About the Ball Guide…

For more than three decades, Bowlers Journal International has been reviewing bowling balls, helping readers select the equipment that best matches their games and the lane conditions they encounter in league and tournament play. On the pages that follow, you’ll find summaries of all ball reviews written by “No Holes Barred” columnist Vernon Peterson during 2015 — 104 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. 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 2015 can be found in BJI’s 32nd 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.
UNDERSTANDING THE BALL GUIDE RATINGS

32nd ANNUAL BALL GUIDE

900 GLOBAL

NOVEMBER 2015

ALL IN
58 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: S73 Pearl
BOX FINISH: 4000
RG: 2.52 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .043

REVIEW: Provides free hook, but not too early. Best for medium to long patterns, and for all styles and angles.

HAMMER

JUNE 2015

ARSON HIGH FLARE
49 Hook • 17 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: Max-Hook Pearl
BOX FINISH: 500, 2000 Abralon, Polished
RG: 2.48 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .054

REVIEW: Gives low-rev players a lot on the backend, while still providing a clean motion through the fronts.

900 GLOBAL

JUNE 2015

BOO-YAH!
42 Hook • 10 Length • 12 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: S20 Solid
BOX FINISH: 1000 Matte
RG: 2.61 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .026

REVIEW: Offers smooth and early roll to control the backend — essentially duplicating old-school urethane.

900 GLOBAL

JULY 2015

BOOST RED
44.5 Hook • 18.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: S43 Pearl
BOX FINISH: 1500 Polished
RG: 2.54 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .043

REVIEW: A versatile ball for medium to lighter volume patterns; makes light house patterns play very easy.

900 GLOBAL

MARCH 2015

BREAKDOWN
52 Hook • 15 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: S70 Solid
BOX FINISH: NEAT-F (4000)
RG: 2.57 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .030

REVIEW: A great tournament ball for all styles of bowlers. Rev-dominant players will truly love it.

BRUNSWICK

AUGUST 2015

BRUTE STRENGTH
51 Hook • 16 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: Savvy Hook Hybrid
BOX FINISH: 500 Siaair
RG: 2.491 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .032

REVIEW: This is a benchmark ball for reading patterns or for when the patterns get too ugly.

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**CHEATER**
SEPTEMBER 2015

- **Hook**: 57
- **Length**: 12
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 13

**COVER**: Stacked Deck Solid
**BOX FINISH**: 2000 Abralon
**RG**: 2.50 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL**: .043

**REVIEW**: Provides a lot of hook for speed dominant or lower rev rate players on longer or heavier patterns.

**COLUMBIA 300**
FEBRUARY 2015

- **Hook**: 52
- **Length**: 15
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 15

**COVER**: Bend-it Pearl
**BOX FINISH**: 500, 1000 Abralon, Polished
**RG**: 2.46 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL**: .043

**REVIEW**: A good No. 2 ball once a medium or oily pattern opens up or the fronts start to go.

**CHEMICAL X**
JULY 2015

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

**COVER**: S55 Solid
**BOX FINISH**: 4000
**RG**: 2.49 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL**: .035

**REVIEW**: This versatile ball helps high-rev players get matched up on flatter patterns or lanes with fresh backends.

**CODE OF HONOR**
FEBRUARY 2015

- **Hook**: 55
- **Length**: 13
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 14

**COVER**: RCS 5.0
**BOX FINISH**: 500, 3000 Abralon
**RG**: 2.48 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL**: .049

**REVIEW**: A good ball for reading longer or heavier patterns, and for those with lower rev rates.

**CRUX PEARL**
MARCH 2015

- **Hook**: 55
- **Length**: 15
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 15

**COVER**: ERG Pearl Reactive
**BOX FINISH**: 1500 Polished
**RG**: 2.50 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL**: .052

**REVIEW**: Provides a strong, continuous motion through the 8- and 9-pins, keeping the 6-pin low into the 10.

**COLUMBIA 300**
FEBRUARY 2015

- **Hook**: 54
- **Length**: 14.5
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 14.5

**COVER**: Composite V Solid
**BOX FINISH**: 500 Siaair, Polished
**RG**: 2.562 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL**: .050

**REVIEW**: An extremely versatile ball that provides enough length through the front with a strong continuation on the backend.

