About the Ball Guide...

For three-and-a-half 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 2018 — 117 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 2018. Company websites may provide additional useful information to help you make your purchasing decisions.
**UNDERSTANDING THE RATINGS**

**HOOK RATINGS**

**35-45:** Balls with lower total hook ranges, best suited for lighter oil concentrations. Players with slower speeds or higher rev rates may also prefer balls in this range for medium oil applications.

**45-51:** Balls with medium hook ability, best suited for the vast majority of “typical house shots” and some lower-volume sport patterns. This hook range should be represented by the “center-piece” ball in most arsenals.

**51-60+:** Balls with greater total hook, designed for heavier oil volumes. Players with higher speeds or lower rev rates, who need added lane traction, may also prefer balls in this range.

**LENGTH RATINGS**

**8-12:** Earlier rolling balls that read the lane sooner. These products generally come factory-sanded with lower grit surfaces, and match up well for speed-dominant styles and those bowling on longer oil patterns.

**12-15:** Medium-length balls that produce easier length through the midlane. Good for most house shots and medium-volume sport patterns.

**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.
**Track**

**Alias**

- **Hook**: 59
- **Length**: 15
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 14.5

**Cover**: Prime Hybrid
- **Box Finish**: 500/2000 Abralon
- **RG**: 2.49
- **RG Differential**: .054

**Review**: XA “two-in-one” ball that can be drilled to create a symmetric or asymmetric core motion for players.

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**Hammer**

**Black Widow Black/Gold**

- **Hook**: 54.5
- **Length**: 16
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 16.5

**Cover**: Aggression Hybrid
- **Box Finish**: 500/1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Polish
- **RG**: 2.50
- **RG Differential**: .058

**Review**: This ball’s Gas Mask core really delivers, providing strong hitting power for all types of players.

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**Rotoflip**

**All Out Show Off**

- **Hook**: 56
- **Length**: 16
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 15.25

**Cover**: Stacked Hybrid
- **Box Finish**: 1500-Grit Polish
- **RG**: 2.55
- **RG Differential**: .045

**Review**: Offers clean motion through the fronts and strong back-end motion, with a heavy roll through the pocket.

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**Lane Masters**

**Athena**

- **Hook**: 56.5
- **Length**: 13.5
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 14

**Cover**: Infinity Plus Pearl
- **Box Finish**: 2000 Abralon
- **RG**: 2.492
- **RG Differential**: .051

**Review**: Fits various player styles on medium patterns; No. 1 ball on fresh conditions or wet/dry house patterns.

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**Ebonite**

**Choice**

- **Hook**: 61.5
- **Length**: 15
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 14

**Cover**: GSV-1 Hybrid
- **Box Finish**: 500/1000/2000 Abralon
- **RG**: 2.49
- **RG Differential**: .054

**Review**: Gets through the fronts easily and then continues strong with a smooth, heavy roll through the pocket.

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**Radical**

**Beyond Ridiculous**

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

**Cover**: Ai30
- **Box Finish**: 500 SeaAir, Factory Compound
- **RG**: 2.541
- **RG Differential**: .051

**Review**: Brings a new look (more hook and continuation) than the original Ridiculous on medium/longer patterns.

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**Ebonite**

**Combat Tank**

- **Hook**: 46
- **Length**: 13.5
- **Breakpoint Shape**: 14

**Cover**: Alchemy Hybrid
- **Box Finish**: 3000 Grit LSS
- **RG**: 2.59
- **RG Differential**: .025

**Review**: High-rev players will like the push through the fronts on shorter patterns, with good continuation.
A good No. 1 ball for all player styles on medium/flat sport patterns to gain some control of the pocket.

900 GLOBAL

CONTINUUM

58 Hook • 13.5 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S82RX Hybrid
Box Finish: 2000-Grit Abralon
RG: 2.49 • RG Differential: .054

Review: Great for low-rev players who need a ball that hooks a good amount without burning up the heads.

