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GUIDE

**SUMMARIES AND STATS FOR 85
BOWLING BALLS REVIEWED IN 2023**

For more than three-and-a-half decades, Bowlers Journal International has been reviewing bowling balls to help readers select the equipment that best matches their games and the lane conditions they encounter in league and tournament play. The pages that follow include summaries of all ball reviews written by “No Holes Barred” columnist Vernon Peterson during 2023 — 85 reviews in all.

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

We believe the clean, efficient, and easily searchable experience this digital edition of the BJI Ball Guide provides will be a welcome new twist on an old tradition for Bowlers Journal readers both new and longstanding. The capsule reviews themselves include more statistical and manufacturing detail than prior editions of the BJI Ball Guide tended to present, and the succinct summaries of each of the 85 bowling balls reviewed here cut right to the chase of Petersen’s experience testing each with fellow reviewer Stephen DeLong.

While a short “snapshot” of each 2023 ball review appears in the forthcoming pages, we highly recommend reading the full reviews that appeared in “No Holes Barred” to gain a clearer understanding of the balls, their capabilities and their recommended uses. The original review month is included with each listing.



Understanding the Ratings

HOOK RATINGS

35-45

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

45-51

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

51-60+

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

LENGTH RATINGS

8-12

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

12-15

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

5-19+

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

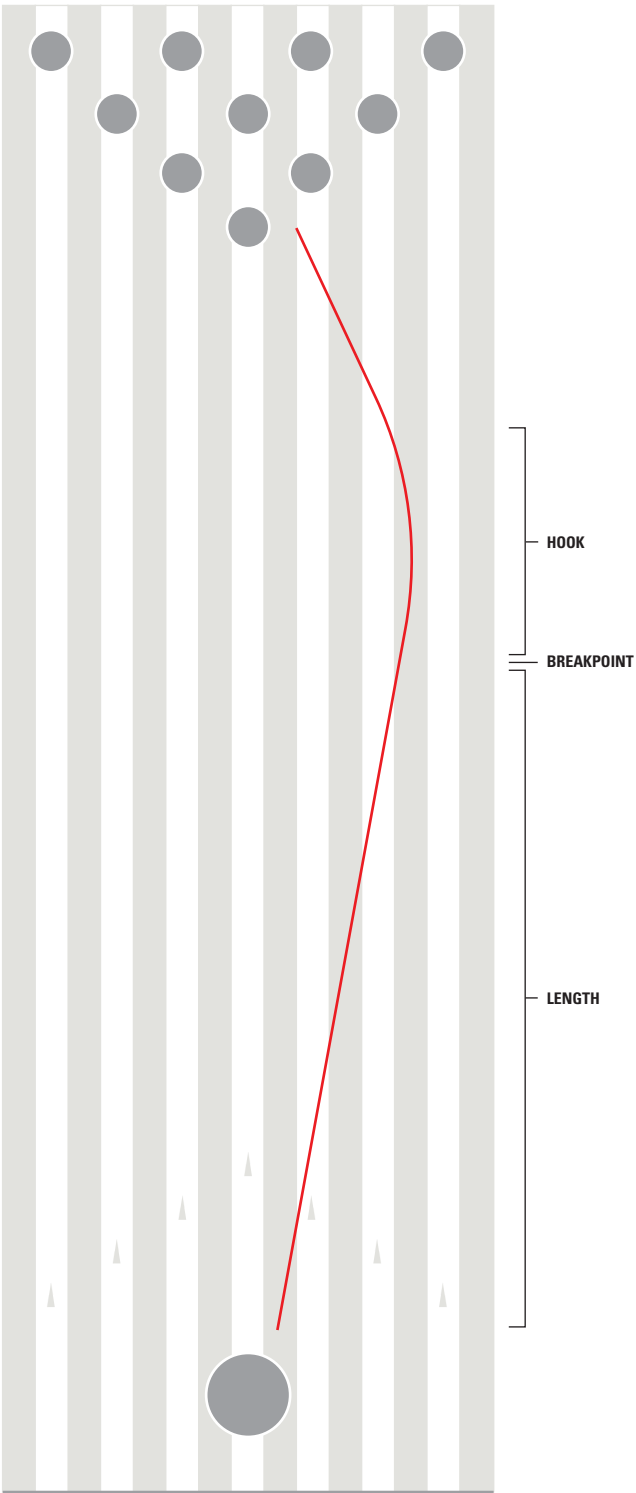
Slower-response balls that read the friction areas more gradually. This range may include balls with a urethane or mild reactive cover, designed for a smooth arc to the pocket. Also can help those with higher rev rates control motion and match up well from outside angles of attack.

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.



DEFENITIONS

HOOK

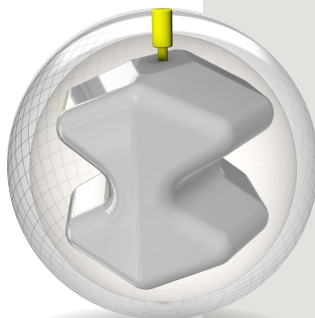
A ball moving in a curved pattern that curves sharply towards the headpin

LENGTH

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

BREAKPOINT

The point where the ball begins to hook towards the headpin



STORM ABSOLUTE

January 2023

58 Hook ■ 16 Length ■ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover R2S Deep Hybrid Reactive

Box Finish Reacta Gloss

RG 2.48 ■ **RG Differential** .050

Review Lower-rev or speed-deprived players will like this big-core pearl on medium patterns.



ABS ACCU-LINE TOUR PREMIUM INTEL

August 2023

57 Hook ■ 16 Length ■ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Nano-thane 2.0 Active Hybrid (level 2) Reactive

Box Finish 800 Abralon and Diamond Compound 2 Polish

RG 2.523 ■ **RG Differential** .040

Review Fits nicely between the Accu Rise 9 and the Accu Rise X to help create more carry options for various styles of players.



TRACK ARCHETYPE

March 2023

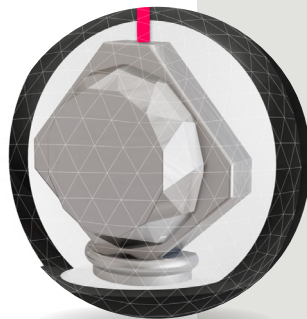
64.75 Hook ■ 15 Length ■ 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover QR-11 Solid Reactive

Box Finish 500 and 1500 Siaair Micro Pad Matte Finish

RG 2.518 ■ **RG Differential** .053

Review Low-rev and speed-dominant players will love the free hook this ball brings to the Track arsenal.



