

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Molten unveils Official Match Ball for the UEFA Europa League 2022/23 season



F5U5000-23

Molten Corporation (headquarters: Hiroshima, Japan; president & CEO: Kiyo Tamiaki), a manufacturer of competition-quality sports balls and equipment, will supply the official match ball for the 2022/23 UEFA Europa League. The exclusively designed ball will be used during the UEFA Europa League that is to be held in Europe from September 8, 2022 to May 31, 2023.

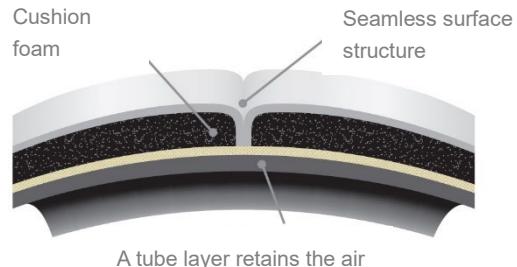
Molten has been the official match ball for the UEFA Europa League since 2017. The new match ball incorporates the latest thermal bonding technology of the Vantaggio 5000, Molten's flagship football model. The unique technology minimizes water absorption and helps the ball maintain its shape, which results in an elevated level of play. The textured surface and special coating improves ball control and accuracy, allowing for more precise passes and shots. UEFA Europa League's brand elements were integrated into the design creating a truly unique look to the new official match ball.

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

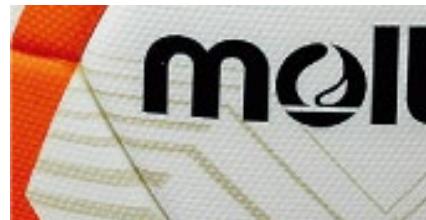
### 1. ACENTEC structure

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 adverse weather conditions.



### 2. Improved flight stability

The new surface finish and texture have improved the flight of the ball, allowing players to elevate their game with more accurate passing and shooting.



### 3. Exclusive Design for the League

The UEFA Europa League "energy wave" brand identity represents the journey of the clubs throughout Europe, expressing the highs and lows of their competitive adventure. The emphasis for this model has been placed on the energy wave, a strong, unique design displaying the detailed texture. The two large energy waves facing one another are a representation of the two teams on the pitch. (anxiously awaiting kick-off.)



### 4. Adopting new valve

Adopting a new valve reduces friction (40% compared to the previous Official Matchballs) when inflating the ball, making it more resistant to damage.

Note : Apply a lubricant such as glycerin (or soapy water) to the pump needle when inflating the ball.

## ■ Product Overview

		UEFA Europa League 2022/23 Official Match Ball
		
Size	5	F5U5000-23
Construction	Patented Acentec	
Cover Material	PU Leather	
Approval	FIFA Quality PRO	
Country of Origin	Thailand	

		UEFA Europa League 2022/23 Models		
Size	5	F5U4800-23	F5U3600-23	F5U3400-23
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Construction		Hand Stitched	Machine Stitched+Bonded	Machine Stitched+Bonded
Cover Material		PU Leather	PU Leather	PU Leather
Approval		FIFA Quality PRO	—	—
Country of Origin		China	Pakistan	Pakistan

		UEFA Europa League 2022/23 Models		
Size	5	F5U2810-23 / 23B	F5U2100-23 / 23R / 23B	F5U1710-23
	4	F4U2810-23	F4U2100-23	—
Construction		Hand Stitched	Hand Stitched	Hand Stitched
Cover Material		PU Leather	PU Leather	PU/PVC
Approval		—	—	—
Country of Origin		Pakistan	Pakistan	Pakistan

		UEFA Europa League 2022/23 Models	
Size	5	F5U1510-23	F5U1000-23 / 23B
	4	—	F4U1000-23
	1	—	F1U1000-23
Construction		Laminated	Machine Stitched
Cover Material		PVC	TPU
Approval		—	—
Country of Origin		Thailand	Pakistan

UEFA Europa League 2022/23 Models Futsal			
Size	4	F9U4800-23	F9U1510-23 / 23L
Construction		Hand Stitched	Laminated
Cover Material		PU Leather	PVC
Approval		FIFA Quality PRO	—
Country of Origin		China	Thailand

## ■ 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/](http://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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