For more than three decades, Bowlers Journal International has been reviewing bowling balls, helping readers select the equipment that best matches their games and the lane conditions they encounter in league and tournament play. On the pages that follow, you’ll find summaries of all ball reviews written by “No Holes Barred” columnist Vernon Peterson during 2017 — 114 reviews in all. Included is a short “snapshot” of each review; however, we highly recommend reading the full reviews that appeared in “No Holes Barred” in order to gain a clearer understanding of the balls, their capabilities and their recommended uses. The original review month is included with each listing. At the end of this section, you’ll find contact information for bowling ball manufacturers that submitted bowling balls to BJI for review in 2017. Company websites may provide additional useful information to help you make your purchasing decisions.
**UNDERSTANDING THE BALL GUIDE RATINGS**

**BJI BALL REVIEWER** Vernon Peterson provides hook, length and breakpoint ratings for each ball reviewed throughout the year. All of that data for balls released during 2017 can be found in BJI’s 34th annual Ball Guide. Here is an explanation of numeric ratings:

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

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

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

**ABS**
- **FEBRUARY 2017**
  - **ACCU-LINE PREMIUM 2017**
    - Hook: 16.5
    - Length: 16.5
    - Breakpoint Shape
    - Cover: AVEX Premium B Pearl
    - Box Finish: 1000, 3000, 10,000 Polished
    - RG: 2.460
    - RG Differential: .055
    - Review: Provides strong back-end motion to open angles to the pocket even from deep inside when the lanes burn up.

- **APRIL 2017**
  - **ACCU ROLL VI**
    - Hook: 17
    - Length: 16
    - Breakpoint Shape
    - Cover: NanoFlex 83 Pearl with Fullerene C60
    - Box Finish: 1000, 3000, Polished
    - RG: 2.462
    - RG Differential: .056
    - Review: Great for slower ball speed bowlers when the lanes start to open up and skid is needed through the fronts.

- **SEPTEMBER 2017**
  - **ACCU ROLL VII**
    - Hook: 17.5
    - Length: 17
    - Breakpoint Shape
    - Cover: NanoFlex 85 Pearl with Fullerene
    - Box Finish: 600/3000 Diamond Polish
    - RG: 2.499
    - RG Differential: .046
    - Review: A versatile, aggressive pearl ball that fits many styles of players on medium to heavy oil conditions.

**EBONITE**
- **OCTOBER 2017**
  - **AFFINITY**
    - Hook: 16.5
    - Length: 17.5
    - Breakpoint Shape
    - Cover: GB 11.2 Pearl
    - Box Finish: 500/1000 Abralon Factory
    - RG: 2.52
    - RG Differential: .040
    - Review: Speed-deprived players will like how it gets through the fronts with ease, but doesn’t lose its energy.

**DV8**
- **JUNE 2017**
  - **ALLEY CAT**
    - Hook: 17.5
    - Length: 14
    - Breakpoint Shape
    - Cover: Alley Cat Reactive
    - Box Finish: 500 SiaAir, Polished
    - RG: 2.564
    - RG Differential: .025
    - Review: Great for high-rev players on shorter patterns, or slower-speed players on drier house conditions.

**LORD FIELD**
- **MARCH 2017**
  - **BLACK BLIZZARD**
    - Hook: 14.5
    - Length: 15.5
    - Breakpoint Shape
    - Cover: Super Micro X8 Smart Pearl
    - Box Finish: 2000
    - RG: 2.489
    - RG Differential: .051
    - Review: High-rev players will love this ball’s controlled but strong motion on medium to longer/heavier patterns.
**LANE MASTERS**

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**Top Review Notes:**

- **LANE MASTERS APRIL 2017**
  - BLACK DIAMOND COAL: Review: Speed-deprived and high-rev players will like the length and strong drive on medium to drier conditions.

- **LANE MASTERS MAY 2017**
  - BLACK PEARL ATLANTIS: Review: This is a go-to ball when the lanes start to open up and you want a clean push through the fronts.

- **HAMMER SEPTEMBER 2017**
  - BLACK WIDOW GOLD: Review: Reminiscent of the Red Pearl Legend, with similar lines to the pocket and hook, but cleaner and stronger.