SWAG ARCHIVE

November 2023

58 Hook ▪ **16 Length** ▪ **15.5 Breakpoint Shape**

Cover UP 1 Reactive

Box Finish 3000 Grit Matte Finish

RG 2.557 ▪ **RG Differential** .051

Review A very good number 1 ball for the hold area it creates to the right for various styles of players.



COLUMBIA 300 ATLAS

August 2023

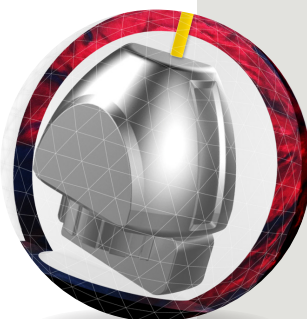
64.5 Hook ▪ **13.5 Length** ▪ **13.5 Breakpoint Shape**

Cover Formula 1 Solid Reactive

Box Finish 500 then 2000 Matte Finish

RG 2.520 ▪ **RG Differential** .054

Review Easily one of the strongest Columbia balls we have reviewed; it does need the longer and heavier patterns to conquer.



SWAG BIG BRO TOP DOG

December 2023

60 Hook ▪ **15.5 Length** ▪ **16 Breakpoint Shape**

Cover Up 1 Pearl Reactive

Box Finish 4000 Grit Sanded Matte

RG 2.503 ▪ **RG Differential** .050

Review A very versatile asymmetric bowling ball, and even high-rev players will enjoy its predictability.



EBONITE BIG TIME

December 2023

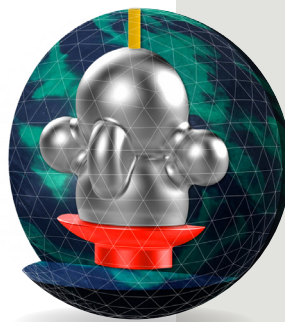
64.75 Hook ■ **14 Length** ■ **14.5 Breakpoint Shape**

Cover Big Time Symmetric

Box Finish 500 then 2000 Matte Finish

RG 2.508 ■ **RG Differential** .054

Review For rev-deprived bowlers and speed dominant bowlers, this symmetric bowling ball provides a lot of free hook.



SWAG BLACK PEARL ANCHOR

July 2023

62.5 Hook ■ **15 Length** ■ **15.5 Breakpoint Shape**

Cover USY 3 Pearl Reactive

Box Finish 4000 Grit Sanded Matte Surface

RG 2.571 ■ **RG Differential** .012

Review This is a very versatile, sanded pearl asymmetric ball that low-rev players will like for medium to longer patterns.



MOTIV BLACK VENOM

April 2023

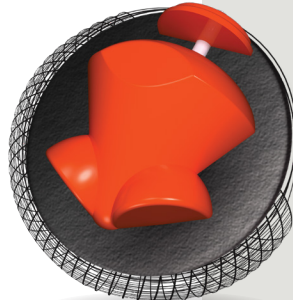
61 Hook ■ **15.5 Length** ■ **15 Breakpoint Shape**

Cover Leverage MFS Solid Reactive

Box Finish 4000 Grit LSS

RG 2.47 ■ **RG Differential** .036

Review A very versatile, asymmetric bowling ball that keeps the Venom core and name integrity up to its high standards.



HAMMER BLACK WIDOW HYBRID

March 2023

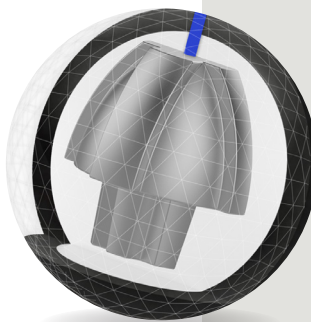
58 Hook ■ **15 Length** ■ **14 Breakpoint Shape**

Cover Gas Mask Asymmetric

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

RG 2.5 ■ **RG Differential** .058

Review This hybrid coverstock option doesn't disappoint with its strong but predictable backend reaction.



SWAG BUFFALO

July 2023

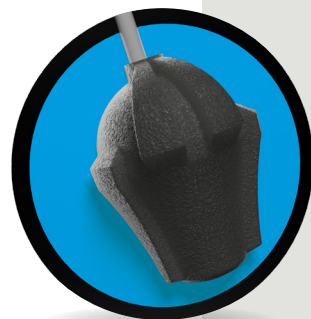
54 Hook ■ **12 Length** ■ **12 Breakpoint Shape**

Cover V82 Solid Urethane

Box Finish 1000 Grit Sanded

RG 2.533 ■ **RG Differential** .046

Review This is a very good, old-school urethane-like ball that has good hitting power on short patterns.



DV8 CAPTIV8

March 2023

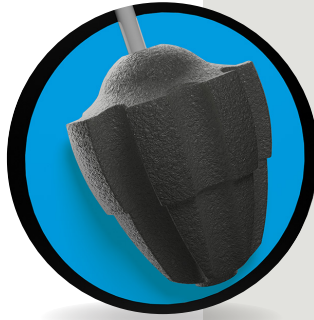
58 Hook ■ **16.5 Length** ■ **16.5 Breakpoint Shape**

Cover Captiv8 Symmetric

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

RG 2.532 ■ **RG Differential** .038

Review Good for the later games in the block when the heads start to hook and you need that skid through the fronts and strong backend reaction.



DV8 CHILL

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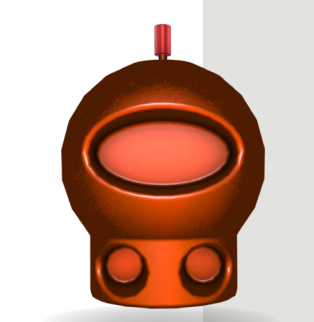
58.5 Hook ■ 15 Length ■ 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Inciter Max Flip Solid Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1500, and 3000 Siaair Micro Pad Matte Finish

RG 2.495 ■ **RG Differential** .051

Review A very versatile bowling ball for various styles of players.



ROTO GRIP CLONE

August 2023

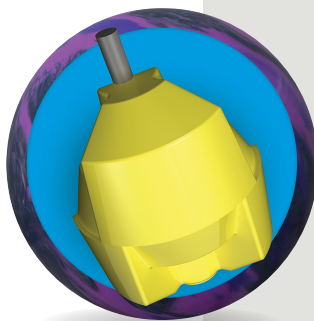
60 Hook ■ 16 Length ■ 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover OptiTrax Solid Reactive

Box Finish Reacta Gloss

RG 2.51 ■ **RG Differential** .056

Review Brings a lot of hook for a shiny solid bowling ball, as we found it to be very responsive downlane.



