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## Molten to Supply the Official Match Ball for the AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019



F5V5003-A19U

Molten Corporation (headquarters: Hiroshima, Japan; president & CEO: Kiyo Tamiaki), a manufacturer of competition-quality sports balls and equipment, will supply the official match ball designed exclusively for all matches of the AFC Asian Cup 2019 to be held in the United Arab Emirates from January 5 to February 1, 2019. The official match ball and replica models will be available for purchase in select markets from the end of November 2018.

The official match ball was adapted from Molten's flagship football 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 design features the identity colors of the 2019 AFC Asian Cup logo, green, red and black and the base pattern is inspired by the logo design.

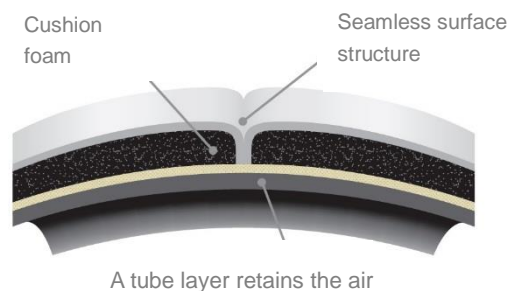
Molten will continue to develop and supply football products of outstanding function and design to every level of player, and work to fulfill the brand promise, "For the real game."

## ■ 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-A19U)



#### 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-A19U)



Dimples on the ball surface

## ■ Product Overview

		Official Match Ball	AFC ASIAN CUP UAE 2019 Replica			
Size	5	F5V5003-A19U	F5V3400-A19U	F5V1710-A19U	F5V1500-A19U	F5V1000-A19U
	4	-	-	-	-	F4V1000-A19U
	3	-	-	-	-	F3V1000-A19U
Construction	Acentec	Machine Stitched + Bonded	Hand Stitched	Laminated	Machine Stitched	
Cover Material	PU Leather		PU/PVC	PVC	TPU	
Official Approval	FIFA Quality PRO	-				
Country of Origin	Thailand	Pakistan		Thailand	Pakistan	

\* Replica Mini ball is also available

F1V1000-A19U

Size 1 / Machine Stitched / TPU / Made in 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 the AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019

The AFC Asian Cup is the AFC's flagship national team competition. Played every four years, the 2015 edition in Australia was a resounding success, breaking all previous TV-viewership, attendance and social media records.

Scheduled to take place from January 5 to February 1, 2019, the AFC Asian Cup UAE 2019™ promises to take the competition to new heights, as it is extended from 16 to 24 teams. The expansion into a truly continent-wide competition will enforce the AFC Asian Cup brand throughout Asia. With more countries involved and more fans engaged, brand recognition will increase significantly all over Asia.



## ■ 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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