**COLUMBIA 300**
FEBRUARY 2015

- **Hook**: 57
- **Length**: 17
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 15

**COVER**: New Era Reactive
**BOX FINISH**: 800, 1000, 2000, 4000 Abralon, Polished
**RG**: 2.59 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL**: .035

**REVIEW**: A go-to ball on burnt lanes or old wood lanes; great for those with slower ball speeds.

**900 GLOBAL**
NOVEMBER 2015

- **Hook**: 48
- **Length**: 13
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 14

**COVER**: S60 Solid
**BOX FINISH**: 1500, Polished
**RG**: 2.52 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL**: .040

**REVIEW**: Offers controlled motion off the breakpoint for high-rev players, and urethane-like motion for old-school bowlers.

**900 GLOBAL**
MAY 2015

- **Hook**: 57
- **Length**: 14
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 15

**COVER**: 7G Solid Reactive
**BOX FINISH**: 500, 4000 Siaair
**RG**: 2.516 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL**: .052

**REVIEW**: A great fresh condition ball, or for lower rev rates who need a little hooking help.

**DEVOUT**
SEPTEMBER 2015

- **Hook**: 52
- **Length**: 15
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 14

**COVER**: 54 MH Solid
**BOX FINISH**: 3000 Abralon
**RG**: 2.56 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL**: .034

**REVIEW**: Dependably reads the length and volume of patterns to help develop a game plan for longer format tournaments.

**DELIRIUM**
FEBRUARY 2015

- **Hook**: 52
- **Length**: 15
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 15

**COVER**: Bend-it Pearl
**BOX FINISH**: 500, 1000 Abralon, Polished
**RG**: 2.46 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL**: .043

**REVIEW**: A good No. 2 ball once a medium or oily pattern opens up or the fronts start to go.

**EINSTEIN**
MARCH 2015

- **Hook**: 60
- **Length**: 14
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 15

**COVER**: New Era Reactive
**BOX FINISH**: 800, 1000, 2000, 4000 Abralon, Polished
**RG**: 2.59 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL**: .035

**REVIEW**: Fits in nicely with the Engineer series, providing more hook, reading the pattern early and hitting hard.

**DV8**
FEBRUARY 2015

- **Hook**: 54
- **Length**: 14
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 14

**COVER**: Composite V Solid
**BOX FINISH**: 500 Siaair, Polished
**RG**: 2.562 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL**: .050

**REVIEW**: An extremely versatile ball that provides enough length through the front with a strong continuation on the backend.

**DIVA DIVINE**
FEBRUARY 2015

- **Hook**: 54
- **Length**: 14
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 14

**COVER**: 7G Solid Reactive
**BOX FINISH**: 500, 4000 Siaair
**RG**: 2.516 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL**: .052

**REVIEW**: A great fresh condition ball, or for lower rev rates who need a little hooking help.

**Roto Grip**
SEPTEMBER 2015

- **Hook**: 52
- **Length**: 15
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 14

**COVER**: 54 MH Solid
**BOX FINISH**: 3000 Abralon
**RG**: 2.56 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL**: .034

**REVIEW**: Dependably reads the length and volume of patterns to help develop a game plan for longer format tournaments.

**ROTOL GRIP**
SEPTEMBER 2015

- **Hook**: 52
- **Length**: 15
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 14

**COVER**: 54 MH Solid
**BOX FINISH**: 3000 Abralon
**RG**: 2.56 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL**: .034

**REVIEW**: Dependably reads the length and volume of patterns to help develop a game plan for longer format tournaments.
**AMF NOVEMBER 2015**

**ENCORE**

48 Hook • 17 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

**COVER:** F73 Pearl  
**BOX FINISH:** 1500, Polished  
**RG:** 2.54 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL:** .037

**REVIEW:** This ball provides length on hooking lanes with a strong but controllable motion off the backends.

**MOXY JULY 2015**

**EXOTHERMIC BOWLING BALL**

53 Hook • 14 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

**COVER:** Solid  
**BOX FINISH:** 500 Siaair  
**RG:** 2.539 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL:** .050

**REVIEW:** A great choice for mature bowlers moving from urethane or old resin to the new age; smooth off the spot.

**EBONITE AUGUST 2015**

**GAME BREAKER 2 GOLD**

52 Hook • 17 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

**COVER:** 10.7 Pearl  
**BOX FINISH:** 500, 1000 Abralon, Polished  
**RG:** 2.49 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL:** .048

