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## A New Standard of Consistency

Introducing Molten's GL7X and GL6X basketballs featuring  
improved touch and enhanced visibility



Molten Corporation (Headquarters: Nishi-ku, Hiroshima City, Japan; President and CEO: Kiyo Tamiaki), a manufacturer of competition quality sports balls and equipment, has announced that it will release the new GL7X and GL6X basketballs at sports equipment stores across world market from May, 2015.

Based on the highly acclaimed GL7 and GL6 basketball series, the GL7X and GL6X basketballs combine Molten's Advanced Basketball Technology with improvements to provide enhanced functionality for the elite athlete. The GL7 / GL6 series has been the official basketball of the International Basketball Federation (FIBA), and is the ball of choice for numerous associations and leagues across the globe. The new Molten GL7X and GL6X basketballs will succeed the popular GL7 / GL6 series, and feature improved touch and enhanced visibility.

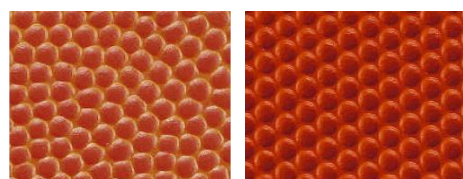
To provide a superior touch, Molten has modified and aligned the pebbles on the ball's surface to create a uniform pebble pattern. This uniform pattern increases the contact area and ensures a consistent feel no matter where the ball is held. Additionally, the color contrast of the signature 12-panel GUIGIARO design has been refined for improved visibility. The sharp contrast makes the balls more visible to players and spectators alike.

GL7X and GL6X will be used as the official basketballs in all FIBA international games and other tournaments. Molten will continue to develop and provide products with sophisticated design and superb functionality for the entire basketball community and continue efforts to realize its commitment to the brand statement, “*for the real game.*”

## ■Product Features

### 1. Consistent touch

To improve consistency of touch, the shape and placement of each pebble was modified and aligned to create a uniform surface texture, revolutionizing the traditional pebble pattern. This uniformity ensures a consistent contact no matter where the ball is held.

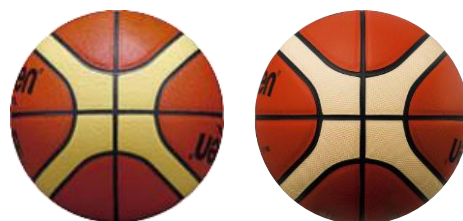


Traditional  
pebble  
placement

Uniform  
pebble  
alignment

### 2. Enhanced visibility

Increased contrast between the ball's feature colors provides the ultimate experience in ball visibility. Players can focus on every movement of the ball. Additionally, the rotation of the ball can be seen at greater distances, allowing fans to see every detail of play.



GL7/GL6

GL7X/GL6X

## ■Product Overview

Series Name	GL7X	GL6X
Item Number	BGL7X	BGL6X
Size	Size7	Size6
Cover Material	Genuine Leather	
Official Approval	FIBA (International Basketball Federation) official approved ball	
Country of Origin	Made in Thailand	

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## ■ Official Game Ball

- Official game ball of the International Basketball Federation (FIBA)
- Official game ball of 2015 FIBA Americas Championship for men
- Official game ball of 2015 FIBA Asia Championship for men
- Official game ball of 2015 FIBA Oceania Championship for men
- Official game ball of 2015 AfroBasket
- Official game ball of 2015 EuroBasket (Special design)