back-end hook.

RADICAL

SEPTEMBER 2017



MORE CASH

63.5 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: not specified
Box Finish: 500, Polished
RG: 2.504 • **RG Differential:** .048



Review: The cover and finish enable this ball to be more versatile than the Cash, with more continuation and drive.

ABS

JUNE 2017



NANODESU SUPERIOR 17

53 Hook • 17 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: NanoFlex Superior Skid Fullerene C60
Box Finish: 1000, 3000, Polished
RG: 2.463 • **RG Differential:** .055



Review: High-rev players will like the controlled drive through the deck; a benchmark ball on flat Sport patterns.

AMF

APRIL 2017



NIGHTHAWK SE STEALTH

57.5 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: F78 Solid
Box Finish: NEAT-E (1500)
RG: 2.53 • **RG Differential:** .046



Review: This is one of the most hooking balls from AMF, cutting through the conditioner with no problems at all.

AMF

NOVEMBER 2017



NINJA PEARL SE

52.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: F70 Pearl
Box Finish: 1500, Polished
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .054



Review: Good for slower ball-speed players on medium/drier conditions, providing more length than the Ninja Solid.

ROTO GRIP

OCTOBER 2017



NO RULES EXIST

61.5 Hook • 14.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

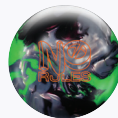
Cover: Reckless Solid
Box Finish: 2000 Grit Matte
RG: 2.51 • **RG Differential:** .053



Review: Lower rev players will like the free hook that doesn't start at the feet, and continues through the pocket.

ROTO GRIP

FEBRUARY 2017



NO RULES PEARL

58 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Amped Pearl Reactive
Box Finish: 1500 Polished
RG: 2.51 • **RG Differential:** .053



Review: This ball helps bowlers who have lower ball speeds and need a strong ball for medium to longer patterns.

MOTIV

APRIL 2017



OCTANE CARBON


54 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Agitator MXR
Box Finish: 5500 LSP
RG: 2.56 • **RG Differential:** .042



Review: Providing good length and more back-end than the Octane Burn, it works on medium and light patterns.

TRACK DECEMBER 2017




PARADOX BLACK

59.5 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: QR-9 Hybrid
Box Finish: 500/2000 Abralon
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .057

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Review: This is one of the more versatile asymmetric balls we have tested on medium to heavy and longer patterns.

EBONITE NOVEMBER 2017




REAL ONE

58.5 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: GB 13.3 Hybrid
Box Finish: 500/1000 Abralon
RG: 2.46 • **RG Differential:** .056

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Review: Updates the One for today's game and lane conditions, reading the midlane and controlling the backend.

HAMMER FEBRUARY 2017

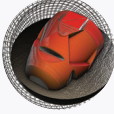


PHOBIA

56 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: Semtex Pearl
Box Finish: 500, 1000, Polished
RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .054

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Review: This ball brings a strong and angular back-end motion on longer or heavier oil patterns.

HAMMER DECEMBER 2017

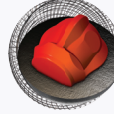


REBEL YELL

51 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: Juice Pearl
Box Finish: 500/2000 Abralon
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .054

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Review: The original Rebel was a very good benchmark ball, whereas the Rebel Yell provides more backend motion.

DV8 FEBRUARY 2017




PITBULL

63.5 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: Composite Bite
Box Finish: 500, 1000 Siaair
RG: 2.486 • **RG Differential:** .055

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Review: A versatile and very aggressive ball that can be used on medium to extremely long or heavy oil patterns.

LORD FIELD MARCH 2017




ROYAL QUEEN

55 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: Proton+ 5.0 Pearl
Box Finish: 1000, Polished
RG: 2.492 • **RG Differential:** .055

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Review: Providing a stronger backend than the Queen, this is a good number two ball for when the lanes open up.

DV8 AUGUST 2017




PITBULL GROWL

62 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

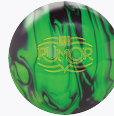
Cover: Composite Claw
Box Finish: 500, 2000 SiaAir
RG: 2.474 • **RG Differential:** .055

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Review: Use when the backends tighten up on longer/heavier patterns. The most adaptable ball in the Pitbull line.