**REVIEW:** Players with slower ball speeds who need that extra kick on the backend will really want this ball.

**BRUNSWICK MARCH 2015**

**GOLD RHINO PRO**

49 Hook • 17 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

**COVER:** Gold Fortify Pearl  
**BOX FINISH:** 500 Siaair, Polished  
**RG:** 2.52 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL:** .048

**REVIEW:** Provides those with lower revs or slower ball speed with a good amount of hook at an affordable price.

**MOTIV JUNE 2015**

**GRAFFITI TAG**

49 Hook • 16.5 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

**COVER:** MXR Pearl Reactive  
**BOX FINISH:** 5500 LSP  
**RG:** 2.55 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL:** .037

**REVIEW:** A good choice for those with slower ball speeds who need length with a strong back-end reaction.

**RADICAL MARCH 2015**

**GREASE MONKEY WHACK**

52 Hook • 15 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

**COVER:** Pearlized  
**BOX FINISH:** 500 Siaair, Polished  
**RG:** 2.54 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL:** .048

**REVIEW:** Those with high rev rates or slower speed will love the reaction when the lanes start to burn up.

**RADICAL AUGUST 2015**

**GURU MASTER**

62.5 Hook • 13 Length • 13.5 Breakpoint Shape

**COVER:** Solid  
**BOX FINISH:** 500, 1500 Siaair  
**RG:** 2.501 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL:** .044

**REVIEW:** Nobody will have any problem hooking this ball, but it needs oil in the front part of the lanes.

**RADICAL MARCH 2015**

**GURU MIGHTY**

58 Hook • 15 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

**COVER:** Pearl Hybrid  
**BOX FINISH:** 4000 Siaair  
**RG:** 2.501 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL:** .044

**REVIEW:** For those desiring hook, this ball gets through the fronts and provides a good angle to the pocket.

**RADICAL DECEMBER 2015**

**GURU SUPREME**

63 Hook • 14.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

**COVER:** Solid  
**BOX FINISH:** 500, 1500 Siaair  
**RG:** 2.501 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL:** .044

**REVIEW:** This big-hooking ball is ideal for rev-deprived or speed-dominant players; needs some volume and longer patterns.

**ROTO GRIP SEPTEMBER 2015**

**HAYWIRE**

57 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

**COVER:** Solid Reactive  
**BOX FINISH:** 2000 Abralon  
**RG:** 2.50 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL:** .043

**REVIEW:** Provides back-end smoothness for high rev rate players, and easy hook for slower ball speed bowlers.

**TRACK DECEMBER 2015**

**HEAT**

50 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

**COVER:** DR-5 Pearl  
**BOX FINISH:** 500, 2000 Sanded, Polished  
**RG:** 2.50 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL:** .038

**REVIEW:** A versatile ball that gets through the fronts nicely and creates smooth motion on the backend.

**DV8 AUGUST 2015**

**HOOLIGAN TAUNT**

53 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

**COVER:** Class 5G Pearl  
**BOX FINISH:** 500 Siaair  
**RG:** 2.553 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL:** .040

**REVIEW:** This is a good all-around ball for bowlers with high rev rates who can control the pattern.
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<td>REVIEW: Those with high revs or slower ball speeds will love the length, motion and energy retention.</td>
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<td>COVER: Power Drive Hybrid Particle BOX FINISH: NEAT-T (4000) RG: 2.460 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .050</td>
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<td>REVIEW: Lower rev rate players will like this ball when looking for extra help and a pin-down layout system.</td>
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<td>53 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape</td>
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<td>COVER: 73MH Pearl Reactive BOX FINISH: 1500 Polished RG: 2.452 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .056</td>
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<td>REVIEW: Brings hook, length and backend — all in one. Will fit into almost any bowler’s arsenal.</td>
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<td>57 Hook • 15 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape</td>
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<td>COVER: B10A20 Pearl BOX FINISH: 4000 Abralon RG: 2.460 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .042</td>
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<td>REVIEW: Provides rev-challenged players with hook out of the box and strong back-end reaction.</td>
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<td>COVER: R2S Pearl BOX FINISH: 1500 Polished RG: 2.49 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .029</td>
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<td>REVIEW: Gets through the fronts nicely, providing strong back-end motion without any help for those with slower ball speeds.</td>
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<td>56 Hook • 14.5 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape</td>
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<td>COVER: NRG Reactive BOX FINISH: 4000 RG: 2.49 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .029</td>
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<td>REVIEW: A strong ball for heavier oil conditions, providing easy reaction without doing too much to it.</td>
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<td>JAPAN PRIDE MT. FUJI</td>
<td>52 Hook • 15 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape</td>
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<td>COVER: JP65 Pearl BOX FINISH: 1000, Polished RG: 2.48 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .042</td>
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<td>REVIEW: Flows easily through the front part of the lane, then explodes off the breakpoint through the pins.</td>
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<td>42.5 Hook • 16 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape</td>
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<td>53 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape</td>
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<td>REVIEW: A great No. 2 or 3 ball when the backends settle down, providing an aggressive move at the breakpoint.</td>
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<td>COVER: MR-6 Solid BOX FINISH: 500, 2000 Abralon RG: 2.51 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .047</td>
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<td>REVIEW: This ball is good for tournament or house patterns, and for all players on medium to heavier conditions.</td>
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<td>COVER: Strong Arm Hybrid BOX FINISH: 4000 Abralon, Polished RG: 2.49 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .040</td>
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<td>REVIEW: Good for slower speed bowlers on lighter volumes, but a nice all-around ball for a variety of conditions.</td>
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<td>REVIEW: Provides strong mid-lane reaction and continuation through the pocket that lower rev rate players will appreciate.</td>
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**ROTO GRIP**  
**SEPTEMBER 2015**