RADICAL CRYPTO BOOM

July 2023

57 Hook ■ 16.5 Length ■ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover HK22 HyperKinetic Pearl Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1000 and Factory Compound

RG 2.481 ■ **RG Differential** .046

Review A very good pearl compliment to the Crypto, with a much cleaner motion through the heads and stronger backend reaction.



COLUMBIA 300 CUDA POWERCOR PEARL

August 2023

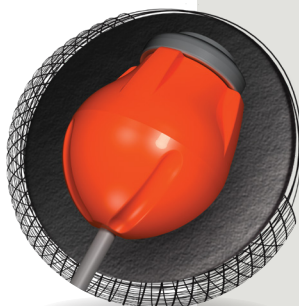
57 Hook ▪ 16.5 Length ▪ 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover HK-22 ERT Pearl Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 Siaair then Factory Compound

RG 2.501 ▪ RG Differential .047

Review Provides that vintage Cuda motion and hitting power on medium to drier conditions, but with a stronger backend motion and longer break point.



HAMMER DARK WEB HYBRID

August 2023

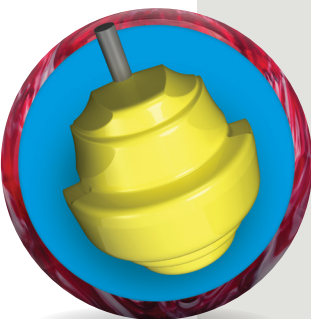
62 Hook ▪ 15 Length ▪ 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover HK-22 Aggressive Hybrid Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1000, 2000 Siaair Matte Finish

RG 2.514 ▪ RG Differential .048

Review A good benchmark ball for medium patterns and various styles.



RADICAL DEADLY RATTLER

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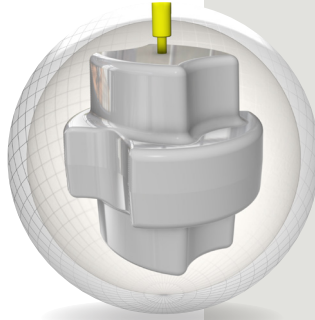
58 Hook ▪ 17 Length ▪ 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover HK-22 HyperKinetic Pearl Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 Siaair then Factory Compound

RG 2.480 ▪ RG Differential .035

Review A very clean and strong symmetric bowling ball that is optimal for medium to dry lane patterns.



STORM DNA

March 2023

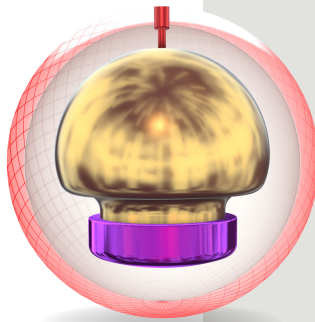
64.75 Hook ▪ 15 Length ▪ 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover EXO Solid Reactive

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

RG 2.47 ▪ RG Differential .053

Review Brings another big ball to the Storm line for those heavier and longer patterns.



ROTO GRIP DUO

May 2023

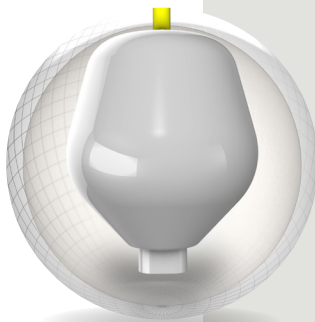
57 Hook ▪ 16.5 Length ▪ 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Mentor Symmetric

Box Finish Reacta Gloss

RG 2.49 ▪ RG Differential .046

Review A good, versatile ball for medium lanes designed for a great cause by "The Duo," PWBA Tour stars Shannon O'Keefe and Stefanie Johnson.



STORM ELECTRIFY PEARL B-S-Y

June 2023

53.5 Hook ▪ 17 Length ▪ 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Reactor Pearl Reactive

Box Finish Reacta Gloss

RG 2.51 ▪ RG Differential .030

Review Brings a sharp-looking bowling ball with a strong backend for drier lane conditions to the Electrify line.



EBONITE EMERGE

August 2023

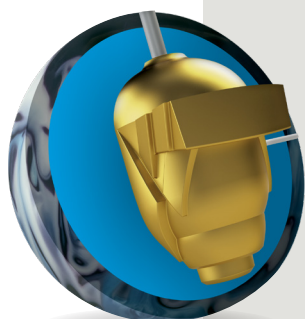
58 Hook ■ 16.5 Length ■ 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover HK-22 Optimize Pearl Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 Siaair then Factory Compound

RG 2.510 ■ **RG Differential** .053

Review A very good ball on patterns that start to burn up.



EBONITE ENVISION PEARL

February 2023

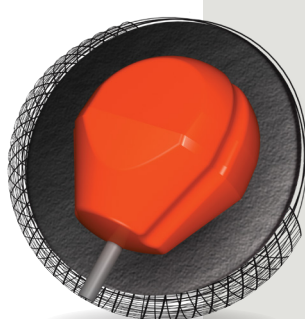
61.5 Hook ■ 15.75 Length ■ 16.25 Breakpoint Shape

Cover HK22-GSV-Xe Pearl Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1000, 3000 Siaair Micro Pad Matte Finish

RG 2.501 ■ **RG Differential** .053

Review A versatile option that eliminates wet/dry issues on house patterns but still creates a strong backend read.



HAMMER ENVY TOUR

March 2023

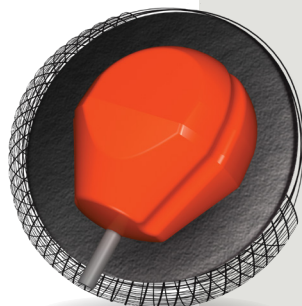
63.5 Hook ■ 15.5 Length ■ 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Envy Solid Reactive

Box Finish 500 and 1000 Siaair Micro Pad Matte

RG 2.469 ■ **RG Differential** .034

Review A very good tournament-special ball for various styles of players on medium sport patterns.



