

37th Annual

Ball Guide

Review Summaries and Statistics for 92 Bowling Balls

About the Ball Guide...

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 2020 — 92 reviews in all.

The number of bowling balls reviewed throughout the past 12 months is a particularly interesting statistic this time around. Raise your hand if you thought a year dominated by a global pandemic that slowed the bowling industry nearly to a halt still would yield more than 90 ball reviews. This year’s 92 reviews clock in at merely 15 fewer than we ran in 2019, when 107 balls were reviewed and no one yet had uttered the word “COVID-19.”

Perhaps the most dramatic snapshot of the pandemic’s impact on

ball releases in 2020 occurred in the August and September issues of BJI this year, months that typically feature more reviews than most others to usher in the new league season. This year, however, August and September included four and five reviews, respectively, compared to 12 in August 2019 and 17 in September 2019.

But, if the volume of reviews in No Holes Barred truly serves as a barometer of the bowling industry’s wellbeing, this sport is on the rebound. October 2020 rang up 12 new reviews, while eight appeared in November and 11 in December. This month, for that matter, kicks off 2021 with a healthy 13 ball reviews.

While a short “snapshot” of each 2020 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 “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 AUGUST 2020




ACCU RISE 7

59.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: Nano-Thane 4.5 pearl
Box Finish: 1000 Diamond Compound Polish
RG: 2.512 • **RG Differential:** .046

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Review: One of the more aggressive balls in ABS's line; handles the fronts nicely with a strong backend read.



MOTIV FEBRUARY 2020




ALPHA JACKAL

63 Hook • 14 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: Predator V2, reactive
Box Finish: 2000 LSS
RG: 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .054

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Review: Provides lots of hook with a strong, continuous motion. Fits rev-deprived players looking for free hook.



ABS JULY 2020




ACCU ROAD 3

56 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: Nano-Thane Pearl Plus
Box Finish: 1000 Diamond Compound 2 Polish
RG: 2.574 • **RG Differential:** .028

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Review: Good for high-rev players with its nice push through the fronts and predictable, strong back-end motion.



COLUMBIA 300 MAY 2020




AUTHORITY

59.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: ERT 2.0, pearl • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound
RG: .503 • **RG Differential:** .020

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Review: Players with lower speeds or revs will like this strong pearl asymmetric ball on medium/longer patterns.



ABS DECEMBER 2020




ACCU TOUR PREMIUM 4

59.75 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: Nano-thane 2.0 Active hybrid
Box Finish: 1000 Abralon, Diamond Compound 2
RG: 2.46 • **RG Differential:** .055

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Review: An aggressive asymmetric hybrid providing predictable backend motion and strong hitting power.



STORM APRIL 2020



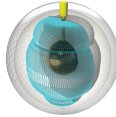
AXIOM

63 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: NeX, solid
Box Finish: 3000 Abralon
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .050

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Review: Stronger than the Super SonIQ, but with more hook. Rev-deprived players will appreciate its forgiveness.



EBONITE OCTOBER 2020



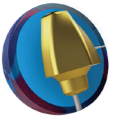
AERO

63.5 Hook • 15 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: GSV-X solid
Box Finish: 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.504 • **RG Differential:** .050

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Review: Ideal for players who like to create area and play open angles; saves energy for a strong backend read.



STORM NOVEMBER 2020



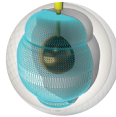
AXIOM PEARL

57.5 Hook • 16.75 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: NeX pearl
Box Finish: 1500-grit Polish
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .050

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Review: Review: Ideal for fine-tuning carry with a later entry angle when needed; clean, strong, controllable motion.



900 GLOBAL OCTOBER 2020




AFTERBURNER

50.5-51 Hook • 16.5-17 Length • 16-16.5 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: S62 hybrid
Box Finish: 1500-grit Polish
RG: 2.55 • **RG Differential:** .038

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Review: Ideal for high-rev or speed-deprived players on hooking conditions.