DV8

CREED REBELLION

62 Hook • 14 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Composite Claw Solid
Box Finish: 1500 SiaAir
RG: 2.496 • RG Differential: .055

Review: A good choice for longer and heavier flat sport patterns; provides a lot of hook and is a good value.

DV8

CREED RELEVATION

52.75 Hook • 16 Length • 17.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Composite Flip Pearl
Box Finish: 500 SiaAir; Crown Factory Finish
RG: 2.496 • RG Differential: .055

Review: A good No. 2 ball for one’s tournament arsenal, or for lower speed bowlers on hooking league patterns.

BRUNSWICK

CUTTING EDGE HYBRID

57.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Relativity Hook Hybrid
Box Finish: 500/2000 SiaAir
RG: 2.521 • RG Differential: .039

Review: Low-rev players will like the almost effortless hook and back-end drive that this ball provides.

BRUNSWICK

CUTTING EDGE SOLID

54 Hook • 16 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: 3C Solid
Box Finish: 500, Crown Factory Shine
RG: 2.521 • RG Differential: .039

Review: Brings smooth, clean motion through the fronts with a strong, heavy, predictable motion through the pins.

EBONITE

DESTINY HYBRID

52.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GB 11.2 Hybrid
Box Finish: 500/1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Polish
RG: 2.53 • RG Differential: .053

Review: Provides easy push through the fronts on lighter house patterns; a good entry-level ball and value.

EBONITE

DESTINY PEARL

51.5 Hook • 17 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GB 11.2 Pearl
Box Finish: 500/1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Polish
RG: 2.53 • RG Differential: .053

Review: A good hybrid ball at a value price, creating good angles on both light house and longer patterns.

EBONITE

DESTINY SOLID

58 Hook • 16 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: GB 11.2 Solid
Box Finish: 500/1000/3000 Abralon
RG: 2.53 • RG Differential: .053

Review: High-rev players will like this matte-finish ball because of the breakpoint control and back-end motion.

HAMMER

DIESEL TORQUE

59 Hook • 14 Length • 13.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Juiced Solid
Box Finish: 500/2000 Abralon
RG: 2.51 • RG Differential: .046

Review: Cuts through longer patterns and controls medium to longer/flatter patterns well; strong benchmark ball.

900 GLOBAL

DREAM ON

56 Hook • 14.5 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: 74 Response Hybrid
Box Finish: 4000-Grit Abralon
RG: 2.48 • RG Differential: .054

Review: Reads the midlane but continues through the pocket with a lot of forgiveness and hitting power.

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**STORM**

**JUNE 2018**

**INTENSE FIRE**

58.5 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: R3S Hybrid  
Box Finish: 1500-Grit Polish  
RG: 2.49 • RG Differential: .050

Review: A versatile, strong asymmetric hybrid that performs beautifully on medium to heavier or longer patterns.

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**STORM**

**OCTOBER 2018**

**HY-ROAD X**

57.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: RX2 Solid  
Box Finish: 1500-grit polish  
RG: 2.57 • RG Differential: .046

Review: An excellent benchmark ball to read flatter patterns, while still offering strong drive and good control.

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**ROTO GRIP**

**MARCH 2018**

**HYPER CELL FUSED**

59 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15.75 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: eTrax 18 Hybrid  
Box Finish: 1500-Grit Polish  
RG: 2.52 • RG Differential: .056

Review: Fits between the No Rules Exist when it starts up too soon, and the No Rules Pearl when it’s too angular.

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**EBONITE**

**DECEMBER 2018**

**JOKER**

57 Hook • 14 Length • 13 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Dazzler 1  
Box Finish: 2000 Grit  
RG: 2.507 • RG Differential: .051

Review: Great for players with lower rev rates or speed dominance, as it creates free hook with little effort.