DV8 AUGUST 2017




RUMOR

52 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Deception Pearl
Box Finish: 500 SiaAir, Crown Factory Finish
RG: 2.522 • **RG Differential:** .048

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Review: Offers strong back-end motion for high-rev players. Low-speed players will like how it saves energy.

BRUNSWICK JULY 2017




QUANTUM CLASSIC BLACK

56 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: Relativity Flip
Box Finish: 500 SiaAir
RG: 2.521 • **RG Differential:** .053

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Review: A strong, angular ball; various types of players will like it for medium to heavy and longer patterns.

COLUMBIA 300 SEPTEMBER 2017




SABER

61.5 Hook • 13.5 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reflex Solid
Box Finish: 500/2000 Abralon
RG: 2.5 • **RG Differential:** .054

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Review: Great for lower-rev or high-speed players on medium/heavy patterns. Provides a lot of hook out of the box.

RADICAL JULY 2017



QUICK FIX

59.5 Hook • 15 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: new cover formula
Box Finish: 500, 4000 SiaAir
RG: 2.511 • **RG Differential:** .054

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Review: Can be drilled pin up for asymmetric or pin down for symmetric ball motion for any type of players.

ROTO GRIP OCTOBER 2017




SHOW OFF

57.5 Hook • 14 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Micro DNA Solid
Box Finish: 2000 Grit Matte
RG: n/a • **RG Differential:** .045

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Review: This ball brings a strong, heavy-rolling motion with a good amount of free hook for a great value.

COLUMBIA 300

FEBRUARY 2017



SIDESWIPE SOLID

55 Hook • 14.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Bend-It Solid
Box Finish: 500, 1000, 3000 Abralon
RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .041

Review: A benchmark ball that reads the pattern length and volume easily, making it great for tournament bowlers.

COLUMBIA 300

NOVEMBER 2017



SPOILER

57 Hook • 14.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Bend-It Solid
Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.52 • **RG Differential:** .045

Review: This ball offers more hook than you would expect for the average benchmark ball, and at a good price point.

STORM

MARCH 2017



SURE LOCK

62.5 Hook • 14.5 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: GI-17 Solid Reactive
Box Finish: 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: Gives players with low rev rates the ability to open up longer and heavier patterns without losing power.

MOTIV

AUGUST 2017



TAG CANNON

49 Hook • 17.5 Length • 17.5 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Agility SFP
Box Finish: 5500 LSP
RG: 2.55 • **RG Differential:** .037

Review: Use when the lanes burn up and you want to stay to the right. Best for lower-speed or higher-rev players.

MOTIV

JUNE 2017



TANK RAMPAGE

46 Hook • 13 Length • 13.5 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Alchemy Urethane
Box Finish: 3000 LSS
RG: 2.55 • **RG Differential:** .020

Review: A strong urethane ball that brings much more hook and continuation than other Motiv urethanes tested.

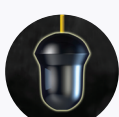
LANE MASTERS

OCTOBER 2017



TERMINATOR ARMAGEDDON

58 Hook • 14 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Evolution ZX Solid
Box Finish: 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.573 • **RG Differential:** .039

Review: Forgiving for those with high speed and/or lower revs, who will get the hook they need without much effort.

STORM

APRIL 2017



TIMELESS

57 Hook • 16.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

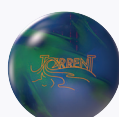


Cover: R2S Hybrid Reactive
Box Finish: 1500, Polished
RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .050

Review: Developed in concert with Jason Belmonte, it's versatile for all types of players, lengths and volumes.

STORM

APRIL 2017



TORRENT

57 Hook • 14 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: R2S Solid
Box Finish: 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.56 • **RG Differential:** .044

Review: Provides lots of hook and strong rolling action, and is especially effective on medium to heavier patterns.

RADICAL

JULY 2017



TREMENDOUS

61 Hook • 13.5 Length • 13.5 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: New Cover Formula
Box Finish: 500, 1500 SiaAir
RG: 2.501 • **RG Differential:** .044

Review: Speed-dominant players will want this energy-saving ball for longer house or tournament patterns.

RADICAL

DECEMBER 2017



TREMENDOUS PEARL

58 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Ai30 Pearl
Box Finish: 500 SiaAir
RG: 2.501 • **RG Differential:** .044

Review: This ball is cleaner and more angular off the end of the pattern than the Tremendous Solid. A great value.