COLUMBIA 300 OCTOBER 2020




AUTHORITY SOLID

62.5 Hook • 14.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: ERT 2.0 solid
Box Finish: 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.503 • **RG Differential:** .050

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Review: Creates a lot of hook and area for rev-deprived or speed-dominant players.



EBONITE APRIL 2020




ALLURE

54 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: Traxion SF, pearl • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000, 3000 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.475 • **RG Differential:** .049

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Review: Brings a sharp look and predictable motion through the fronts to the back on medium volumes and lengths.



900 GLOBAL OCTOBER 2020




ASPECT

62 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: S77 Response solid
Box Finish: 1500-grit Polish
RG: 2.51 • **RG Differential:** .048

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Review: Saves energy throughout its trajectory to the pocket while providing a good amount of hook.



SWAG JULY 2020




BIG BRO BURN-UP

52 Hook • 13 Length • 13 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: RVR Pearl Urethane
Box Finish: 2000-grit sanded
RG: 2.501 • **RG Differential:** .051

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Review: Gives lower-rev players help with hook and pocket power, but with the predictability of a urethane ball.



RADICAL MAY 2020




CLOSER PEARL

58 Hook • 16.75 Length • 16.25 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: Ai-39 solid • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.54 • **RG Differential:** .050

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Review: This strong symmetric pearl ball is clean through the fronts, with a strong and heavy down-lane motion.



SWAG JULY 2020




BIG BRO GALAXY

60 Hook • 15 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: Reverie 3, pearl
Box Finish: 3000-grit sanded
RG: 2.475 • **RG Differential:** .053

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Review: Low-rev or high-speed players will like this forgiving ball for its free hook and strong hitting power.



DV8 SEPTEMBER 2020




DECREE

61.5 Hook • 13.5 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: Composite Fang solid
Box Finish: 500, 3000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.530 • **RG Differential:** .043

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Review: A strong benchmark ball with predictable backend motion that any bowler could use in their arsenals.



LEGENDS SEPTEMBER 2020




BLACK PEARL BLOODY OCEAN

58 Hook • 13.5 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: XRT 1321 pearl
Box Finish: 4000-grit sanded
RG: 2.578 • **RG Differential:** .013

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Review: Provides clean motion through the fronts with strong but controlled motion off the breakpoint.



MOTIV JUNE 2020



DESERT TANK

52 Hook • 13.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Friction+ Pearl Microcell Polymer, urethane
Box Finish: 2000-grit LSS
RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .015

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Review: Creates ample skid through the front and good drive on the backend, with a urethane angle to the pocket.



HAMMER DECEMBER 2020



BLACK WIDOW 2.0

61 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: Aggressive solid
Box Finish: 500, 1000, 2000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .058

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Review: Brings the same motion and hitting power as the original Black Widow with strong continuation.



COLUMBIA 300 NOVEMBER 2020




DYNAMIC SWING

61 Hook • 15 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: ERT hybrid
Box Finish: 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.482 • **RG Differential:** .047

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Review: A strong asymmetric piece providing clean motion through the fronts with heavy-driving motion downlane.



LORD FIELD MARCH 2020



BLIZZARD RUSH

55.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: Reverie 3, pearl
Box Finish: 1000-grit sanded, Factory Polish
RG: 2.485 • **RG Differential:** .052

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Review: Fits lower-speed players' arsenals as a ball that pushes through the fronts when the heads are hooking.



STORM JUNE 2020




ELECTRIFY HYBRID

56 Hook • 15 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: Reactor, hybrid
Box Finish: 1500-grit Polish
RG: 2.51 • **RG Differential:** .030

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Review: Higher-rev players will embrace its predictability, some breakpoint angular motion and downlane motion.



RADICAL AUGUST 2020




BONUS

63.5 Hook • 15 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape


Cover: Forged solid
Box Finish: 500, 2000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.487 • **RG Differential:** .030

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Review: A good benchmark ball for all rev rates y strong ball in their bags for heavier and longer patterns.