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**900 GLOBAL**

**MARCH 2018**

**INCEPTION DCT PEARL**

58 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15.75 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: S86R Pearl  
Box Finish: 1500-Grit Polish  
RG: 2.48 • RG Differential: .055

Review: Best for tournament players looking to get through the fronts easily with strong overall back-end motion.

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**RADICAL**

**JANUARY 2018**

**INTEL**

59.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Ai25  
Box Finish: 500/1000/2000 SiaAir  
RG: 2.483 • RG Differential: .035

Review: This forgiving ball tells you what you need to know to play a variety of angles on numerous patterns.

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**RADICAL**

**AUGUST 2018**

**INTEL PEARL**

57 Hook • 17 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Ai-27 Pearl  
Box Finish: 500/1000 SiaAir, Crown Factory Compound  
RG: 2.483 • RG Differential: .035

Review: This is a great second ball to complement the original Intel after the original opens up the fresh.

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**RADICAL**

**JULY 2018**

**KATANA DRAGON**

65 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Forged 3 Solid  
Box Finish: 500/1000/2000 SiaAir  
RG: 2.503 • RG Differential: .050

Review: Provides good motion for speed-dominant or rev-challenged players on longer and heavier patterns.

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**RADICAL**

**MARCH 2018**

**KATANA SLASH**

59 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Forged H Hybrid  
Box Finish: Crown Factory Compound  
RG: 2.506 • RG Differential: .050

Review: A great choice for high-rev players as it's strong and continuous but also predictable and controllable.
**KINETIC AMETHYST**

