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Limited-edition design official match ball for the 29th IHF MEN'S HANDBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Sales will start on November 1, 2024



H3A5000-M5Z

Molten Corporation (Headquarters: Nishi-ku, Hiroshima City, Japan; President and CEO: Kiyo Tamiaki) will supply the official match ball with a limited-edition design for the 29th IHF Men's World Championship, to be jointly held in the three countries of Croatia, Denmark and Norway from January 14 to February 2, 2025. Sales of the official match ball and a replica model will begin at sport equipment stores nationwide starting from November 1, 2024, ahead of the championship tournament.

It is the sixth time when Molten, an official partner of the International Handball Federation (IHF), supplies the official match ball for the IHF Men's World Championship since first supplying the match ball for the championship held in Qatar in 2015. The official match ball has a limited-edition design that includes the championship logo which meshes together the coolers of the national flags of Croatia, Denmark and Norway.

Molten will continue to develop and supply products of outstanding function and design that bring out various feelings from sports for everyone involved in sports, and work to fulfill the brand promise of "feel the emotion."

■ **Product Features**

1. Limited edition design for the 2025 IHF Men's World Championship

The slogan of the world championship is "Inspired by Handball." The logo design uses a comet as a motif, and the ball was designed based on the desire for handball topics to travel around the world like a comet and for children inspired by such topics to start playing handball.



※Convention Logo

2. The model realizes the environmental consideration of the existing specifications and improved gripping

Same as the IHF certified "A5000" ball launched in January 2024, measures to improve the environmental footprint and grip have been enhanced.



※Side of the ball

1) Environmental footprint

Part of the materials have been changed from synthetic materials to natural materials, and by reducing the amount of ink used in printing, CO2 emissions have been reduced by 15%. (*)

2) Improved grip

By using softer and better-gripping material for the cover material, it is easier to grip the ball with the fingers, and the surface contact area has increased. (*)

(*) ... Compared to Molten's existing products

■ Products Overview

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Item Name	A5000	A3400	A3400	A3400	A1800	A1800	A1800	A1800	A1800
Item Number	H3A5000- M5Z	H3A3400- M5Z	H2A3400- M5Z	H1A3400- M5Z	H3A1800- M5Z	H2A1800- M5Z	H1A1800- M5Z	H0A1800- M5Z	H00A1800- M5Z
Size	3	3	2	1	3	2	1	0	00
Cover Material	PU Leather								
Construction	Machine Stitched								
Official Approval	IHF	-							
Country of Origin	Pakistan								

■ About the 29th IHF MEN'S HANDBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

For more information, visit the official website and the official website of the International Handball Federation.

[Inspired by Handball – Men's World Handball Championship 2025](#)

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■ About Molten's sports equipment business

Molten's sports equipment business has been manufacturing and selling sporting goods, including basketballs, handballs, soccer balls, volleyballs and other match balls since 1958, and has continued to pursue higher quality as the global standard. The business aims to "create the most optimal product and the most optimal environment that bring out the real emotion felt from participating in sports and make a world where sports is always close to your life" from not only players but also everyone involved in sports (including coaches, managers and parents).

Please visit our website for more details.

URL: <https://www.molten.co.jp/sports/en/>

■ About the initiatives for solving social issues taken by Molten's sport equipment business

We are conducting our business activities and creating products with the aim of becoming a social brand that solves social issues through our products and services. In addition to the basketball brand "molten B+," which aims to spread and enhance basketball, we also offer the "[MY FOOTBALL KIT](#)" soccer ball that requires no air, reduces the gap in experience among children and is also an excellent education kit.

We are also working to review the materials used for our existing products and reduce the environmental footprint.

■ **Molten Corporation Corporate Profile**

The company began from the manufacture and sale of match balls and automobile parts, and since then, we have expanded our business utilizing our two core technologies of "hollow body technology" that conditions the inner pressure and "polymer chemistry" involving polymeric materials such as rubber and resin. Currently, in addition to the sports business including match balls and automobile parts business, we contribute to society through product development and academic research in the healthcare business, as well as manufacture and sell elements that comprise social infrastructure such as floating piers and rubber bearings for bridges in the marine industry business. We will continue to pursue the possibilities in a variety of fields.

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