STORM JUNE 2020



ELECTRIFY PEARL

56.5 Hook • 15.75 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reactor, pearl
Box Finish: 1500-grit Polish
RG: 2.51 • **RG Differential:** .030

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Review: Brings skid/flip motion and good hitting power to a benchmark ball. Best on medium patterns. Good value.





900 GLOBAL

MARCH 2020

EQUILIBRIUM

60.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S74R, hybrid
Box Finish: 4000 Abralon
RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .045

Review: With its strong energy downlane, a versatile ball for medium-long patterns that will fit anyone's game.



SWAG

OCTOBER 2020

GRAFFITI I-CON

60.5 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: RVR ANT-IVI
Box Finish: 4000-grit sanded
RG: 2.494 • **RG Differential:** .051

Review: With anti-bacterial and odor-resistant qualities, provides good amount of hook and predictable motion.



STORM

NOVEMBER 2020

FAST PITCH

56 Hook • 13.5 Length • 13.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Control XL urethane
Box Finish: 1000 Abralon
RG: 2.61 • **RG Differential:** .030

Review: Provides old-school urethane motion but with more punch and a bit more hook; good carry, hitting power.



BRUNSWICK

DECEMBER 2020

HERO SOLID

60.5 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Activator Plus 2.0 solid
Box Finish: 500, 2000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.474 • **RG Differential:** .047

Review: Brings strong, predictable ball motion for heavier, longer patterns; provides good carrying power.



900 GLOBAL

MAY 2020

FLUX PEARL

57 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17.25 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S72R, pearl
Box Finish: 1500-grit Polish
RG: 2.55 • **RG Differential:** .048

Review: Complements 900 Global's Flux Solid as it brings a stronger back-end motion for an asymmetric-core ball.



900 GLOBAL

FEBRUARY 2020

HONEY BADGER EXTREME PEARL

57.5 Hook • 16 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S74R, solid
Box Finish: 1500-grit Polish
RG: 2.54 • **RG Differential:** .053

Review: Offers strong back-end motion on medium patterns. Great for players who like good, old skid/flip motion.



HAMMER

APRIL 2020

FUGITIVE

56 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Juiced, pearl • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.486 • **RG Differential:** .052

Review: The ball to use when the heads go and you must move in and open up the fronts to save back-end energy.



900 GLOBAL

FEBRUARY 2020

HONEY BADGER EXTREME SOLID

62 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S72R solid
Box Finish: 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.54 • **RG Differential:** .011

Review: Helps read patterns, particularly flat sport patterns, with smooth, predictable and strong continuation.



HAMMER

SEPTEMBER 2020

FUGITIVE SOLID

62 Hook • 13.5 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Juiced solid
Box Finish: 500, 2000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.486 • **RG Differential:** .052

Review: Reads the pattern and pocket easily to create better carry without changing zones or angles too much.



900 GLOBAL

OCTOBER 2020

HONEY BADGER REVIVAL

57 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S70 hybrid
Box Finish: 1500-grit Polish
RG: 2.54 • **RG Differential:** .048

Review: Provides predictability for a clean and angular response at the breakpoint.



DV8

FEBRUARY 2020

GLAM

55 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Composite Fang, pearl • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.516 • **RG Differential:** .052

Review: Saves energy for a strong, angular backend. Tournament players will like it as a late-block go-to ball.



BRUNSWICK

JUNE 2020

IGNITOR PEARL

56 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Relativity Pearl 3.0 • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.508 • **RG Differential:** .043

Review: Complements the Ignitor Solid with an easy, clean motion and a strong back-end reaction; a great value.





BRUNSWICK

JUNE 2020

IGNITOR SOLID

58.5 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Relativity Solid 3.0

Box Finish: 500, 2000 SiaAir Micro Pads

RG: 2.508 • **RG Differential:** .043



Review: A good benchmark tournament ball — especially on the fresh — for patterns typically seen at nationals.



