For more than three decades, Bowlers Journal International has been reviewing bowling balls, helping readers select the equipment that best matches their games and the lane conditions they encounter in league and tournament play. On the pages that follow, you'll find summaries of all ball reviews written by “No Holes Barred” columnist Vernon Peterson during 2016 — 105 reviews in all. Included is a short “snapshot” of each review; however, we highly recommend reading the full reviews that appeared in “No Holes Barred” in order to gain a clearer understanding of the balls, their capabilities and their recommended uses. The original review month is included with each listing. At the end of this section, you'll find contact information for bowling ball manufacturers that submitted bowling balls to BJI for review in 2016. Company websites may provide additional useful information to help you make your purchasing decisions.
UNDERSTANDING THE BALL GUIDE RATINGS

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

HOOK RATINGS
35-45: Balls with lower total hook ranges, best suited for lighter oil concentrations. Players with slower speeds or higher rev rates may also prefer balls in this range for medium oil applications.
45-51: Balls with medium hook ability, best suited for the vast majority of “typical house shots” and some lower-volume Sport patterns. This hook range should be represented by the “centerpiece” ball in most arsenals.
51-60+: Balls with greater total hook, designed for heavier oil volumes. Players with higher speeds or lower rev rates, who need added lane traction, may also prefer balls in this range.

LENGTH RATINGS
8-12: Earlier rolling balls that read the lane sooner. These products generally come factory-sanded with lower grit surfaces, and match up well for speed-dominant styles and those bowling on longer oil patterns.
12-15: Medium-length balls that produce easier length through the midlane. Good for most house shots and medium-volume Sport patterns.
15-19+: Balls offering extra length for those bowling on lighter oil concentrations. Also beneficial for slower speed players, or those with higher rev rates needing added push downlane.

BREAKPOINT RATINGS
10-13: Slower-response balls that read the friction areas more gradually. This range may include balls with a urethane or mild reactive cover, designed for a smooth arc to the pocket. Also can help those with higher rev rates control motion and match up well from outside angles of attack.
13-15: Balls rated for slightly stronger and quicker reactions when encountering friction areas (as when the ball leaves the oil pattern). This range offers a balance of control and back-end angularity.
15-18+: Balls that respond more quickly and aggressively to friction areas. This range can help those with less hand action create more angularity near the pocket. Also preferred when playing deeper inside angles, which generally require more entry angle for above-average pin carry.

BRUNSWICK August 2016
Absolute Nirvana
62.5 Hook • 14.5 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape
Cover: ECS Hook
Box Finish: 500, 1000 Siaair
RG: 2.477 • RG Differential: .054
Review: Provides the most hook we’ve seen from the Nirvana line, with more mid-lane roll and continuation.

ABS February 2016
Accu-Roll 3
54 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape
Cover: Nanoflex82 Pearl with Fullerene C60
Box Finish: 360, 600, 1000, 2000, Polished
RG: 2.40 • RG Differential: .058
Review: More length and stronger backend than Accu-Roll 2. Allows you to swing and bring with the best of them.

ABS June 2016
Accu-Roll IV
53.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape
Cover: Nanoflex 84 with Fullerene C60
Box Finish: 360, 600, 1000, Polished
RG: 2.46 • RG Differential: .054
Review: Fits between the stronger matte-finish Accu-Roll II and the more angular motion of the Accu-Roll III.

ABS November 2016
Accu-Roll V
53 Hook • 15 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape
Cover: NanoFlex 85 Solid with Fullerene C60
Box Finish: 500, 1000, 2000, Polished
RG: 2.463 • RG Differential: .054
Review: A good benchmark ball that will fit virtually any style for most types of patterns and lengths.
Review: The hybrid version of the Cheater is for bowlers who are not rev-dominant or consistent with their RPMs. This ball brings easy hook to players needing length and strong back-end motion will want this ball. Those with slower ball speed needing easy hooking will adapt to many different bowler styles.

Review: For such a strong ball, it's still very versatile and do all the right things for all types of bowlers. Stronger back-end reaction than the LT-48 and smoother than the Gold Rhino. Versatile on all patterns.