**LOCO PEARL**  
46.5 Hook • 17 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: Pearl Reactive  
BOX FINISH: 1500, Polished  
RG: 2.57 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .025

**REVIEW:** Will help bowlers needing an easy push through the fronts, but not too much hook on the backend.

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**ROTO GRIP**  
**SEPTEMBER 2015**

**LOCO SOLID**  
46 Hook • 16 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: 45 L Solid Reactive  
BOX FINISH: 1500, Polished  
RG: 2.57 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .025

**REVIEW:** Players with lower ball speeds will like the length provided by this ball on hooking conditions.

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**COLUMBIA 300**  
**JANUARY 2015**

**MAD ANTICS**  
52.5 Hook • 14.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: A4350 Hybrid  
BOX FINISH: 500, 4000 Abralon Polished  
RG: 2.50 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .054

**REVIEW:** High rev rates players will love the asymmetric core because the ball never overreacts in the backends.

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**BRUNSWICK**  
**DECEMBER 2015**

**MASTERMIND BRAINIAC**  
55.5 Hook • 14 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: Relativity Flip Reactive  
BOX FINISH: 500 Siaair  
RG: 2.505 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .048

**REVIEW:** Ideal for bowlers with lower speed who are looking for a strong asymmetric ball with a strong kick.

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**BRUNSWICK**  
**AUGUST 2015**

**MASTERMIND EINSTEIN**  
56 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: Relativity Hybrid Reactive  
BOX FINISH: 500, 2000, 4000 Siaair  
RG: 2.504 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .048

**REVIEW:** A solid, all-around ball that covers a variety of lane conditions; accommodates all bowler styles.

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**BRUNSWICK**  
**MARCH 2015**

**MASTERMIND SCHOLAR**  
55.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: Honor Roll A+ Pearl  
BOX FINISH: 500 Siaair, Polished  
RG: 2.488 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .052

**REVIEW:** A good ball for when the lanes start to open up; also for bowlers with lower ball speed.

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**BRUNSWICK**  
**DECEMBER 2015**

**MELEE HOOK**  
55 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: Relativity Max Reactive  
BOX FINISH: 500, 2000, 4000 Siaair  
RG: 2.487 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .050

**REVIEW:** Provides free hook and won’t start too early, yet still provides strong continuation through the pins.

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**COLUMBIA 300**  
**OCTOBER 2015**

**NIRVANA**  
61 Hook • 14 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: ECS Solid  
BOX FINISH: 500, 1500 Siaair  
RG: 2.477 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .054

**REVIEW:** The most hooking ball that we’ve ever seen from Brunswick. Great on longer and heavier patterns.

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**STORM**  
**JULY 2015**

**OPTIMUS SOLID**  
57 Hook • 14 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: R2X Solid Reactive  
BOX FINISH: 2000 Abralon  
RG: 2.48 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .048

**REVIEW:** A good addition to one’s arsenal for longer tournament patterns or heavier conditions; hooks out of the box.
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<td>REVIEW: For lower rev rates on medium lanes, and lower speed players when the fronts have some friction.</td>
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HAMMER  
**RED LEGEND SOLID**  
58.5 Hook • 13.5 Length • 13 Breakpoint Shape  
**COVER:** Juiced Solid  
**BOX FINISH:** 5000 Abralon  
**RG:** 2.50 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL:** .058  
**REVIEW:** Provides a lot of hook out of the box; a good choice for heavier volume and longer lane patterns.