RADICAL

DECEMBER 2020

INCOGNITO

64.5 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S.H.A.R.P.

Box Finish: 500, 1000, 2000 SiaAir Micro Pads

RG: 2.487 • **RG Differential:** .053



Review: A strong benchmark asymmetric ball providing good hook on patterns with greater volume and length.



SWAG

JUNE 2020

INCREDIBLE HERO

60.5 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Dazzler 2, pearl

Box Finish: 3000-grit matte

RG: 2.516 • **RG Differential:** .052



Review: Provides a clean, but strong, mid-lane motion for a strong asymmetric ball, with continuation downlane.



DV8

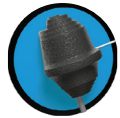
NOVEMBER 2020

INTIMIDATOR PEARL

59 Hook • 17 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Inciter Max pearl • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound

RG: 2.481 • **RG Differential:** .051



Review: Provides stronger angular motion than most asymmetric balls; ideal for low rev rates and slower speeds.



DV8

FEBRUARY 2020

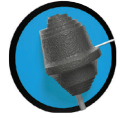
INTIMIDATOR SOLID

66 Hook • 15.75 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Inciter Max, solid

Box Finish: 500, 2000 SiaAir Micro Pads

RG: 2.481 • **RG Differential:** .051



Review: Brings strong continuation and lots of hook to medium/heavy patterns; saves energy for big pocket power.



STORM

JULY 2020

IQ TOUR NANO PEARL

62 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Nano Pearl Reactive

Box Finish: 3000 Abralon

RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .029



Review: A matte finish enhances the versatility of this pearl piece, which provides clean, strong motion.



MOTIV

NOVEMBER 2020

JACKAL FLASH

59 Hook • 17 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Infusion HV pearl

Box Finish: 5000-grit LSP

RG: 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .054



Review: A strong asymmetric pearl providing a strong, free hook ideal for low rev rates and slower ball speeds.



TRACK

MAY 2020

LATITUDE

61 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: QR8, solid

Box Finish: 500, 3000 SiaAir Micro Pads

RG: 2.511 • **RG Differential:** .045



Review: This good all-around ball pushes nicely through the fronts, with strong and predictable back-end motion.



BRUNSWICK

OCTOBER 2020

MELEE JAB BLOOD RED

56 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Melee symmetric • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound

RG: 2.487 • **RG Differential:** .050



Review: Complements a range of styles with ability to open up a number of different patterns.



ROTO GRIP

DECEMBER 2020

MVP ATTITUDE

60 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: VTC-H20 hybrid

Box Finish: 3000-grit Abralon

RG: 2.55 • **RG Differential:** .040



Review: A good benchmark ball that provides stronger finish downlane than one might expect of a matte surface.



ABS

JULY 2020

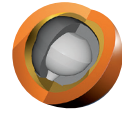
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57 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Nano-Thane 2.0, solid

Box Finish: 500, 1000, 2000, 4000 Abralon

RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .052



Review: Provides controlled motion on medium patterns, especially sport patterns; great for tournament players.



SWAG

JANUARY 2020

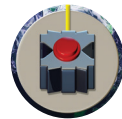
NO GRAFFITI

59.5 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Reverie 3, pearl

Box Finish: 3000-grit sanded

RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .034



Review: Stronger than the Graffiti; a good No. 1 ball on a flat pattern for controlling the backend and pocket.



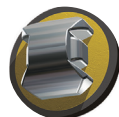
ROTO GRIP DECEMBER 2020

NUCLEAR CELL

57.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: eTrax-P20 pearl
Box Finish: 1500-grid Polish
RG: 2.52 • **RG Differential:** .056

Review: A strong asymmetric ball that creates good angle and strong continuation with predictable backend read.



STORM AUGUST 2020

PARALLAX

61.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Traction X7 hybrid
Box Finish: 1500-grit Polish
RG: 2.52 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: A strong asymmetric hybrid providing a little extra hook without giving up shape downlane.