HAMMER ENVY TOUR PEARL

October 2023

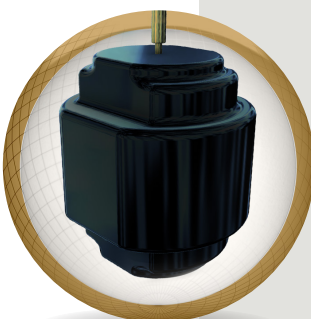
59 Hook ■ 16 Length ■ 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover HK-22 Envy Pearl Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500

RG 2.469 ■ **RG Differential** .034

Review A good option for low-rev or speed-deprived players on medium house patterns.



900 GLOBAL ETERNITY

February 2023

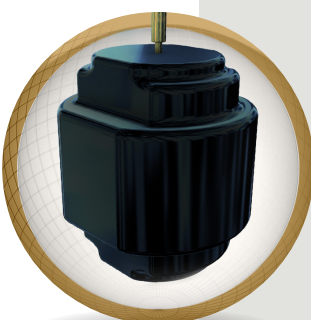
59 Hook ■ 16.5 Length ■ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover S84 Response Pearl Reactive

Box Finish Reacta Gloss

RG 2.49 ■ **RG Differential** .050

Review Complements the Reality Check or Reality when the fronts begin burning up on longer patterns.



900 GLOBAL ETERNITY PI

October 2023

58 Hook ■ 16.5 Length ■ 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Reserve Blend 901 Solid Reactive

Box Finish 2000 Grit Abralon Matte Finish

RG 2.49 ■ **RG Differential** .050

Review A very versatile, big asymmetric bowling ball for heavier and longer patterns.



BRUNSWICK ETHOS

November 2023

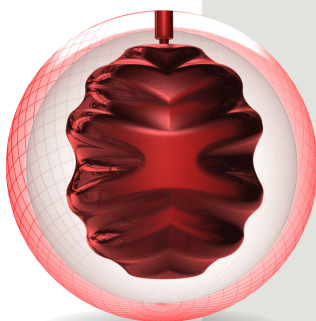
62 Hook ■ 15.5 Length ■ 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover HK-22 SH 4.0 Pearl Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 Siaair then Factory Compound

RG 2.481 ■ **RG Differential** .053

Review Provides more overall total hook and stronger backend reaction than the Jabs.



ROTO GRIP EXOTIC GEM

January 2023

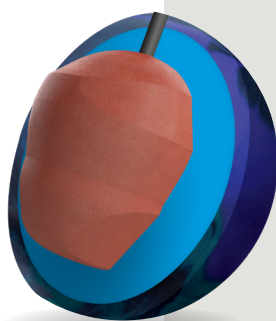
59 Hook ■ 16 Length ■ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover MicroTrax Pearl Reactive

Box Finish Reacta Gloss

RG 2.51 ■ **RG Differential** .053

Review Gives low-rev players strong backend reaction on medium to longer patterns.



COLUMBIA 300 EXPLOSION

February 2023

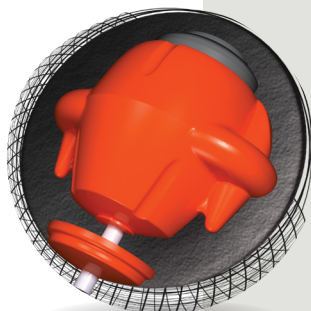
61.5 Hook ■ 16 Length ■ 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Reflex Hybrid Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1000, 2000 Siaair Micro Pad Matte Finish

RG 2.469 ■ **RG Differential** .043

Review Many styles will like this versatile hybrid symmetric core for medium patterns.



HAMMER EXTREME ENVY

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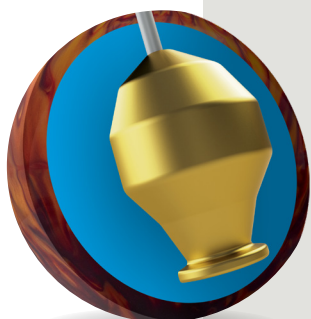
63.5 Hook ■ 15 Length ■ 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Envy CFI Solid Reactive

Box Finish 500 then 2000 Siaair Matte Finish

RG 2.479 ■ **RG Differential** .054

Review Speed-dominant or rev-deprived players will really like this ball on longer patterns.



EBONITE FIREBALL

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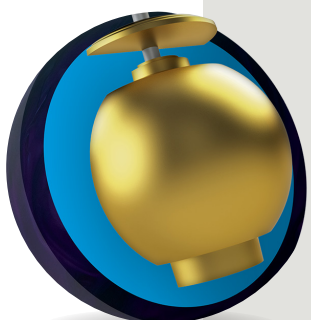
56 Hook ■ 17 Length ■ 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover HK-22 GB10.7 Pearl Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 Siaair then Factory Compound

RG 2.519 ■ **RG Differential** .039

Review Speed-deprived players will really like this ball on hooking heads or hooking house patterns.



EBONITE GB4 HYBRID

April 2023

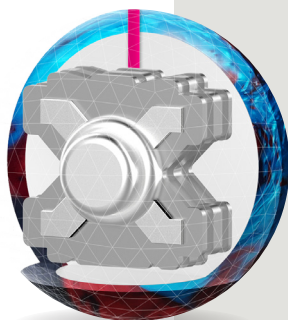
59 Hook ■ 15 Length ■ 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover HK-22 GB 12.0 Hybrid Reactive

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

RG 2.480 ■ **RG Differential** .048

Review All Gamebreaker fans will like the motion of the GB4 Hybrid motion for all styles and various length patterns.



SWAG GRAFFITI TRACKER

April 2023

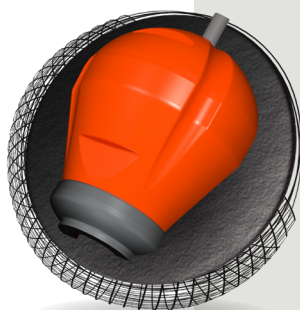
56 Hook ▪ 17 Length ▪ 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover RVR 4 Pearl Reactive

Box Finish 2000 Grit Sanded Followed by Factory Polish

RG 2.489 ▪ **RG Differential** .054

Review Delivers clean push through the fronts and strong continuation on the backend on medium to drier conditions.



HAMMER HAZMAT

December 2023

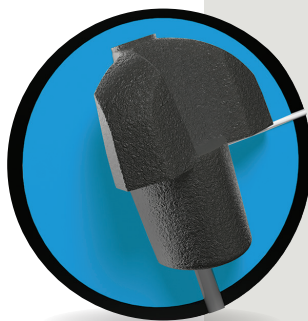
57 Hook ▪ 16 Length ▪ 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Hazmat Symmetric

Box Finish 500 then 2000 Matte Finish

RG 2.479 ▪ **RG Differential** .048

Review 500, 1000, 1500 Siaair then Factory Compound.