- **LORD FIELD SEPTEMBER 2017**
  - BLIZZARD HELLFIRE: Review: Provides the most overall hook we’ve seen from Lord Field, yet is quite predictable on flat Sport patterns.

- **LORD FIELD JUNE 2017**
  - BLOODY CROSS: Review: Gets through the fronts easily with a strong, angular back-end motion, even on medium/longer patterns.

- **HAMMER AUGUST 2017**
  - BLUE VIBE: Review: Fits a variety of player styles, especially those with lower ball speeds, on medium to drier lane patterns.
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**BRUNSWICK**

**FANATIC BTU PEARL**

- **Cover:** Pearl
- **Box Finish:** 500 and 4,000 SiaAir
- **RG:** 2.601 • **RG Differential:** .030
- **Review:** Provided more hook and back-end reaction than expected; had a good carry percentage on all test patterns.

**FANATIC SS**

- **Cover:** Relativity Hook
- **Box Finish:** 500, 1500 Siaair
- **RG:** 2.480 • **RG Differential:** .055
- **Review:** Complements the original Fanatic when the original does not rev up to the pocket on longer/heavier patterns.

**FORZA SS**

- **Cover:** Helix HFS Solid
- **Box Finish:** 3000 LSS
- **RG:** 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .047
- **Review:** Players will like how this ball reads the lane, provides good surveillance of the pattern, and its length.

**FREAKSHOW FLIP**

- **Cover:** Freaky Flip
- **Box Finish:** 500 SiaAir
- **RG:** 2.481 • **RG Differential:** .054
- **Review:** Brings length, skid and flip to the Freakshow line, and is versatile on many patterns. A good value.

**FREESTYLE RUSH**

- **Cover:** Agility LFP
- **Box Finish:** 5500 LSP
- **RG:** 2.60 • **RG Differential:** .030
- **Review:** Quite versatile for an entry-level ball, and provides extra kick when the lanes start to burn up.

**GAME BREAKER 2 PHENOM PEARL**

- **Cover:** GB 11.2 Pearl
- **Box Finish:** 500, 1000, Polished
- **RG:** 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .048
- **Review:** One of the cleanest and most angular balls from Ebonite; should fit nicely into any player’s arsenal.

**HAMMER**

**GAUNTLET**

- **Cover:** Sentex Hybrid CFI
- **Box Finish:** 500, 2000 Abralon
- **RG:** 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .050
- **Review:** Offers continuous, strong roll through the pin deck, keeping the pins low; great for rev-deprived players.

**GAUNTLET FURY**

- **Cover:** Sentex Pearl CFI
- **Box Finish:** 500, 1000 Abralon
- **RG:** 2.50 • **RG Differential:** .050
- **Review:** A versatile pearl asymmetric ball for any player style on medium to heavy volumes and longer patterns.

**HITMAN**

- **Cover:** N-Forcer
- **Box Finish:** 500 SiaAir
- **RG:** 2.524 • **RG Differential:** .050
- **Review:** Gives players with lower rev rates a strong skid/flip motion; works best on medium to longer patterns.

**HOT CELL**

- **Cover:** Radiactive Solid Urethane
- **Box Finish:** 1000-Grit Matte
- **RG:** 2.52 • **RG Differential:** .056
- **Review:** Provides more mid-lane motion for lower rev-rate players who need to throw urethane on certain patterns.

**HONEY BADGER**

- **Cover:** S71 Pearl
- **Box Finish:** 1500 Grit Polish
- **RG:** 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .041
- **Review:** Provides good length with a strong back-end motion. One of the more angular asymmetric balls we have seen.

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Lord Field January 2017

JUDGEMENT ASSASSIN
57.5 Hook • 14 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Eliminator 3.0
Box Finish: 4000
RG: 2.51 • RG Differential: 0.059

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

Columbia 300 July 2017

JUKE
52 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Bend-It Pearl
Box Finish: 500, 1000 Abralon, Polished
RG: 2.51 • RG Differential: 0.047

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

Radical December 2017

KATANA
59.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Forged
Box Finish: 500/1000 SiaAir
RG: 2.50 • RG Differential: 0.050

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

Lord Field May 2017

KEY ANSWER
53 Hook • 16 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Proton 3.0
Box Finish: 1000, Polished
RG: 2.49 • RG Differential: 0.051