STORM FEBRUARY 2020

OMEGA CRUX

67 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GI-20, pearl
Box Finish: 3000 Abralon
RG: 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .052

Review: Low-rev and speed-dominant players will like the free hook this ball offers to open up longer patterns.



STORM MARCH 2020

PITCH PURPLE

57 Hook • 14 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Rev-Control, solid urethane
Box Finish: 1000 Abralon
RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .022

Review: A strong, forgiving ball for lower-rev players; fits nicely in the arsenals of all tournament players.



EBONITE APRIL 2020

OMNI

62.5 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GSV 2.0 • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.501 • **RG Differential:** .050

Review: Provides strong recovery and controlled back-end motion; opens up the lane well with good overall hook.



BRUNSWICK MAY 2020

PRISM WARP

63.5 Hook • 14.5 Length • 15.25 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: ACT 2.0, solid
Box Finish: 500, 2000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.465 • **RG Differential:** .051

Review: Provides a clean motion through the fronts but saves energy for strong continuation on longer patterns.



EBONITE NOVEMBER 2020

OMNI HYBRID

56.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GSV 2.0 • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.501 • **RG Differential:** .050

Review: Provides strong recovery and controlled back-end motion; opens up the lane well with good overall hook.



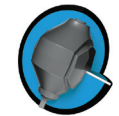
BRUNSWICK OCTOBER 2020

PRISM WARP HYBRID

58 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: A.C.T 2.0 hybrid. • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.465 • **RG Differential:** .051

Review: An ideal choice when the fronts burn up; saves energy for the breakpoint with clean motion.



COLUMBIA 300 MAY 2020

OUTLOOK

56 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Exciter Max, pearl • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000, 3000 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.533 • **RG Differential:** .047

Review: A great choice for medium or burned-up patterns; it complements the Chaos to provide a skid/flip motion.



TRACK MAY 2020

PROOF

62 Hook • 15 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Prime Response, solid
Box Finish: 500, 2000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.519 • **RG Differential:** .020

Review: One of the strongest balls we've seen from Track; helpful for rev-deprived and speed-dominant players.



RADICAL NOVEMBER 2020

PANDEMONIUM

56.5 Hook • 16.75 Length • 16.25 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Forged+ pearl
Box Finish: 500 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Polish
RG: 2.487 • **RG Differential:** .053

Review: A shiny benchmark ball that creates a good, predictable, medium reaction on medium to dry lanes.



TRACK OCTOBER 2020

PROOF PEARL

57.5 Hook • 17 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Prime Response • **Box Finish:** 500 SiaAir Micro Pad, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.519 • **RG Differential:** .052

Review: A go-to piece when more aggressive equipment begins losing energy at the breakpoint.





STORM

DECEMBER 2020

PROTON PHYSIX

64 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: NeX solid

Box Finish: 2000 Abralon

RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .053



Review: Ideal for cutting through heavier and longer patterns with strong overall hook and continuation.



RADICAL

NOVEMBER 2020

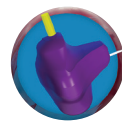
RESULTS SOLID

64 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: TS1 solid

Box Finish: 500, 3000 SiaAir Micro Pads

RG: 2.17 • **RG Differential:** .044



Review: Provides strong-hooking motion and continuation downlane without losing its backend drive.



LEGENDS

MARCH 2020

PURE DIAMOND

55 Hook • 17 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: XRT 1321, pearl

Box Finish: 1000 Abralon, Factory Finish

RG: 2.573 • **RG Differential:** .056



Review: Good for medium to dry patterns. Speed-deprived players will like its hitting power on burned-up heads.



MOTIV

JULY 2020

RIPCORD FLIGHT

58 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Turnmoil Max solid reactive

Box Finish: 300 Grit LSS

RG: 2.53 • **RG Differential:** .047



Review: Good for high-rev players with clean motion through the front and controlled back-end motion.