50 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

**Cover:** QR-6 Pearl

**Box Finish:** 500/1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Polish

**RG:** 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .038

**Review:** A go-to ball on the burn or late in events as you can stay farther right and not give up angle or power.

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**LORD FIELD**

**JANUARY 2018**

**KING**

53 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

**Cover:** Promotion 4.0

**Box Finish:** 1000-Grit, Factory Finish

**RG:** 2.492 • **RG Differential:** .053

**Review:** Opens up medium patterns when the fronts start to burn up, and creates strong motion off the breakpoint.

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**BRUNSWICK**

**MARCH 2018**

**KINGPIN MAX**

63.5 Hook • 15.25 Length • 15.25 Breakpoint Shape

**Cover:** ECA-X Solid

**Box Finish:** 500/1000 SiaAir, Crown Factory Compound

**RG:** 2.489 • **RG Differential:** .055

**Review:** Provides more hook than the original Kingpin with stronger motion and continuation for great carry.

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**COLUMBIA 300**

**APRIL 2018**

**LIT PEARL**

58 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

**Cover:** Reflex XS Pearl

**Box Finish:** 500/1000 Abralon Powerhouse Polish

**RG:** 2.478 • **RG Differential:** .052

**Review:** Brings more hook/backend to the Red Line collection. Complements the Lit when it’s too strong too early.

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**RADICAL**

**AUGUST 2018**

**LUDICROUS**

58.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape

**Cover:** Ai-40

**Box Finish:** 500/1000 SiaAir, Crown Factory Compound

**RG:** 2.535 • **RG Differential:** .050

**Review:** A benchmark ball for flatter patterns; tournament players will want it for length and predictability.

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**BRUNSWICK**

**JANUARY 2018**

**MAGNITUDE 035 PEARL**

53 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

**Cover:** Relativity Flip Pearl

**Box Finish:** 500 SiaAir, Crown Factory Compound

**RG:** 2.521 • **RG Differential:** .035

**Review:** A go-to ball when the lanes open up; great for slower ball speeds on medium or burned-up patterns.

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**STORM**

**JUNE 2018**

**MATCH UP BLACK PEARL**

57 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

**Cover:** Reactor Pearl

**Box Finish:** 2000 Abralon

**RG:** 2.57 • **RG Differential:** .035

**Review:** Provided a strong and angular, yet predictable, back-end motion on all three test patterns; a good value.

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**EBONITE**

**SEPTEMBER 2018**

**MATRIX SOLID**

59.5 Hook • 13.5 Length • 13 Breakpoint Shape

**Cover:** GB12.7 Solid

**Box Finish:** 500/2000 Abralon

**RG:** 2.535 • **RG Differential:** .049

**Review:** A good choice for the fresh; controls the back-end/pocket but still has strength as the pattern opens up.

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**BRUNSWICK**

**AUGUST 2018**

**METHOD**

60.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

**Cover:** Synthesis Hybrid

**Box Finish:** 500/3000 SiaAir

**RG:** 2.499 • **RG Differential:** .055

**Review:** Generated area on all three test patterns; can be used in competition longer than most matte balls.

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**DV8**

**FEBRUARY 2018**

**NASTY RUMOR**

52.5 Hook • 17 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

**Cover:** Deception Pearl Plus

**Box Finish:** 500 SiaAir, Crown

**RG:** 2.53 • **RG Differential:** .048

**Review:** This stronger version of the Rumor will open up the backend more and cut through longer patterns better.

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**HAMMER**

**JULY 2018**

**ONYX VIBE**

51 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

**Cover:** CT Reactive Max

**Box Finish:** 500/2000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Polish

**RG:** 2.51 • **RG Differential:** .042

**Review:** Those who need a little more hook to cut through longer patterns will appreciate what this ball delivers.

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**TRACK**

**NOVEMBER 2018**

**PARADOX V**

59.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

**Cover:** Prime Pearl

**Box Finish:** 500/1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Polish

**RG:** 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .057

**Review:** This asymmetric ball is the most angular in the Paradox line, providing the strongest back-end motion.

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STORM

OCTOBER 2018

PHYSIX

63.5 Hook • 15.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: NRG Hybrid
Box Finish: 3000-Grit Abralon
RG: 2.48 • RG Differential:.053
Review: A strong asymmetric ball for medium to longer patterns; great for low-rev and speed-dominant players.

DV8

NOVEMBER 2018

PITBULL BARK

65.5 Hook • 15.75 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Composite Fang Max
Box Finish: 500/1500 SiaAir
RG: 2.486 • RG Differential:.055
Review: Provides the most hook of any ball reviewed to date. An ideal ball for low-rev or speed-dominant players.

DV8

FEBRUARY 2018

PITBULL BITE

63.5 Hook • 14.75 Length • 14.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Composite Fang
Box Finish: 500/1500 SiaAir
RG: 2.544 • RG Differential:.054
Review: The most hook to date from DV8. Even for those who stand left and throw right, it needs length/volume.

DV8

NOVEMBER 2018

POISON

59.5 Hook • 14.5 Length • 14 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Toxin-R
Box Finish: 500/1500 SiaAir
RG: 2.564 • RG Differential:.054
Review: A good flat/sport pattern ball for medium to shorter patterns; doesn’t lose energy on lighter patterns.

WORKSHOP

AUGUST 2018

POPI

56 Hook • 16 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Pearl
Box Finish: 500/1000 Abralon, Factory Polish
RG: 2.51 • RG Differential:.048
Review: This ball goes clean through the fronts and has a good pop on the backend for various player types.

TRACK

AUGUST 2018

PRECISION

59.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Prime Pearl
Box Finish: 500/1000 Abralon, Powerhouse Factory Polish
RG: 2.49 • RG Differential:.054
Review: Brings a lot of hook and cuts through medium to longer patterns a lot easier than most pearl balls.

BRUNSWICK

AUGUST 2018

QUANTUM BIAS

62 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: ECA-XR Solid
Box Finish: 500/1000 SiaAir
RG: 2.563 • RG Differential:.052
Review: Clean through the fronts with strong continuation; good for low rev rates and/or high ball speeds.

