

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **New Official Game Ball for the 25<sup>th</sup> IHF Men's Handball World Championship France 2017**



H3X5001-M7F



Side view

Molten Corporation (headquarters: Nishi-ku, Hiroshima City, Japan; President and CEO: Kiyo Tamiaki), a manufacturer of competition quality sports balls and equipment, will provide the official ball for the 25<sup>th</sup> Men's Handball World Championship France 2017 featuring a custom design inspired by the flag colors of the host country, France. The event will run from January 11 (Wed.) through to 29 (Sun.), 2017.

Created in collaboration with the IHF, the eye-catching design of the new model handball is based on Molten's renowned X5000 model, which was adopted as the official ball of all IHF sanctioned international games in 2014. The new model features a rich color combination with gold accents and aligns with national imagery of the host country, France. The custom design is expected to add excitement to the 25<sup>th</sup> IHF Men's Handball World Championship for players and spectators, alike.

Guided by the brand statement, "For the real game," Molten Corporation is dedicated to developing and supplying products with superb functionality and design for the larger handball industry.

## ■ Product Features

### 1. Custom game ball design

Design inspired by the colors of the host country's national flag, the French Tricolour. The official event logo is displayed on a lower panel of the ball.



**FRANCE 2017  
HANDBALL**  
25<sup>th</sup> IHF MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Official logo of 25<sup>th</sup> Men's Handball World Championship

### 2. Maximum Performance and Increased Grip

Molten's elite X5000 handball features a premium cover material which provides exceptional grip and improved ball control and accuracy, making it an ideal choice for the highest level of competition.



## ■ Product Overview

Name	X5000 France Model					
	Official Game Ball	Replica				
Item Number	H3X5001-M7F	H3X3200-M7F	H2X3200-M7F	H1X3200-M7F	H0X3200-M7F	H00X300-M7F
Size	Size 3	Size 3	Size 2	Size1	Size 0	Size 00
Cover Material	Composite leather					Synthetic leather
Construction	Stitched					
Official Approval	IHF (International Handball Federation) official approved ball				-	
Country of Origin	Vietnam	Pakistan				

## ■ Game event

### 25<sup>th</sup> IHF Men's Handball World Championship France 2017

Schedule: January 11 (Wed.) to 29 (Sun.), 2017

Venues: Paris, Rouen, Nantes, Metz, Lille Metropole, Albertville, Montpellier, Brest (eight venues in total)

## ■ About Molten

Molten, a manufacturer of balls and sports equipment, has been making and marketing handballs, basketballs, volleyballs, and soccer balls, 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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