DV8 HELLCAT XLR8

September 2023

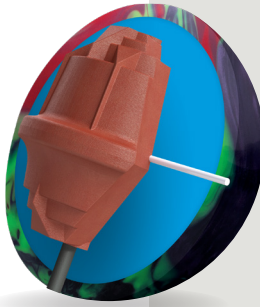
65.5 Hook ▪ 14 Length ▪ 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Maximum Havoc Solid Reactive

Box Finish 500 and 1500 Siaair Matte Finish

RG 2.537 ▪ **RG Differential** .053

Review Brings more hook to the DV8 line to cut through the longer and heavier patterns.



COLUMBIA 300 HIGH SPEED

October 2023

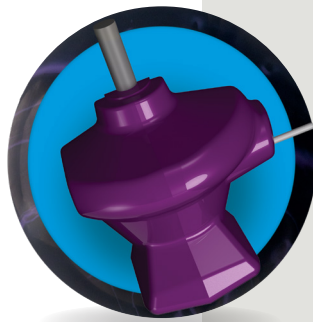
60 Hook ■ 16 Length ■ 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover HK-22 Formula 1 Hybrid Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 Siaair then Factory Compound

RG 2.478 ■ **RG Differential** .050

Review Low-rev players will love the strength of this ball on medium patterns.



RADICAL HITTER

November 2023

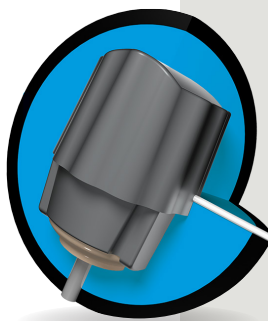
62 Hook ■ 15 Length ■ 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Utility Solid Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1000, 2000 Siaair Micro Matte Finish

RG 2.488 ■ **RG Differential** .053

Review A very versatile asymmetric bowling ball that various styles of players will want in their bag.



BRUNSWICK INFINITY

July 2023

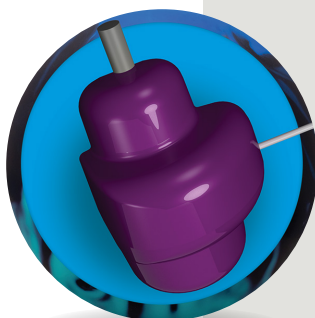
63 Hook ■ 15 Length ■ 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover A.X.H (Activator Xtreme Hoot)

Box Finish 500 and 2000 Siaair Micro Pad Matte Finish

RG 2.521 ■ **RG Differential** .051

Review Brings a very versatile asymmetric bowling ball for medium to longer patterns.



RADICAL INNOVATOR SOLID

April 2023

64.75 Hook ▪ 14 Length ▪ 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Innovator Asymmetric

Box Finish 500 and 1500 Siaair Matte Finish

RG 2.477 ▪ **RG Differential** .053

Review Brings strong, mid-lane hook with strong continuation through the pins.



STORM IQ 78U

December 2023

55 Hook ▪ 13.5 Length ▪ 13.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Control 78 Solid Urethane

Box Finish 500 Grit Abralon Matte

RG 2.49 ▪ **RG Differential** .035

Review This ball is sure to make all two-handers happy on the PBA circuit.



STORM IQ TOUR RUBY

March 2023

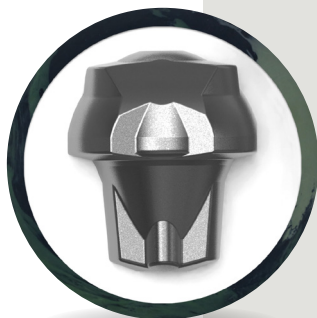
58.5 Hook ▪ 16.75 Length ▪ 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover R2S Pearl Reactive

Box Finish Reacta Gloss

RG 2.49 ▪ **RG Differential** .029

Review Provides clean push through the fronts and strong backend reaction.



MOTIV JACKAL AMBUSH

January 2023

64.5 Hook ■ 13 Length ■ 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Leverage Solid Reactive

Box Finish 100 Grit LSS

RG 2.54 ■ RG Differential .054

Review Go-to ball for speed-dominant or rev-deprived players on medium to longer, heavier patterns.



STORM JOURNEY

November 2023

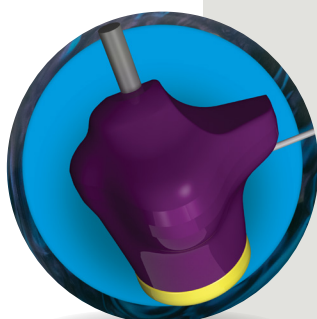
59 Hook ■ 16.5 Length ■ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover TX-16 Pearl Reactive

Box Finish Reacta Gloss

RG 2.52 ■ RG Differential .053

Review The latest from Belmo creates a very good look on most medium lane patterns.



RADICAL KATANA ASSAULT

February 2023

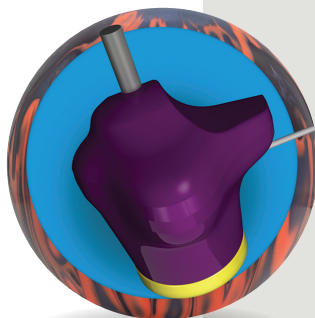
59 Hook ■ 16.75 Length ■ 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover HK22-Hyper Kinetic Pearl Reactive

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

RG 2.501 ■ RG Differential .051

Review This very strong symmetric pearl will give low-rev players a strong backend reaction on medium patterns.



RADICAL KATANA STRIKE

September 2023

63 Hook ▪ 15 Length ▪ 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover HK-22 HyperKinetic Hybrid Reactive

Box Finish 3000 Grit

RG 2.501 ▪ **RG Differential** .051

Review Doesn't start up early like the other Katana solid or hybrids but rather has a cleaner and stronger down-lane motion.



TRACK KINETIC COBALT

May 2023

63.5 Hook ▪ 15 Length ▪ 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Shuttle Asymmetric

Box Finish 500, 1500 then 4000 Siaair Micro Pad Matte Finish

RG 2.480 ▪ **RG Differential** .040

Review Provides just enough length without sacrificing the smooth, predictable backend to control wet/dry conditions.