JET

DECEMBER 2018

RAIDER-X

50 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Jet Flight Hybrid
Box Finish: 2000-Grit Sanded, Polish
RG: 2.53 • RG Differential:.048
Review: Versatile on medium-dry lanes; provides great push through the fronts and strong roll through the pins.

HAMMER

APRIL 2018

RHODMAN PEARL

55.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 16.5 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Juiced Maxx Pearl
Box Finish: 500/2000 Abralon, Powerhouse Polish
RG: 2.48 • RG Differential:.048
Review: Speed-deprived players will like the easy push through the fronts; good for medium to long patterns.

HAMMER

APRIL 2018

RIP’D

61 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Aggressive Solid CFI
Box Finish: 500/1000/2000 Abralon
RG: 2.48 • RG Differential:.054
Review: Provides the most hook seen to date from Hammer, yet keeps a clean, continuous motion through the pocket.

HAMMER

APRIL 2018

RIP’D HYBRID

59.75 Hook • 16 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Aggressive Hybrid CFI
Box Finish: 500/1000/3000 Abralon
RG: 2.48 • RG Differential:.054
Review: Has a stronger back-end motion than any hybrid reviewed to date, and cuts through longer patterns easily.

HAMMER

NOVEMBER 2018

RIP’D PEARL

60.5 Hook • 16 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape

Cover: Aggression Pearl CFI
Box Finish: 500/1000/3000 Abralon
RG: 2.48 • RG Differential:.054
Review: Will fit any player style as a strong back-end ball that cuts through longer and heavier patterns.

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STORM  JUNE 2018
TROPICAL STORM BLACK/COPPER
44.5 Hook • 16.5 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape
Cover: Reactor Hybrid
Box Finish: 1500-Grit Polish
RG: 2.57 • RG Differential: .009
Review: Provides predictable back-end motion, particularly for those with slower ball speeds on hooking lanes.

STORM  JUNE 2018
TROPICAL STORM VIOLET/CHARCOAL
44 Hook • 17 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape
Cover: Reactor Pearl
Box Finish: 1500-Grit Polish
RG: 2.57 • RG Differential: .009
Review: An entry-level ball creating good hitting power on lighter/shorter patterns for lower speed players.

BRUNSWICK  JANUARY 2018
TRUE MOTION
51 Hook • 12.5 Length • 12.5 Breakpoint Shape
Cover: True Urethane
Box Finish: 500/1000 SiaAir
RG: 2.521 • RG Differential: .035
Review: Hooks more than we expected, and its core creates nice motion through the pocket and good carry.

900 GLOBAL  MAY 2018
TRUTH TOUR
61 Hook • 16 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape
Cover: 578R Solid Reactive
Box Finish: ICE "E" (3000 Grit)
RG: 2.53 • RG Differential: .038
Review: One of the most hooking balls to date from 900 Global, with non-stop continuation for any player type.

TRACK  NOVEMBER 2018
TUNDRA SOLID
56 Hook • 15 Length • 15 Breakpoint Shape
Cover: URG Pearl
Box Finish: 500/1000/2000 SiaAir
RG: 2.503 • RG Differential: .052
Review: Ideal for lower rev players looking for a strong down-lane motion on longer and heavier patterns.

ABS  DECEMBER 2018
TOUR PREMIUM II
55.5 Hook • 15.5 Length • 16 Breakpoint Shape
Cover: Nano-Thane 2.0 Solid
Box Finish: 1000 Diamond Polish
RG: 2.46 • RG Differential: .055
Review: Brings a strong, heavy, predictable, continuous motion on various medium to drier lane conditions.

MOTIV  OCTOBER 2018
TRIDENT ABYSS
62 Hook • 13 Length • 15.5 Breakpoint Shape
Cover: Coercion HV3 Reactive
Box Finish: 2000-grit LSS
RG: 2.49 • RG Differential: .054
Review: Creates strong/heavy roll and continuous motion through the pins for low-rev and speed-dominant players.