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

Track March 2017

KINETIC
50 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: DR-6 Hybrid
Box Finish: 500, 1000 Abralon, Polished
RG: 2.49 • RG Differential: 0.038

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

Track August 2017

KINETIC RUBY
57.5 Hook • 13.5 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: QR-6 Solid
Box Finish: 500, 2000 Abralon
RG: 2.49 • RG Differential: 0.038

Review: A good benchmark ball for tournament bowlers; provides smooth, predictable motion on Sport patterns.
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<td>ECA</td>
<td>500/1000 SiaAir Micro Pad</td>
<td>2.483</td>
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<td>This ball provides a lot of free hook — not at your feet, but overall — on heavier and longer patterns.</td>
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<td>LYNX</td>
<td>MSS 1000 Solid Reactive</td>
<td>1000 Abralon</td>
<td>2.480</td>
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<td>This is a good number-one ball for tournament play to read the pattern and get you out of the gates nicely.</td>
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<td>KRaken</td>
<td>MBH-17</td>
<td>2000 Abralon</td>
<td>2.480</td>
<td>.052</td>
<td>Low-rev players will like the easy hook and mid-lane motion for little effort on medium/heavier patterns.</td>
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<td>LETHAL PARANOIA</td>
<td>Hexion Hybrid</td>
<td>5500-Grit LSP</td>
<td>2.534</td>
<td>.047</td>
<td>This is one of the more angular hybrids that we have tested, but with an easy push through the fronts.</td>
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<td>LIT</td>
<td>Reflex XS</td>
<td>500/2000 Sanded</td>
<td>2.477</td>
<td>.052</td>
<td>For any rev-deprived player, this ball will provide substantial hook on longer and heavier patterns.</td>
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<td>LOCH NESS</td>
<td>MBM-17 Solid</td>
<td>2000 Abralon</td>
<td>2.483</td>
<td>.044</td>
<td>This ball brings a nice amount of free hook to rev-deprived players on medium to heavier oil patterns.</td>
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<td>LOGIX</td>
<td>QR-7 Pearl</td>
<td>500/1000 Abralon</td>
<td>2.500</td>
<td>.046</td>
<td>Use when the lane opens up on medium/lighter patterns, or when your No. 1 ball starts to lose carry or area.</td>
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<td>Relativity Flip</td>
<td>MSS 1000 Solid Reactive</td>
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<td>One of most versatile balls we’ve seen from Brunswick, creating a good line to the pocket on all patterns.</td>
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<td>MSS 1000 Solid Reactive</td>
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<td>Brings a lot more hook than the Magnitude 035, but provides similar motion downlane and off the backend.</td>
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<td>QR-10 Solid</td>
<td>2000 Abralon</td>
<td>2.487</td>
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<td>Probably the most hooking ball from Track to date, with strong motion off the midlane through the pin deck.</td>
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<td>QR-10 Hybrid</td>
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<td>Brings cleaner motion through the fronts, with more drive and angle off the breakpoint than the Mako.</td>
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<td>R2X Pearl</td>
<td>1500 Polish</td>
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<td>Offers clean motion through the fronts, recovery to the right, and strong, angular motion through the pins.</td>
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**PARADOX BLACK**
**DECEMBER 2017**

- **Hook**: 59.5
- **Length**: 15.5
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 16

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

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

**PHOBIA**
**FEBRUARY 2017**

- **Hook**: 56
- **Length**: 16
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 16.5

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

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

**PITBULL**
**FEBRUARY 2017**

- **Hook**: 63.5
- **Length**: 15
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 15

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

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

**PITBULL GROWL**
**AUGUST 2017**

- **Hook**: 62
- **Length**: 15.5
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 16

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

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

**QUANTUM CLASSIC BLACK**
**JULY 2017**

- **Hook**: 56
- **Length**: 16.5
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 16.5

**Cover**: Relativity Flip
**Box Finish**: 500/2000 Abralon
**RG**: 2.521
**RG Differential**: .053

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

**QUICK FIX**
**JULY 2017**

- **Hook**: 59.5
- **Length**: 15
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 15.5

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

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

**REAL ONE**
**NOVEMBER 2017**

- **Hook**: 58.5
- **Length**: 15.5
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 15