MOTIV

NOVEMBER 2017



TRIDENT QUEST

56.5 Hook • 16 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: Hexion Pearl Reactive
Box Finish: 5000-Grit Polish
RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: Complements the original Trident, filling in the medium to heavy angular-motion slot in the Motiv line.

BRUNSWICK

FEBRUARY 2017



TRUE NIRVANA


56 Hook • 15 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape



Cover: ECS Hook Pearl
Box Finish: 500 Siaair, Polished
RG: 2.466 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: The go-to ball when the lanes burn up and the other Nirvanas hook too much or lose energy at the pocket.


900 GLOBAL MARCH 2017



TRUTH PEARL


56 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

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



Review: Supplies an easy push through the fronts with a strong back-end reaction on medium to hooking patterns.


DV8 NOVEMBER 2017



VANDAL STRIKE


52.5 Hook • 17 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Composite Flip Pearl
Box Finish: 500 SiaAir
RG: 2.499 • **RG Differential:** .055



Review: This is easily the most aggressive back-end ball in the Vandal line, with a very strong and angular motion.


EBONITE NOVEMBER 2017



TURBO/R


45 Hook • 17 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GB 10.7
Box Finish: 500/2000 Abralon
RG: 2.59 • **RG Differential:** .035



Review: This ball provides tournament players with a good reactive motion on various shorter and drier patterns.

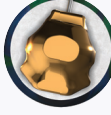
EBONITE SEPTEMBER 2017



VERDICT


64 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GSV-1
Box Finish: 500/2000 Abralon
RG: 2.480 • **RG Differential:** .055



Review: Easily the most hook we have seen from EBI, allowing any bowler to open up the lane like Tommy Jones.


COLUMBIA 300 MARCH 2017



TYRANT PEARL


57 Hook • 15 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reflex Pearl HST
Box Finish: 500, 1000 Abralon, Polished
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .056



Review: This is a versatile asymmetric pearl that makes a good number two ball when the lane pattern opens up.


BRUNSWICK AUGUST 2017



VINTAGE INFERNO


54 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Activator 2.0
Box Finish: 500 SiaAir, Polished
RG: 2.468 • **RG Differential:** .050



Review: Fits many player styles, but especially high-rev ones because of the strong, controlled back-end motion.


LANE MASTERS JANUARY 2017



ULTIMATE STRIKE


53.5 Hook • 15 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reactive+ 4.0
Box Finish: 2000, Polished
RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .041



Review: Provides the type of motion any player would want for a benchmark ball. Especially good on hooking backends.


LANE MASTERS JANUARY 2017



WASP STING

54 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reactive+ Pearl
Box Finish: 1000, Polished
RG: 2.590 • **RG Differential:** .030



Review: Provides strong back-end motion for high-rev and slow-speed players, and free hook for low-rev players.

MOTIV APRIL 2017



UNITED REVOLT


55 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Helix HFP Reactive Pearl
Box Finish: 5000 LSP
RG: 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .056



Review: Easily the most aggressive back-end ball in the Revolt line, this ball fits various styles of bowlers.


ROTO GRIP FEBRUARY 2017



WRECK-EM


54 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Pumped Pearl Reactive
Box Finish: 1500 Polished
RG: 2.55 • **RG Differential:** .042



Review: A go-to ball when the lanes burn up and one needs to move in and open up the pattern to create better carry.


DV8 JANUARY 2017



VANDAL DESTROY

53 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Composite Hook Hybrid
Box Finish: 500 Siaair, Polished
RG: 2.499 • **RG Differential:** .055



Review: Provides strong back-end motion and drive through the pins, especially when the lanes start to open up.


RADICAL JANUARY 2017



XENO PEARL

51 Hook • 17 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Composite Pearl
Box Finish: 500 Siaair, Polished
RG: 2.508 • **RG Differential:** .048



Review: A sharp-looking ball providing length through the fronts with a predictable, angular motion off the fresh.

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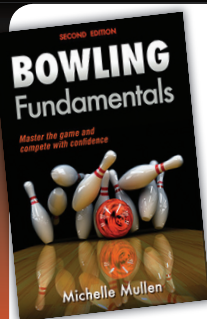
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