BRUNSWICK KNOCK OUT BRUISER

February 2023

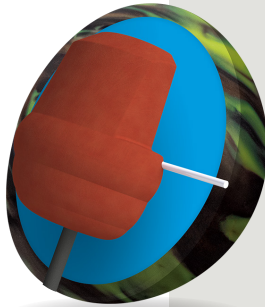
61.5 Hook ▪ 16 Length ▪ 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover SH 4.0 Solid Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1000, 2000 Siaair Micro Pad Matte Finish

RG 2.487 ▪ **RG Differential** .050

Review Provides predictability with stronger-than-usual drive off of the breakpoint through the pocket area.



COLUMBIA 300 MADNESS

April 2023

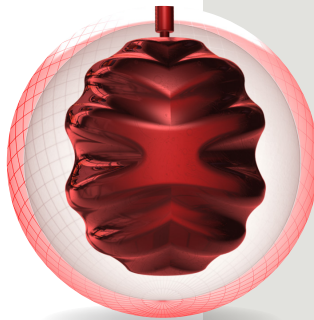
58.5 Hook ■ 16 Length ■ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover HK-22 ERT Pearl Reactive

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

RG 2.495 ■ **RG Differential** .048

Review The go-to ball for more length and more backend for various styles of players.



ROTO GRIP MAGIC GEM

November 2023

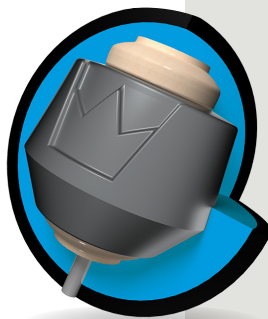
63 Hook ■ 15 Length ■ 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover MicroTrax Hybrid Reactive

Box Finish 2000 Grit Abralon Matte Finish

RG 2.47 ■ **RG Differential** .053

Review Gives you the strength of the OG Gem but with a little cleaner motion and stronger backend reaction.



BRUNSWICK MINDSET

April 2023

64.55 Hook ■ 14 Length ■ 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Evolution Solid Reactive

Box Finish 500 and 1500 Siaair Matte Finish

RG 2.487 ■ **RG Differential** .050

Review This strong, asymmetric solid bowling ball needs some conditioner and longer patterns to show its full potential for low-rev or speed dominant players.



HAMMER NU BLUE HAMMER

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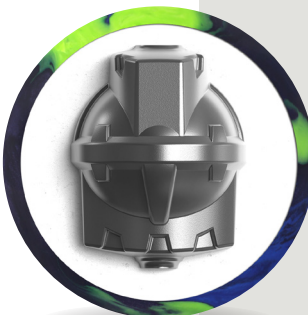
58 Hook ▪ 14 Length ▪ 13.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Not Urethane

Box Finish 5500, 1000 Siaair Micro Pad Matte

RG 2.586 ▪ **RG Differential** .027

Review Answers concerns about PBA hardness rules for urethane, and does it with reactive hitting power but Purple Hammer ball-reaction on medium to short conditions.



MOTIV NUCLEAR FORGE

November 2023

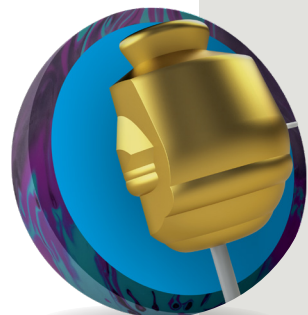
59.5 Hook ▪ 16 Length ▪ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Propulsion HVP Pearl Reactive

Box Finish 5000 Grit LLS

RG 2.47 ▪ **RG Differential** .055

Review One of the more versatile bowling balls of Motiv line for various styles of players.



EBONITE THE ONE ENCORE

October 2023

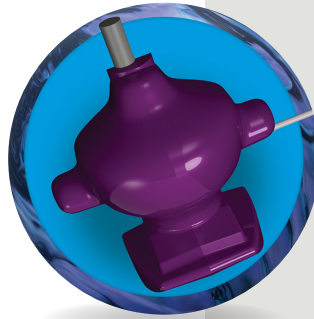
62.5 Hook ▪ 15.5 Length ▪ 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover HK-22 GB14.4 Hybrid Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1500 and 4000 Siaair Matte Finish

RG 2.466 ▪ **RG Differential** .056

Review A very good complement when the One Remix isn't carrying the corners and you need more surface and coverstock to drive through the longer patterns.



RADICAL OUTER LIMITS

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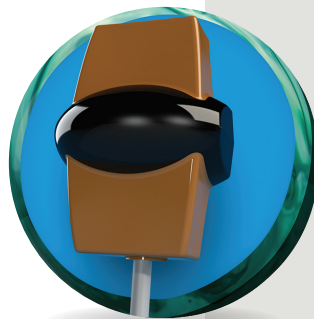
62.5 Hook ■ **16 Length** ■ **16 Breakpoint Shape**

Cover Motion Magic Plus Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1000, 2000 Siaair Matte Finish

RG 2.499 ■ **RG Differential** .051

Review A very versatile, strong asymmetric ball that all styles will like.



TRACK PARAGON PEARL

September 2023

59.5 Hook ■ **16.5 Length** ■ **16.5 Breakpoint Shape**

Cover QR-11 Pearl (HK-22) Pearl Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 Siaair and Crown Factory Compound

RG 2.486 ■ **RG Differential** .0563

Review Various styles will want this as the number 2 ball in their arsenals for medium to longer patterns.



BRUNSWICK PERFECT MINDSET

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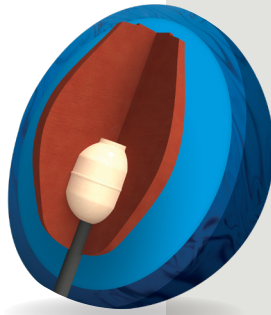
62.5 Hook ■ **15 Length** ■ **15 Breakpoint Shape**

Cover HK-22 Evolution Hybrid Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1000, 2000

RG 2.487 ■ **RG Differential** .050

Review A very good ball for rev-deprived players on medium to longer patterns.



C300 PIRANHA POWERCOR

December 2023

63.5 Hook ▪ 14 Length ▪ 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover HK22+ Solid Reactive

Box Finish 500 and 2000 Siaair Matte

RG 2.518 ▪ **RG Differential** .055

Review A very good, versatile symmetric bowling ball and a stronger benchmark ball than the Cuda Solid.