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

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

**PHOBIA**
**FEBRUARY 2017**

- **Hook**: 56
- **Length**: 16
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 16.5

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

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

**REBEL YELL**
**DECEMBER 2017**

- **Hook**: 51
- **Length**: 16.5
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 16.5

**Cover**: Juice Pearl
**Box Finish**: 500/2000 Abralon
**RG**: 2.48
**RG Differential**: .044

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

**ROYAL QUEEN**
**MARCH 2017**

- **Hook**: 55
- **Length**: 15.5
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 15

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

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

**RUMOR**
**AUGUST 2017**

- **Hook**: 52
- **Length**: 16.5
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 16

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

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

**SABER**
**SEPTEMBER 2017**

- **Hook**: 61.5
- **Length**: 13.5
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 14

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

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

**SHOW OFF**
**OCTOBER 2017**

- **Hook**: 57.5
- **Length**: 14
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 15

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

**Review**: This ball brings a strong, heavy-rolling motion with a good amount of free hook for a great value.
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<td>Bend-It Solid</td>
<td>500, 1000, 3000 Abralon</td>
<td>2.50</td>
<td>.041</td>
<td>A benchmark ball that reads the pattern length and volume easily, making it great for tournament bowlers.</td>
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<td>Timeless</td>
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<td>R2S Hybrid Reactive</td>
<td>1500, Polished</td>
<td>2.57</td>
<td>.050</td>
<td>Developed in concert with Jason Belmonte, it's versatile for all types of players, lengths and volumes.</td>
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<td>R2S Solid</td>
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<td>.044</td>
<td>Provides lots of hook and strong rolling action, and is especially effective on medium to heavier patterns.</td>
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<td>New Cover Formula</td>
<td>500, 1500 SiaAir</td>
<td>2.50</td>
<td>.044</td>
<td>This ball is cleaner and more angular off the end of the pattern than the Tremendous Solid. A great value.</td>
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<td>Tremendous Pearl</td>
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<td>A30 Pearl</td>
<td>500 SiaAir</td>
<td>2.50</td>
<td>.044</td>
<td>This ball offers more hook than you would expect for the average benchmark ball, and at a good price point.</td>
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<td>Agility SFP</td>
<td>5500 LSP</td>
<td>2.55</td>
<td>.037</td>
<td>Use when the lanes burn up and you want to stay to the right. Best for lower-speed or higher-rev players.</td>
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<td>Alchemy Urethane</td>
<td>3000 LSS</td>
<td>2.55</td>
<td>.020</td>
<td>A strong urethane ball that brings much more hook and continuation than other Motiv urethanes tested.</td>
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<td>Forgive for those with high speed and/or lower revs, who will get the hook they need without much effort.</td>
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<td>True Nirvana</td>
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<td>ECS Hook Pearl</td>
<td>500 SiaAir, Polished</td>
<td>2.46</td>
<td>.054</td>
<td>The go-to ball when the lanes burn up and the other Nirvanas hook too much or lose energy at the pocket.</td>
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TRUTH PEARL
MARCH 2017

56 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: 574R Pearl
Box Finish: 1500 Polished
RG: 2.48 • RG Differential: .055

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

DV8

VANDAL STRIKE
NOVEMBER 2017

52.5 Hook • 17 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

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

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

EBONITE

TURBO/R
NOVEMBER 2017

45 Hook • 17 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

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

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

COLUMBIA 300

TYRANT PEARL
MARCH 2017

57 Hook • 15 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

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

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

LANE MASTERS

ULTIMATE STRIKE
JANUARY 2017

53.5 Hook • 15 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

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

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

MOTIV

UNITED REVOLT
APRIL 2017

55 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

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

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

DV8

VANDAL DESTROY
JANUARY 2017

53 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

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

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

EBONITE

VERDICT
SEPTEMBER 2017

64 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

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

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

BRUNSWICK

VINTAGE INFERNO
AUGUST 2017

54 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Activator 2.0
Box Finish: 1000, Polished
RG: 2.590 • RG Differential: .030

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

LANE MASTERS

WASP STING
JANUARY 2017

54 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

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

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

ROTO GRIP

WRECK-EM
FEBRUARY 2017

54 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

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

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

RADICAL

XENO PEARL
JANUARY 2017

51 Hook • 17 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

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

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