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## Molten launches the official match ball for the 27<sup>th</sup> IHF Women's Handball World Championship 2025



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 27<sup>th</sup> IHF WOMEN'S HANDBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP to be jointly held in the Netherlands and Germany from November 26 to December 14, 2025.

The official match ball H2A5000-W5Z will be supplied to the 27<sup>th</sup> IHF WOMEN'S HANDBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP by Molten, an official partner of the International Handball Federation (IHF). The match ball features a special "Sound Wave" design motif. In addition, along with its excellent grip performance achieved through soft PU leather, the ball is made with environmentally friendly materials and features attributes such as high durability and stability, consistent with IHF-certified products.

Molten will continue to create the most optimal product and the most optimal environment that bring out the real emotion felt by participating in sports from everyone involved in sports and make a world where sports are always close to your life.

## ■ Product Features

### 1. Exclusive Design

The “Sound Wave” design on the ball’s surface captures the chants and cheers of fans through sound wave-inspired graphics. Additionally, it symbolizes the intensity and energy of the game, combining visibility with an eye-catching design that unites players and fans as one.



**27<sup>TH</sup> IHF WOMEN'S  
HANDBALL  
WORLD  
CHAMPIONSHIP**  
THE NETHERLANDS & GERMANY 2025

\*Championship logo

### Sustainable Design with Durability, Stability, and Enhanced Grip

#### 1) Excellent Grip

The ball features PU leather that provides a soft, textured surface and a snug fit on your fingertips. This enhanced grip allows for greater control and faster gameplay.

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#### 2) Sustainable Materials

Materials previously synthetic have been replaced with natural alternatives.

Additionally, by minimizing ink usage in printing, we have achieved a 15% reduction in carbon emissions.

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#### 3) Durability and Stability

As an IHF certified game ball, it is suitable for elite competitions, offering excellent durability and consistent rebound.

(\*1) ... No guarantees are made regarding speed performance or injury reduction.

(\*2) ... Source: official information issued by Molten

[https://shop.moltensports.jp/blogs/molten-en/20240611\\_02](https://shop.moltensports.jp/blogs/molten-en/20240611_02)



\*Side of the ball

## ■ Product Overview

Item name	A5000 27th IHF Women's Handball World Championship 2025 Official Game Ball	A1800 27th IHF Women's Handball World Championship 2025 Official Game Ball Replica				A300 27th IHF Women's Handball World Championship 2025 Official Game Ball Replica
Item number	H2A5000-W5Z	H2A1800-W5Z	H1A1800-W5Z	H0A1800-W5Z		H00A300-W5Z
Size	2	2	1	0		00
Construction	Stitched					
Cover material	PU Leather					
Country of origin	Pakistan					
Official Approval	IHF	-				

■ **About the 27<sup>th</sup> IHF WOMEN'S HANDBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

The 27<sup>th</sup> IHF WOMEN'S HANDBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP official website:

<https://www.ihf.info/competitions/women/307/27th-ihf-womens-world-championship-2025-ger-ned/220823>

The IHF official website:

[IHF](https://www.ihf.info/)

■ **About Molten sports business**

Since its establishment in 1958, Molten has been manufacturing and distributing premium sports equipment, particularly competition balls for basketball, handball, football, and volleyball.

With a commitment to the highest standards of quality recognized worldwide, Molten continues to enhance its technologies and support athletes, coaches, and sports communities across the globe.

Visit the Molten Sports Official Site: <https://www.molten.co.jp/sports/en/>

■ **Social initiatives of Molten sport business**

Molten aims to become a social brand that addresses societal challenges through its products and activities.

Key initiatives include:

-[MY FOOTBALL KIT](#), an assembly-style football designed to bridge experience gaps among children and promote educational opportunities.

-[B+](#), a basketball brand initiative aimed at promoting and strengthening the sport.

-[Arch to Hoop](#), an initiative by the General Incorporated Association "Arch to Hoop Okinawa" that addresses experience gaps between children and adults through basketball.

[Keep Playing](#), an initiative promoting the continued participation of women in sports under the slogan "Keep doing what you love. Keep playing sports."

Additionally, Molten is taking steps to reduce environmental impact by revisiting the materials used in its products.

■ **About Molten Corporation**

Starting with the manufacturing and sales of competition balls and automotive components, Molten has expanded its business by leveraging two core technologies: hollow-body technology, which controls internal air pressure, and polymer chemistry technology for advanced materials development.

Today, Molten operates in diverse fields, including sports equipment, automotive parts, medical and welfare devices, and marine and industrial products such as floating piers and bridge bearings. Through continuous innovation, Molten remains committed to exploring new possibilities and contributing to a safe and sustainable society.

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