MOTIV PRIDE DYNASTY

October 2023

62 Hook ▪ 15 Length ▪ 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Leverage MFS Solid Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1000, 2000 Siaair Matte Finish

RG 2.50 ▪ **RG Differential** .042

Review A very good number 1 ball on medium house patterns, as it easily controls wet/dry issues and the backend but with a good amount of total hook.



MOTIV PRIMAL SHOCK

February 2023

61.5 Hook ▪ 15.75 Length ▪ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Turmoil MFS Solid Reactive

Box Finish 4000 Grit LSS

RG 2.55 ▪ **RG Differential** .050

Review Fits any type of player's needs on heavier or longer patterns.



BRUNSWICK QUANTUM EVO RESPONSE

September 2023

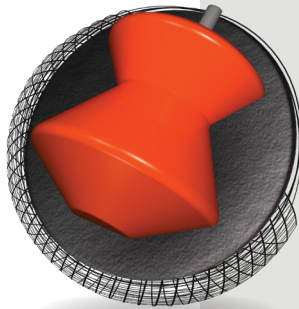
59 Hook ■ 16.5 Length ■ 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover HK-22 Evolution Pearl Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 Siaair and Crown Factory Polish

RG 2.511 ■ **RG Differential** .053

Review Brings a new and stronger backend reaction to the Quantum line.



HAMMER RADIOACTIVE VIBE

August 2023

56 Hook ■ 16 Length ■ 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover HK-22 CT Reactive Max Solid

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 Siaair then Factory Compound

RG 2.510 ■ **RG Differential** .042

Review Provides probably the most hook we have seen from any Vibe we have tested.



MOTIV RAPTOR FURY

December 2023

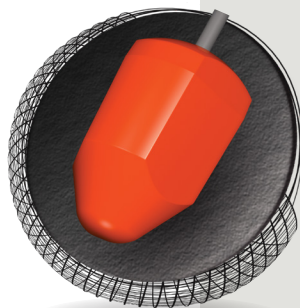
64.75 Hook ■ 15 Length ■ 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Affliction V2 Symmetric

Box Finish 2000 Grit LSS

RG 2.48 ■ **RG Differential** .055

Review Provides a lot of hook for rev-deprived or speed-dominant players on medium to longer patterns.



HAMMER RAW HYBRID RED/SMOKE/BLACK

June 2023

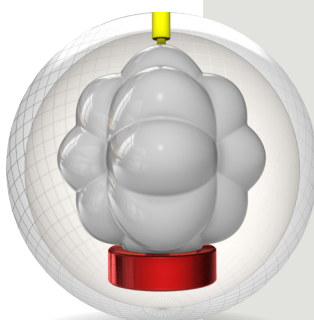
53.75 Hook ■ 16.75 Length ■ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Juiced Hybrid Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1000, 2000 and Factory Compound

RG 2.537 ■ **RG Differential** .038

Review Works well on medium to drier conditions, particularly for speed-deprived players.



STORM REVENANT

January 2023

57.75 Hook ■ 16.5 Length ■ 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover R3S Pearl Reactive

Box Finish Reacta Gloss

RG 2.54 ■ **RG Differential** .050

Review Easily gets through the fronts with strong but predictable backend reaction.



TRACK SENSOR SOLID

November 2023

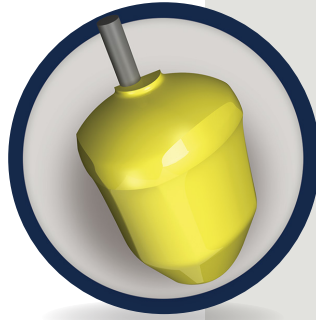
61 Hook ■ 15 Length ■ 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover MR-6 Solid Reactive

Box Finish 500 and 2000 Siaair Micro Finish

RG 2.490 ■ **RG Differential** .034

Review A very good ball for high-rev players on sport shots or shorter patterns.



RADICAL SNEAK ATTACK SOLID

July 2023

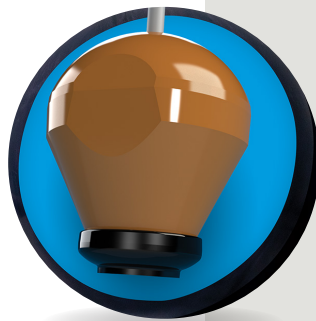
58 Hook ■ 15 Length ■ 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover MTS-1 Solid Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1500 and 3000 Siaair Micro Pad Matte Finish

RG 2.544 ■ **RG Differential** .036

Review A very good and smooth benchmark ball for sport patterns, especially for high-rev players.



TRACK STEALTH PEARL

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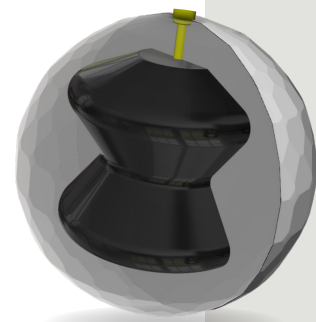
56.5 Hook ■ 17 Length ■ 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover QR-9 (HK22) Pearl Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 and Factory Compound

RG 2.482 ■ **RG Differential** .056

Review The complement when the Stealth is too early and too much, all while providing the strong hitting power of the Stealth Core.



900 GLOBAL SUBLIME

December 2023

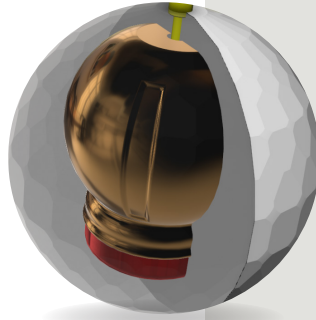
57.5 Hook ■ 16 Length ■ 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Immersed A.I. Symmetric

Box Finish Reacta Gloss

RG 2.47 ■ **RG Differential** .056

Review Another very versatile Zen line like bowling ball providing skid and predictable backend reaction.



STORM SUMMIT

June 2023

63.5 Hook ▪ 15.5 Length ▪ 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover TX-23 Hybrid Reactive

Box Finish 3000 Grit Abralon

RG 2.46 ▪ **RG Differential** .056

Review Brings a strong, symmetric core with a hybrid coverstock to the Storm line.



MOTIV SUPRA RALLY

April 2023

55 Hook ▪ 17 Length ▪ 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Propulsion DRS Pearl Reactive

Box Finish 5500 grit LSS

RG 2.57 ▪ **RG Differential** .040

Review Allows players with more rev rate to easily get through the burn with strong hitting power.



