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Molten to Supply the Official Match Ball for the competitions coordinated by AFC



F5V5003-A

Molten Corporation (headquarters: Hiroshima, Japan; president & CEO: Kiyo Tamiaki), a manufacturer of competition-quality sports balls and equipment, will supply the official match balls designed for the football, futsal, and beach football matches of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) that will be held from 2019 based on the match ball agreement which will become effective in January 2019. A total of 5 models, including the official match balls and replica models, will be available for purchase in select markets from the end of January 2019.

The football official match ball was adapted from Molten's flagship model, the Vantaggio 5000. Molten's unique thermal bonding technology enhances shape retention and minimizes water absorption, resulting in an exceptional performance regardless of conditions. The textured surface reduces turbulence around the ball while it is in flight, optimizing ball control. In addition, the symmetrical design gives the ball a maximum visibility when playing. Also, the balls are designed depending on where they will be used in each sport; for example, the beach football is designed using orange as the base color in order to enhance the visibility of the ball on the sand.

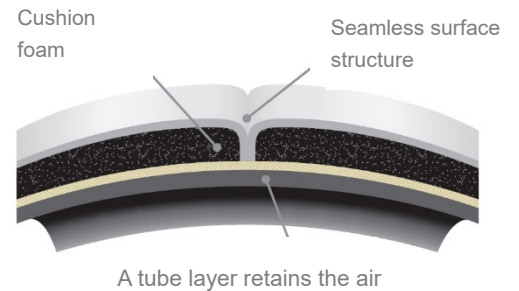
Molten will continue to develop and supply football products of outstanding function and design to every level of player, and work to fulfill the brand promise, "For the real game."

■ Product Features

Superior Performance

1. ACENTEC structure

Molten's unique thermal bonding technology produces a smooth, seamless cover that cannot be accomplished by hand sewing. The result is a uniform surface and reduced water absorption, ensuring exceptional performance that is not affected by weather conditions. (F5V5003-A)



2. Surface that enhances the flight stability






The dimples on the surface of the ball reduce turbulence and stabilize it while in flight. This enhances ball control, resulting in more accurate passes and shots. (F5V5003-A)






Dimples on the ball surface

■ Product Overview


1. Football

						
Item Name	AFC Official Match Ball	AFC Official Match Ball Replica 3700	AFC Official Match Ball Replica 3400	AFC Official Match Ball Replica 1500	AFC Official Match Ball Replica 1000	
Size	5	F5V5003-A	F5V3700-A	F5V3400-A	F5V1500-A	F5V1000-A
	4	-	F4V3700-A	-	-	F4V1000-A
	3	-	-	-	-	F3V1000-A
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Construction	Acentec	Hand Stitched	Machine Stitched + Bonded	Laminated	Machine Stitched	
Cover Material	PU Leather	TPU	PU Leather	PVC	PVC	
Official Approval	FIFA Quality PRO					
Country of Origin	Thailand	China	Pakistan -	Thailand	Pakistan	

2.Futsal

			
Item Name	AFC Official Match Ball (Futsal)	AFC Official Match Ball Replica 2000	AFC Official Match Ball Replica 1500
Item No.	F9V4800-A	F9V2000-A	F9V1500-A
Size	4 (Futsal)	4 (Futsal)	4 (Futsal)
Construction	Hand Stitched	Machine Stitched	Laminated
Cover Material	PU Leather	TPU	PVC
Official Approval	FIFA Quality PRO	-	-
Country of Origin	China	China	Thailand

3.Beach Soccer


AFC Official Match Ball (Beach Soccer)
F5V3551-A
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Machine Stitched
PU Leather
FIFA Quality PRO
Pakistan

■ About Asian Football Confederation (AFC)

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) is the governing body of Asian football and one of the six Confederations making up FIFA. Formed in 1954 in Manila on the sidelines of the second Asian Games, the AFC was sanctioned by FIFA in Berne, Switzerland. The AFC is headquartered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and consists of 46 Member Associations and one Associate Member Association (The Northern Mariana Islands). The AFC is responsible for running football in Asia. Among its various responsibilities are: regulating the game, drafting new laws to improve the sport, implementing the law, boosting grassroots and youth football, and conducting major competitions.

■ About Molten

Molten, a manufacturer of balls and sports equipment, has been making and marketing basketballs, handballs, soccer balls, and volleyballs, of uncompromising quality since 1958. Molten continues to raise global standards, supplying the official game balls and sports equipment for major leagues, teams and international tournaments around the world.

For further information, please visit www.molten.co.jp/sports/en/

■ For the real game

Molten's brand statement, "For the real game", encapsulates what we hope to accomplish through our products and activities. It is our conviction that the real game happens only when impeccable balls and sports equipment enable athletes to realize their full potential and maximize performance.

■ Product image data (JPEG) is also available

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