DV8  MAY 2018
TURMOIL PEARL
52 Hook • 17 Length • 17 Breakpoint Shape
Cover: Composite Flip Pearl
Box Finish: 500 SiaAir, Crown Factory Compound
RG: 2.28 • RG Differential: .042
Review: Fits all types of players on medium patterns; great for slower-speed players on hooking house patterns.

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**TURMOIL SOLID**

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**Cover:** Composite Hook Solid Reactive

**Box Finish:** 500/4000 SiaAir

**RG:** 2.28 • **RG Differential:** .042

**Review:** Fits any style on medium to heavy patterns; provides controlled back-end motion for high-rev players.

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**BRUNSWICK**

**TWIST**

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**Cover:** R-16 Pearl

**Box Finish:** 500, Crown Factory Finish

**RG:** 2.591 • **RG Differential:** .018

**Review:** This is a good ball for beginners as well as older bowlers needing length on drier house conditions.

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**MONSTER**

**VAMP**

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**Cover:** MB-17 Solid

**Box Finish:** 1500-Grit Polish

**RG:** 2.58 • **RG Differential:** .016

**Review:** For high-rev, speed-deprived and old-school players on shorter patterns and hooking conditions.

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**TURMOIL SOLID**

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**Cover:** Hexion MFP Pearl

**Box Finish:** 5500-Grit LSP

**RG:** 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .035

**Review:** This is a versatile pearl at a great value that provided good looks on all three test patterns.

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**EBONITE**

**VERDICT PEARL**

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**Cover:** GSV-1 Pearl

**Box Finish:** 500/1000 Abralon

**RG:** 2.48 • **RG Differential:** .055

**Review:** Its strong, angular motion is controllable and creates good angle to the pocket on a variety of patterns.

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**MOTIV**

**VILLAIN**

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**Cover:** Coercion MFS Solid

**Box Finish:** 3000-Grit LSS

**RG:** 2.54 • **RG Differential:** .051

**Review:** Does a great job of getting to and through the pins on medium to longer patterns for any type of player.

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**BRUNSWICK**

**VINTAGE VAPOR ZONE**

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**Cover:** Activator Plus 2.0

**Box Finish:** 500 SiaAir, Crown Factory Finish

**RG:** 2.478 • **RG Differential:** .017

**Review:** Great for slower speed players looking for a big back-end ball to use on medium to dry patterns.

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**MOTIV**

**VILLAIN SCORN**

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**Cover:** Hexion SE Pearl

**Box Finish:** 5000-Grit LSP

**RG:** 2.54 • **RG Differential:** .051

**Review:** For players wanting a pearl asymmetric ball with a strong and angular motion off the backend.

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**HAMMER**

**WEB TOUR**

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**Cover:** TourV1 Solid

**Box Finish:** 360/1000 Abralon

**RG:** 2.47 • **RG Differential:** .030

**Review:** Versatile for various styles to open up most medium-longer patterns and create strong/continuous motion.

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**EBONITE**

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**Cover:** 599 Solid

**Box Finish:** ICE “C” (2000 Grit)

**RG:** 2.49 • **RG Differential:** .055

**Review:** Fits a variety of styles; best for high-rev players needing a little more ball that’s not too aggressive.
Swag

January 2018

**YOLO**

- **59.5 Hook** • **15 Length** • **14 Breakpoint Shape**
- **Cover:** One Shot 1
- **Box Finish:** 2000 Grit, Sanded

**Review:** The first release for the new Swag brand, this versatile ball performs well on medium to longer patterns.

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**Swag**

July 2018

**YOLO Pearl**

- **50 Hook** • **16 Length** • **16 Breakpoint Shape**
- **Cover:** One Shot 2 Pearl
- **Box Finish:** 1000 Grit Sanded, Factory Polish

**Review:** This pearl ball nicely complements the Yolo Solid, creating more angular motion off the backend.

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