MOTIV TANK YELLOWJACKET

August 2023

53 Hook ▪ 11 Length ▪ 12 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Frixion M5 Microcell Polymer

Box Finish 1000 Grit LLS

RG 2.57 ▪ **RG Differential** .015

Review Provides a heavy urethane roll through the pins while allowing you to stay right without sacrificing carry.



BRUNSWICK TEAL RHINO PRO

September 2023

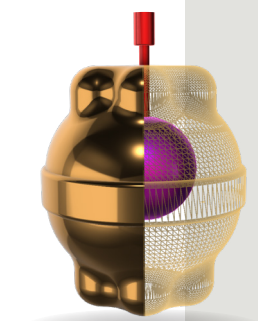
60 Hook ■ 15 Length ■ 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Activator Plus 3.0 Solid Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 Siaair Matte Finish

RG 2.568 ■ RG Differential .032

Review This Teal Rhino Pro honors the name with a similar shape for today's lane conditions.



ROTO GRIP TNT

February 2023

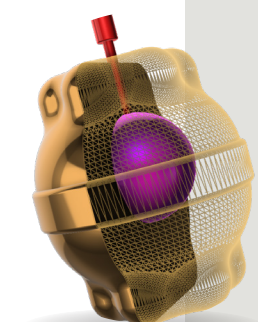
61.5 Hook ■ 15 Length ■ 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Torpex Core

Box Finish 2000 Grit Abralon Matte Finish

RG 2.47 ■ RG Differential .052

Review A very good symmetrical-core ball for high-rev players on patterns of medium length and volume.



ROTO GRIP TNT INFUSED

December 2023

59 Hook ■ 16.75 Length ■ 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Torpex Symmetric

Box Finish Reacta Gloss

RG 2.47 ■ RG Differential .052

Review Much more aggressive and responsive down-lane than we expected for medium patterns.



MOTIV TOP THRILL HYBRID

September 2023

57 Hook ■ 16 Length ■ 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Turmoil XP2 Hybrid Reactive

Box Finish 5500 Grit LSP

RG 2.59 ■ RG Differential .023

Review Creates more skid with stronger backend motion than the Top Thrill Solid.



MOTIV TOP THRILL SOLID

September 2023

58 Hook ■ 15 Length ■ 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Turmoil XP2 Solid Reactive

Box Finish 4000 Grit LSS

RG 2.59 ■ RG Differential .023

Review Delivers more hook than we expected out of the Top Thrill line, and for good value.



ROTO GRIP TOUR DYNAM-X

August 2023

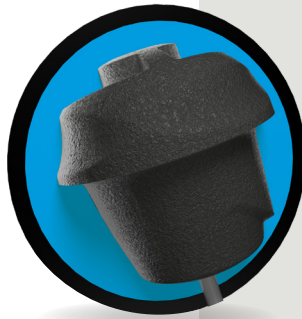
62.5 Hook ■ 15 Length ■ 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover TourTrax Solid Reactive

Box Finish 2000 Abralon Matte Finish

RG 2.47 ■ RG Differential .026

Review A versatile benchmark ball with strong continuation through the pin deck.



DV8 TROUBLE MAKER

May 2023

62 Hook ■ **15 Length** ■ **15.5 Breakpoint Shape**

Cover Inciter Max Continuation Reactive

Box Finish 500 then 2000 Siaair Micro Pad Matte Finish

RG 2.496 ■ **RG Differential** .045

Review Designed specifically for two-handers, our two-handed tester liked this ball's down-lane motion, the control of the backend, and drive through the pin deck.



TRACK TUNDRA FIRE

May 2023

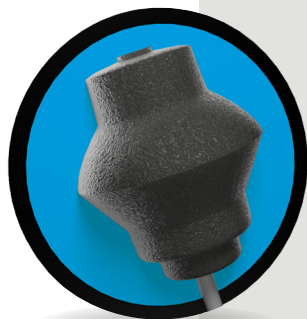
57 Hook ■ **16.5 Length** ■ **17 Breakpoint Shape**

Cover DR-5 Pearl (HK22) Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500, then Crown Factory Compound

RG 2.561 ■ **RG Differential** .030

Review Players looking for that skid-flip reaction on drier conditions, like speed-deprived players, will like the Tundra Fire.



DV8 VERGE HYBRID

November 2023

57 Hook ■ **16 Length** ■ **15.5 Breakpoint Shape**

Cover HK-22 Hybrid Reactive

Box Finish 500, 1000, 1500 Siaair then Factory Compound

RG 2.487 ■ **RG Differential** .050

Review A very versatile, hybrid symmetric ball for various styles.



STORM VIRTUAL ENERGY BLACKOUT

October 2023

59 Hook ▪ 16 Length ▪ 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover ReX Pearl Reactive

Box Finish Reacta Gloss

RG 2.48 ▪ RG Differential .050

Review The Virtual Energy Blackout brings the famous Virtual Energy's strong asymmetric core back into the Storm arsenal, and this one lives up to its name.



900 GLOBAL XPONENT

July 2023

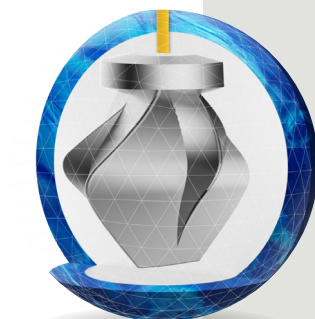
61 Hook ▪ 15.25 Length ▪ 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Reserve Blend 701 Solid Reactive

Box Finish 4000 Grit Abralon

RG 2.48 ▪ RG Differential .042

Review A very good benchmark ball that will read the patterns in a true and predictable manner, especially on medium and longer patterns.



SWAG YOLO JOMO

February 2023

62 Hook ▪ 14 Length ▪ 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover USY 2 Pearl Reactive

Box Finish 3000 Grit Sanded Matte Finish

RG 2.535 ▪ RG Differential .044

Review Creates free hook for rev-deprived or speed-dominant players on medium to longer patterns.



900 GLOBAL ZEN GOLD LABEL

July 2023

57 Hook ▪ 17.5 Length ▪ 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover Reserve Blend 1801 Pearl Reactive

Box Finish Reacta Gloss

RG 2.40 ▪ RG Differential .051

Review Complements the Zen if you need that extra length and pop off the breakpoint on medium to drier patterns.

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