Review: A forgiving, strong-hooking ball for those who are not rev-dominant or consistent with their RPMs. Brings high-rev players strong, heavy, predictable motion.

Review: Good for flat or wet/dry tournament patterns. Provides more continuation than the Red Legend Solid, previously the Legend line’s hookingest ball.

Review: A for forgiving, strong-hooking ball for those who need more hooking help on longer or heavier lane patterns. Versatile on all patterns.

Review: One of the most versatile balls we have seen that kind of help on longer or heavier lane patterns. Brings a lot of of hook (like the Paradox at a lower price) without losing motion or hitting power.

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**COLUMBIA 300** - FEBRUARY 2016

**Delirium Shock**
53 Hook • 14 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

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

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

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**DV8** - AUGUST 2016

**Deviant Pearl**
52.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

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

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

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**DV8** - FEBRUARY 2016

**Diva XOXO**
52 Hook • 16 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

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

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

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**900 GLOBAL** - JANUARY 2016

**Dream Big Pearl**
50 Hook • 17 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

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

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

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**900 GLOBAL** - AUGUST 2016

**Drift**
59 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

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

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

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**AMF 300** - MAY 2016

**Escape**
59.5 Hook • 15 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

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

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

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**ROTO GRIP** - JANUARY 2016

**Eternal Cell**
57 Hook • 16 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

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

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

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**LANE MASTERS** - OCTOBER 2016

**Ex-Terminator**
55 Hook • 15 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

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

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

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**BRUNSWICK** - JULY 2016

**Fanatic**
51 Hook • 16 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

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

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

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**BRUNSWICK** - AUGUST 2016

**Fanatic BTU**
50.5 Hook • 12 Length • 13 Breakpoint Shape

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

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

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**STORM** - MARCH 2016

**Fight**
56 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

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

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

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**MOTIV** - JULY 2016

**Forza GT Hybrid**
51.5 Hook • 15 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

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

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

**JULY 2016**

51 Hook • 17 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

**Cover:** Class 6V Pearl  
**Box Finish:** 500, 1000 SiaAir, Polished  
**RG:** 2.481 • **RG Differential:** .054

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

**Freakshow Solid**

**NOVEMBER 2016**

53 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

**Cover:** Class 8 Solid Reactive  
**Box Finish:** 500, 1500 SiaAir  
**RG:** 2.481 • **RG Differential:** .054

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

**Freestyle**

**JULY 2016**

48 Hook • 17 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

**Cover:** Turmoil LPF  
**Box Finish:** 5500 Grit LSP  
**RG:** 2.59 • **RG Differential:** .025

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

**Game Breaker 2 MVP**

**FEBRUARY 2016**

52 Hook • 16 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

**Cover:** GB 10.7 Hybrid  
**Box Finish:** 500, 1000 Abralon, Polished  
**RG:** 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .048

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

**Game Breaker 2 Phenom**

**SEPTEMBER 2016**

56.5 Hook • 14.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

**Cover:** GB 11.2 Solid  
**Box Finish:** 500, 2000 Abralon  
**RG:** 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .048

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

**Great Escape**

**OCTOBER 2016**

60 Hook • 14 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

**Cover:** F80 Solid  
**Box Finish:** Nexit-E (1500)  
**RG:** 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .051

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

**Grudge**

**FEBRUARY 2016**

62.5 Hook • 13 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

**Cover:** Composite Solid  
**Box Finish:** 500, 1000 SiaAir  
**RG:** 2.490 • **RG Differential:** .056

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

**Grudge Hybrid**

**JULY 2016**

62.5 Hook • 14 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

**Cover:** Composite Hook Hybrid  
**Box Finish:** 500, 4000 SiaAir  
**RG:** 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .056

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

**Grudge Pearl**

**NOVEMBER 2016**

57 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

**Cover:** Composite Hook Pearl  
**Box Finish:** 500 SiaAir, Polished  
**RG:** 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .056

