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## **Molten to supply the Official Match Ball for the 2021-22 UEFA Europa League and UEFA Europa Conference League**



F5U5000-12



F5C5000

Molten Corporation (Headquarters: Nishi-ku, Hiroshima City, Japan; President and CEO: Kiyo Tamiaki), a manufacturer of competition quality sports balls and equipment, will supply the official match ball for the 2021-22 season for both UEFA Europa League (hereinafter UEL) from September 16, 2021 to May 18, 2022 and the UEFA Europa Conference League (hereinafter UECL) from September 16, 2021 to May 25, 2022 in Europe.

Both official match balls apply technology used in the Vantaggio 5000, Molten's flagship soccer ball 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 improve ball control and accuracy, allowing for more precise passes and shots. It is also designed specifically for the League, utilizing the UEL and UECL brand identities.

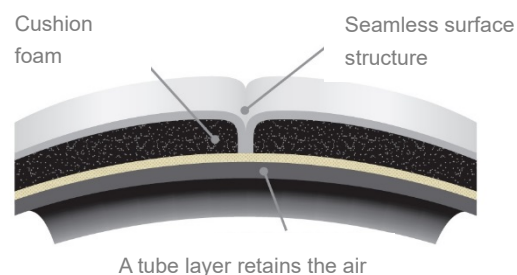
Molten will continue to develop and supply football products of outstanding function and design to every level of player, and work to fulfill the brand promise, "For the real game."

## ■ Product Features

### 1. High control performance

#### 1-1. 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.



#### 1-2. 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.



### 2. Exclusive Design for the League

The official match balls for both UEL and UECL were designed based on the same concept of "energy wave (passion of the players, staff and fans)." However, the energy wave of each league incorporates the unique characteristics of the competition and the shape of the trophies. The UEL official match ball was designed based on the innovative spirit and strength of the competition, while the UECL official match ball was designed based on the geometric curves of the trophy.



Design based on an image of innovative spirit and strength



Design characterized by geometric curves

### 3. 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 2021/22 Official Match Ball	UEFA Europa League 2021/22 Models	
				
Size	5	F5U5000-12	F5U4800-12	F5U3600-12
Construction		Patented Acentec	Hand Stitched	Machine Stitched +Bonded
Cover Material		PU Leather	PU Leather	PU Leather
Approval		FIFA Quality PRO	FIFA Quality PRO	—
Country of Origin		Thailand	China	Pakistan

		UEFA Europa League 2021/22 Models		
			 	  
Size	5	F5U3400-12	F5U2810-12/12B	F5U2100-12/12R/12B
	4	—	F4U2810-12	—
Construction		Machine Stitched +Bonded	Hand Stitched	Hand Stitched
Cover Material		PU Leather	PU Leather	TPU
Approval		—	—	—
Country of Origin		Pakistan	Pakistan	Pakistan

		UEFA Europa League 2021/22 Models		
				
Size	5	F5U1710-12	F5U1500-12	F5U1000-12/12B
	4	—	—	F4U1000-12/12B
	1	—	—	F1U1000-12
Construction		Hand Stitched	Laminated	Machine Stitched
Cover Material		PU/PVC	PVC	TPU
Approval		—	—	—
Country of Origin		Pakistan	Thailand	Pakistan

		UEFA Europa League 2021/22 Models Futsal	
			
Size	4	F9U4800-12	F9U1500-12 / 12L
Construction		Hand Stitched	Laminated
Cover Material		PU Leather	PVC
Approval		FIFA Quality PRO	—
Country of Origin		China	Thailand

		UEFA Europa Conference League 2021/22 Official Match Ball	UEFA Europa Conference League 2021/22 Models	
				
Size	5	F5C5000	F5C3400	F5C2810
Construction		Patented Acentec	Machine Stitched + Bonded	Hand Stitched
Cover Material		PU Leather	PU Leather	PU Leather
Approval		FIFA Quality PRO	—	—
Country of Origin		Thailand	Pakistan	Pakistan

		UEFA Europa Conference League 2021/22 Models	
			
Size	5	F5C1500	F5C1000
	4	--	F4C1000
	1	—	F1C1000
Construction		Laminated	Machine Stitched
Cover Material		PVC	TPU
Approval		—	—
Country of Origin		Thailand	Pakistan

## ■ About the UEFA Europa League and UEFA Europe Conference League

UEL and UECL are leagues that include the world's biggest professional soccer clubs. They are structured in three tiers, with UCL (UEFA Champions League) at the top, followed by UEL and UECL. Including the preliminaries, 184 professional soccer teams from 55 countries in Europe participate in the UECL every season.

Official website : UEL <https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/>

UECL <https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaconferenceleague/>

## ■ 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 <https://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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