MOTIV  
**REDLINE FORZA**  
51.5 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape  
**COVER:** Helix Pearl Reactive  
**BOX FINISH:** 5000 LSP  
**RG:** 2.50 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL:** .051  
**REVIEW:** Engineered for medium oil, this is a benchmark ball that is versatile enough for anyone’s arsenal.

900 GLOBAL  
**RESPECT**  
52 Hook • 17.5 Length • 17.5 Breakpoint Shape  
**COVER:** 79 Alert Hybrid Reactive  
**BOX FINISH:** 1500 Polished  
**RG:** 2.49 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL:** .052  
**REVIEW:** With clean motion and strong backend, this is a good ball for all bowlers on medium conditions.

900 GLOBAL  
**RESPECT PEARL**  
52 Hook • 18 Length • 18 Breakpoint Shape  
**COVER:** 74 Response Pearl  
**BOX FINISH:** 1500 Polished  
**RG:** 2.52 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL:** .047  
**REVIEW:** Slower ball speed players will benefit as the ball glides through the heads with a strong back-end motion.

MOTIV  
**REVOLT HAVOC**  
55 Hook • 14 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape  
**COVER:** Helix High-Friction Solid Reactive  
**BOX FINISH:** 3000 LLS  
**RG:** 2.47 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL:** .056  
**REVIEW:** Tournament bowlers will want this ball in their arsenal because it makes the motion smoother on flatter patterns.

MOTIV  
**REVOLT VENGEANCE**  
54 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape  
**COVER:** Turmoil HFH Reactive Hybrid  
**BOX FINISH:** 5000 LSP Polished  
**RG:** 2.47 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL:** .056  
**REVIEW:** Has a good pop on the backend, but also good for more direct shots on medium to longer patterns.

STORM  
**RIDE**  
43 Hook • 16 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape  
**COVER:** Reactor Hybrid  
**BOX FINISH:** Polished  
**RG:** 2.58 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL:** .021  
**REVIEW:** A good choice when the lanes really burn up, and you need to play in the track or burn area.

RADICAL  
**RIDICULOUS**  
48 Hook • 17 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape  
**COVER:** Solid  
**BOX FINISH:** 500 Siaair, Polished  
**RG:** 2.540 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL:** .050  
**REVIEW:** An excellent ball for tournament bowlers on shorter or lighter volume patterns from an outside angle.

STORM  
**ROCKET**  
53 Hook • 16.5 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape  
**COVER:** R2S Hybrid Reactive  
**BOX FINISH:** 1500 Polished  
**RG:** 2.54 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL:** .046  
**REVIEW:** Versatile from the track area through deeper angles as the lanes burn up; good for all bowler types.

COLUMBIA 300  
**SEVERE DELIRIUM**  
53 Hook • 13 Length • 13 Breakpoint Shape  
**COVER:** Bend-it Hybrid  
**BOX FINISH:** 500, 2000 Abralon  
**RG:** 2.50 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL:** .043  
**REVIEW:** Cuts through the conditioner with ease, provides solid mid-lane reaction, and provides a sharp change of direction.

STORM  
**SKY ROCKET**  
53 Hook • 17 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape  
**COVER:** R2S Pearl Reactive  
**BOX FINISH:** 1500 Polished  
**RG:** 2.54 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL:** .046  
**REVIEW:** This angular ball will help bowlers with slower speeds and who need help getting kick on the back.

BRUNSWICK  
**SOUL**  
52 Hook • 16 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape  
**COVER:** CPTv2 Control Solid  
**BOX FINISH:** 500 Siaair  
**RG:** 2.542 • **RG DIFFERENTIAL:** .041  
**REVIEW:** Will help slower-speed bowlers get through the front part of the lane with a strong back-end motion.

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SOUL MATE

BRUNSWICK
JUNE 2015

50 Hook • 17 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: CPTv2 Flip Pearl
BOX FINISH: 500 Siaair, Polished
RG: 2.54 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .041

REVIEW: For bowlers needing help to get the ball through the fronts but wanting a good kick in the back.

