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## **Official Game Ball for the 26<sup>th</sup> IHF Men's Handball World Championship 2019 to Feature Custom Design**



H3X5001-M9Z

Molten Corporation (Headquarters: Hiroshima, Japan; President and CEO: Kiyoo Tamiaki), a manufacturer of competition quality sports balls and equipment, will supply the official ball for the 26<sup>th</sup> IHF Men's Handball World Championship Germany/Denmark 2019.

The biennial global event will be hosted by Germany and Denmark running from January 10 through January 27, 2019. The official game ball, the X5000 Germany/Denmark edition, as well as replica models will be available for purchase in select markets beginning the end of July 2018.

Molten's renowned X5000 handball is the official ball of the International Handball Federation (IHF) and is used in all IHF sanctioned international competitions. The new X5000 Germany/Denmark edition handball features a custom color flag design symbolizing the two host countries that will be exclusive to the 2019 championship event, hosted by two countries for the first time ever.. Molten will be supplying the official ball for the Men's Handball World Championship for the third time, following the 2015 tournament in Qatar, and the 2017 tournament in France.

Molten will continue to develop and supply handball products with outstanding functionality and design for the handball community, working to fulfill the Molten brand promise, "For the real game."

## ■ Product Features

### 1. Exclusive Official Game Ball Design

The X5000 Germany/Denmark edition features the flag colors of Germany and Denmark, the countries that are jointly hosting the championships. The balls have a unique design in line with a championship exclusive logo.



### 2. Maximum Performance and Increased Grip

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



X5000 standard model

## ■ Product Overview

Name	X5000 Germany/Denmark	X3200 Germany/Denmark				X300 Germany/Denmark
	Official Game Ball	Replica				Mini ball
Item Number	H3X5001-M9Z	H3X3200- M9Z	H2X3200- M9Z	H1X3200- M9Z	H0X3200- M9Z	H00X300- M9Z
Size	3	3	2	1	0	00
Cover Material	Synthetic leather					
Construction	Stitched					
Official Approval	IHF (International Handball Federation) official approved ball				—	
Country of Origin	Vietnam	Pakistan				

\* Limited availability in some countries

X1300 Germany/Denmark

H0X1300-M9Z / Size 0 / Synthetic leather / Stitched / Made in Pakistan

## ■ Game Event

### 26<sup>th</sup> IHF Men's Handball World Championship Germany/Denmark 2019

Schedule: January 10 – 27, 2019

Venues: Germany: Hamburg, Berlin, Cologne, Munich

Denmark: Herning, Copenhagen (Total 6 Venues)

## ■ About Molten

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