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

**Guru Limited**

**JULY 2016**

57.5 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

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

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

**Heat Extreme**

**AUGUST 2016**

54 Hook • 14 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

**Cover:** QR-5 Solid  
**Box Finish:** 500, 2000 Abralon  
**RG:** 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .038

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

**Hectic**

**JANUARY 2016**

47 Hook • 17.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

**Cover:** 50ML Reactive Pearl  
**Box Finish:** 1500, Polished  
**RG:** 2.56 • **RG Differential:** .034

*Review:* A good middle or number three ball for when the lanes start to burn up or the heads start to go.
### Hustle P/R/O
**JULY 2016**

- **Hook**: 46.5
- **Length**: 16.5
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 15.5

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

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

### Hustle P/O/W and R/I/G
**NOVEMBER 2016**

- **Hook**: 46
- **Length**: 17
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 16

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

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

### Hustle S/A/Y
**JULY 2016**

- **Hook**: 47
- **Length**: 16
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 15

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

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

### Hy-Wire
**APRIL 2016**

- **Hook**: 53.5
- **Length**: 16
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 16

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

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

### Impulse
**NOVEMBER 2016**

- **Hook**: 54
- **Length**: 15
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 15.5

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

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

### Inception
**AUGUST 2016**

- **Hook**: 58
- **Length**: 14.5
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 14

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

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

### Inception Pearl
**DECEMBER 2016**

- **Hook**: 57.5
- **Length**: 16
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 16

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

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

### Infrared
**DECEMBER 2016**

- **Hook**: 55
- **Length**: 14.5
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 14

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

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

### Jackal Carnage
**MARCH 2016**

- **Hook**: 59
- **Length**: 13.5
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 14

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

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

### Jackpot
**MAY 2016**

- **Hook**: 52
- **Length**: 14.5
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 16

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

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

### Jackpot Solid
**NOVEMBER 2016**

- **Hook**: 53
- **Length**: 14
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 15

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

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

### Mastermind Strategy
**JULY 2016**

- **Hook**: 61
- **Length**: 14
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 15

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

**Review**: Brings hook back to the Mastermind line with a cleaner motion and more continuation through the pins.
Review: A ball for medium to dry conditions. A good choice when flatter Sport patterns start to burn up.

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

Review: Brings the true motion of the original matte Mission but with a cleaner look through the fronts, along with a consistent mid-lane motion.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**58 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape**

**Cover:** QR-10 Hybrid  
**Box Finish:** 5000 Abralon, Polished  
**RG:** 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .057

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

**MOTIV**

**APRIL 2016**

**Paranoia**

**53.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape**

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

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

**STORM**

**MARCH 2016**

**Phaze**

**53 Hook • 16 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape**

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

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

**STORM**

**NOVEMBER 2016**

**Phaze II**

**58.5 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape**

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

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

**STORM**

**MARCH 2016**

**Pitch Blue**

**43.5 Hook • 12 Length • 13 Breakpoint Shape**

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

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

**MOTIV**

**DECEMBER 2016**

**Primal Fear**

**55.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape**

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

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

**BRUNSWICK**

**NOVEMBER 2016**

**Quantum Fire Pearl**

**52.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape**

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

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

**BRUNSWICK**

**NOVEMBER 2016**

**Quantum Forest Green Solid**

**59 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape**

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

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

**LORD FIELD**

**NOVEMBER 2016**

**Queen**

**57 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape**

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

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

**RADICAL**

**FEBRUARY 2016**

**Primo Solid**

**58 Hook • 14.5 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape**

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

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

**BRUNSWICK**

**MARCH 2016**

**Rave On**

**51 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape**

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

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

**HAMMER**

**AUGUST 2016**

**Rebel**

**51 Hook • 16 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape**

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

*Review:* Blends out many patterns, with strong motion through the deck without over-reacting off the friction.
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### COLUMBIA 300 - FEBRUARY 2016

**Swerve FX**  
56 Hook • 14.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape  

- **Cover:** Reflex Pearl  
- **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 Abralon, Polished  
- **RG:** 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .052  
- **Review:** For bowlers seeking a strong ball that will float through the fronts but not be afraid of oil.