SPIKE BLACK AND GOLD

HAMMER
JUNE 2015

47 Hook • 17.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: GTR IV Hybrid
BOX FINISH: 800, 2000 Abralon, Polished
RG: 2.56 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .054

REVIEW: High-rev players will love the length and strong, but not overly aggressive, motion off the breakpoint.

SWERVE

COLUMBIA 300
SEPTEMBER 2015

55 Hook • 13 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: Reflex Solid
BOX FINISH: 500, 1000, 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.47 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .052

REVIEW: Provides extra hook without the need to help it; needs some volume in the fronts on longer patterns.

THUG CORRUPT

DV8
AUGUST 2015

56.5 Hook • 17 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: Composite Hybrid
BOX FINISH: 500, 4000 Siaair
RG: 2.505 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .052

REVIEW: Bowlers lacking high rev rates will love this ball's hook and flip on longer oil patterns.

THUG LIFE

DV8
DECEMBER 2015

55 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: Composite Pearl
BOX FINISH: 500 Siaair, Polished
RG: 2.505 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .052

REVIEW: A multi-use asymmetric ball for medium conditions or medium lengths, providing strong motion off the midlane.

THUG UNRULY

DV8
FEBRUARY 2015

56 Hook • 14.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: Class 13G Solid Reactive
BOX FINISH: 500, 2000 Siaair
RG: 2.505 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .052

REVIEW: For those needing hook out of the box; the first ball choice for longer or heavier patterns.

TOUR X SOLID

TRACK
JUNE 2015

48 Hook • 16 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: DR-4 Solid
BOX FINISH: 500, 3000 Abralon, Polished
RG: 2.58 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .055

REVIEW: Versatile enough for all, but especially for high-rev players who will love its predictability off the breakpoint.

UNHINGED

ROTO GRIP
FEBRUARY 2015

51 Hook • 16 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: 60M Pearl Reactive
BOX FINISH: 1500 Polished
RG: 2.58 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .049

REVIEW: Offers greater predictability than many other pearl balls; clean and strong in the backend.

UNREAL

AMF
JULY 2015

59 Hook • 12 Length • 13 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: F64 Solid
BOX FINISH: NEAT “A” (2500)
RG: 2.52 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .041

REVIEW: An excellent choice for longer, heavier house patterns, as well as flatter, flooded Sport patterns.

URGE

COLUMBIA 300
JULY 2015

53 Hook • 14.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: AR350 Hybrid
BOX FINISH: 500, 2000 Abralon, Polished
RG: 2.50 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .056

REVIEW: For those needing extra length through the fronts and kick on the backend; also great for lower ball speeds.

VANDAL

DV8
AUGUST 2015

52.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: Composite Pearl
BOX FINISH: 500 Siaair
RG: 2.499 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .055

REVIEW: Provides length and backend to those with lower ball speeds, and predictable hook for high-rev players.

VENOM PANIC

MOTIV
MARCH 2015

51 Hook • 17 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: Turmoil MFP Pearl Reactive
BOX FINISH: 5000 LSP
RG: 2.48 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .034

REVIEW: Good for slower speed bowlers who need that kick in the backend with easy distance down the lane.
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VIRAL SOLID
45.5 Hook • 16 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: Violent Flip Reactive Solid
BOX FINISH: 500, 1000 Abralon, Polished
RG: 2.51 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .042

REVIEW: A go-to ball for smooth motion through the front portion of the lane and drive through the pins.

EBONITE AUGUST 2015

WARRIOR
57 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: GB 13.3 Pearl
BOX FINISH: 500, 2000 Abralon, Polished
RG: 2.47 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .057

REVIEW: Provides smooth motion through the fronts, a strong mid-lane move, and strong, continuous roll through the pins.

LEGENDS JANUARY 2015

YEAH BABY
51 Hook • 15 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: Solid Reactive
BOX FINISH: Factory Sheen
RG: 2.57 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .047

REVIEW: A great benchmark ball for tournament bowlers because it reads the pattern volume and length so well.

EBONITE DECEMBER 2015

WARRIOR ELITE
58.5 Hook • 14 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

COVER: GB 13.3 Hybrid
BOX FINISH: 500, 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.47 • RG DIFFERENTIAL: .057

REVIEW: One of the stronger balls from Ebonite to date, it cuts through longer patterns and heavier conditions.

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