HAMMER

SEPTEMBER 2020

REDEMPTION HYBRID

60 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Aggressive NE hybrid

Box Finish: 500, 1000 sanded, Crown Factory Finish

RG: 2.498 • **RG Differential:** .053



Review: Without changing zones or angles too much, reads the pattern and pocket easily to create better carry.



ROTO GRIP

DECEMBER 2020

RUBICON

62.5 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: eTrax solid

Box Finish: 3000 Abralon

RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .052



Review: A good asymmetric ball that doesn't read the fronts too early and saves energy for strong continuation.



HAMMER

APRIL 2020

REDEMPTION PEARL

59.75 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.75 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Aggression NE. Pearl • **Box Finish:** 500 SiaAir Micro Pad, Crown Factory Compound

RG: 2.498 • **RG Differential:** .053



Review: A clean and strong asymmetric ball that provides a strong back-end motion, as well as a big-core motion.



SWAG

MARCH 2020

SHOW ME THE MONEY

60 Hook • 14.5 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Dazzler2, solid

Box Finish: 3000-grit sanded

RG: 2.497 • **RG Differential:** .023



Review: Reads the backends smoothly, with strong continuation. High-rev players will enjoy its controllability.



HAMMER

APRIL 2020

REDEMPTION SOLID

64 Hook • 14 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Aggression NE, solid

Box Finish: 360, 500, 2000 SiaAir Micro Pads

RG: 2.498 • **RG Differential:** .053



Review: For a very strong dull asymmetric ball, it reads the midlane strongly but doesn't hook early and stop.



RADICAL

JANUARY 2020

SQUATCH HYBRID

57 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Ai39. hybrid • **Box Finish:** 500 SiaAir Micro Pad, Crown Factory Compound, Crown Factory Polish

RG: 2.482 • **RG Differential:** .054



Review: Cleaner through the fronts than the solid, with more backend. A good No. 2 ball when a pattern opens up.



RADICAL

MAY 2020

RESULTS

60 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: TP-1, pearl • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound

RG: 2.517 • **RG Differential:** .044



Review: Has one of the stronger asymmetric cores to date, but the ball does not burn up or lose power downlane.



EBONITE

JULY 2020

STINGER HYBRID

56 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Detonator Hybrid • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound

RG: 2.517 • **RG Differential:** .035





Review: More predictable than the Stinger Pearl; a good ball on medium/dry patterns for players of all styles.

EBONITE JULY 2020

STINGER PEARL
54 Hook • 17 Length • 17.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Detonator 2020, pearl • **Box Finish:** 500 SiaAir Micro Pad, Crown Factory Compound, Crown Factory Polish
RG: 2.517 • **RG Differential:** .035

Review: Brings sharp back-end motion with a clean push through the fronts; good for hooking on lighter patterns.






BRUNSWICK MAY 2020

U-MOTION
52 Hook • 13 Length • 13 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Solid urethane
Box Finish: 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.596 • **RG Differential:** .020

Review: Creates greater hook than most urethanes for lower-rev players, and works well on medium/short patterns.






TRACK DECEMBER 2020

STRATA
63.75 Hook • 14.5 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: QR-11 solid
Box Finish: 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.475 • **RG Differential:** .050

Review: Brings a strong, hooking motion that picks up the midlane well; ideal for high revs or slow ball speeds.






BRUNSWICK JANUARY 2020

UPPERCUT
56 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Savvy Hook, pearl • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.487 • **RG Differential:** .050

Review: Offers strong back-end motion that can cut through medium and longer patterns for all types of players.






TRACK JULY 2020

TEMPO
54 Hook • 17 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: DR-5 Pearl
Box Finish: 500, 1000 sanded, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.560 • **RG Differential:** .038

Review: A good choice for players on drier or hooking patterns or for slower ball speeds.






BRUNSWICK JANUARY 2020

VAPOR ZONE HYBRID
56 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Activator Plus 2.0, hybrid
Box Finish: 500, 3000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.478 • **RG Differential:** .048

Review: Fits between the solid and pearl balls to create pocket power and control that will fit various styles.