### COLUMBIA 300 - SEPTEMBER 2016

**Swerve GT**  
57 Hook • 14 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape  

- **Cover:** Reflex Hybrid  
- **Box Finish:** 500, 2000 Abralon  
- **RG:** 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .052  
- **Review:** Low-rev-rate players will like the easy-hooking motion and continuous drive through the pindeck.

### RADICAL - NOVEMBER 2016

**The Fix**  
60 Hook • 14 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape  

- **Cover:** Solid  
- **Box Finish:** 500, 1500 SiaAir  
- **RG:** 2.511 • **RG Differential:** .054  
- **Review:** Offers option of standard symmetrical ball performance or “shape-shifting” to provide more power.

### MOTIV - SEPTEMBER 2016

**Trident**  
59.5 Hook • 13 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape  

- **Cover:** Coercion HVH Reactive  
- **Box Finish:** 3000 LSS  
- **RG:** 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .054  
- **Review:** Those with lower rev rates in need of free hook on medium to heavier patterns will like this ball.

### STORM - MAY 2016

**Tropical Storm**  
42 Hook • 17 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape  

- **Cover:** Reactor Pearl  
- **Box Finish:** 1500 Polished  
- **RG:** 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .009  
- **Review:** These White/Blue and Yellow/Silver balls are designed for dry lane conditions and short patterns.

### HAMMER - JULY 2016

**Viral Hybrid**  
45.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape  

- **Cover:** Violent Flip Reactive Hybrid  
- **Box Finish:** 500, 2000 Abralon, Polished  
- **RG:** 2.51 • **RG Differential:** .042  
- **Review:** This benchmark ball reads the pattern length with a predictable motion and strong hitting power.

### TRACK - DECEMBER 2016

**Tundra**  
42 Hook • 17.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape  

- **Cover:** DR-4 Pearl  
- **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 Abralon, Polished  
- **RG:** 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .029  
- **Review:** Those with low ball speed who bowl on hooking lanes will love the easy push through the fronts.

### COLUMBIA 300 - DECEMBER 2016

**Tyran**  
60.5 Hook • 15 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape  

- **Cover:** Reflex Solid HST  
- **Box Finish:** 500, 2000 Abralon  
- **RG:** 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .055  
- **Review:** A good number one ball on longer and heavier tournament patterns with “hook-in-the-box” technology.

### BRUNSWICK - FEBRUARY 2016

**Ultimate Nirvana**  
61 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape  

- **Cover:** ECS Hybrid  
- **Box Finish:** 500, 4000 SiaAir  
- **RG:** 2.477 • **RG Differential:** .054  
- **Review:** A good all-around ball that maintains energy through the fronts and provides all the hook you need.

### DV8 - AUGUST 2016

**Vandal Smash**  
53.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape  

- **Cover:** Composite Flip Solid  
- **Box Finish:** 500, 4000 Siaair  
- **RG:** 2.499 • **RG Differential:** .055  
- **Review:** Best on medium to heavier conditions, with more hook, length and backend than the original Vandal.
EBONITE

**Warrior Supreme**

- **59.5 Hook** • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape
- **Cover:** GB 13.3 Solid
- **Box Finish:** 500, 3000 Abralon
- **RG:** 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .057
- **Review:** Provides the most hook we have seen from Ebonite, with very strong continuation through the pins.

ROTO GRIP

**Wreck-It**

- **59 Hook** • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape
- **Cover:** Psyched Hybrid Reactive
- **Box Finish:** 3000
- **RG:** 2.55 • **RG Differential:** .042
- **Review:** A good choice for those who are looking for free hook and strong down-lane motion at a value price.

RADICAL

**Xeno**

- **56 Hook** • 15.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape
- **Cover:** Solid
- **Box Finish:** 500, 4000 Siaair
- **RG:** 2.508 • **RG Differential:** .048
- **Review:** Provides more hook than most benchmarks, but also doesn’t over-react off the pattern friction area.