MOTIV OCTOBER 2020

THRILL YELLOW/PINK
51 Hook • 17 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Agility XP Reactive
Box Finish: 5500-grit LSP
RG: 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .015

Review: Provides strong motion on medium to dry lanes with good hitting power for a lower price-point ball.


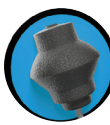



DV8 SEPTEMBER 2020

VERGE PEARL
59.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Inciter pearl
Box Finish: 500, 1000 sanded, Crown Factory Finish
RG: 2.476 • **RG Differential:** .049

Review: A strong asymmetric pearl ideal for slower ball speeds on longer patterns when the heads start to hook.

STORM JULY 2020

TREND
57.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: R2S pearl
Box Finish: 1500-grit Polish
RG: 2.52 • **RG Differential:** .049

Review: Complements high-rev and two-hander arsenals with clean, strong motion and back-end predictability.






900 GLOBAL MARCH 2020

VOLATILITY
62.5 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S86R, hybrid
Box Finish: 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .050

Review: Has strong overall total hook and saves energy for the pocket. Those with low revs will really want it.






MOTIV FEBRUARY 2020

TRIDENT NEMESIS
58 Hook • 17 Length • 17.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Infusion HV, pearl
Box Finish: 5500 LSS
RG: 2.52 • **RG Differential:** .049

Review: A strong skid/flip ball for medium patterns; pushes through the fronts but has strong back-end motion.






900 GLOBAL OCTOBER 2020

VOLATILITY TORQUE
58 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S84 Response
Box Finish: 1500-grit Polish
RG: 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .050

Review: A strong asymmetric ball ideal for lower-speed players looking for that strong, easy-hook ball.



900 GLOBAL

MAY 2020

VOLT SOLID

59 Hook • 16 Length • 16.25 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S72R, solid
Box Finish: 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.56 • **RG Differential:** .047

Review: A good benchmark ball that complements the Volt Pearl, with more predictability and still-strong motion.



RADICAL

JANUARY 2020

ZING! HYBRID

60.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Forged 2, hybrid • **Box Finish:** 500/1000 SiaAir Micro Pad, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.499 • **RG Differential:** .051

Review: Best on the fresh, it provides clean motion through the fronts and a more angular backend than the Zing!



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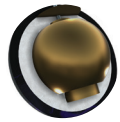
JANUARY 2020

VORTEX 2

62 Hook • 15 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Trimax19, reactive
Box Finish: 500, 1000 Abralon
RG: 2.46 • **RG Differential:** .051

Review: PA stronger version of the original V2, with more overall hook and exceptional hitting power through the pocket.



RADICAL

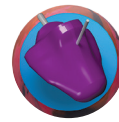
AUGUST 2020

ZING! PEARL

60 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Forged 2 pearl
Box Finish: 500, 1000 sanded, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.499 • **RG Differential:** .051

Review: A strong asymmetric pearl creating easy skid-flip motion for slower ball speeds or lower rev rates.



DV8

FEBRUARY 2020

WARRANT HYBRID

55 Hook • 16.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: N-Forcer SF, hybrid • **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.505 • **RG Differential:** .054

Review: A benchmark ball to control the breakpoint, especially for high-rev players, with great predictability.



HAMMER

DECEMBER 2020

WEB MB

57 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Semtex NE pearl
Box Finish: 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .048

Review: Features strong backend motion but with predictability provided by its asymmetric core.



HAMMER

OCTOBER 2020

WEB TOUR HYBRID

61.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Tour V1
Box Finish: 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.470 • **RG Differential:** .030

Review: Creates good area and provides strong continuation through the pocket; strong off the breakpoint.



BRUNSWICK

DECEMBER 2020

ZENITH

64.75 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: A.X.H. solid
Box Finish: 500, 1000 SiaAir Micro Pads
RG: 2.485 • **RG Differential:** .052

Review: Ideal for low-rev or speed-dominant players with its strong hook; good on heavier, longer patterns.



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