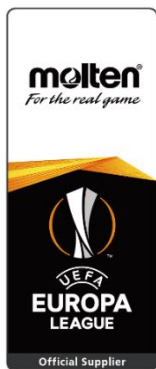


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## **Molten to Supply Official Match Ball for the 2019/20 UEFA Europa League Group Stage**



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Molten Corporation (headquarters: Hiroshima, Japan; president & CEO: Kiyoo Tamiaki), a manufacturer of competition-quality sports balls and equipment, will supply the official match ball for the 2019/20 UEFA Europa League. The exclusively designed ball will be used during the group stage of the UEFA Europa League that is to be held in Europe from September 19 to December 12, 2019. The official match ball and replica models will be available for purchase in selected markets in early July 2019.

This will be the second consecutive year that Molten will be supplying the official match ball for the UEFA Europa League. 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. Giving special consideration to UEFA's brand, Molten created an exclusive design for the competition's official match ball.

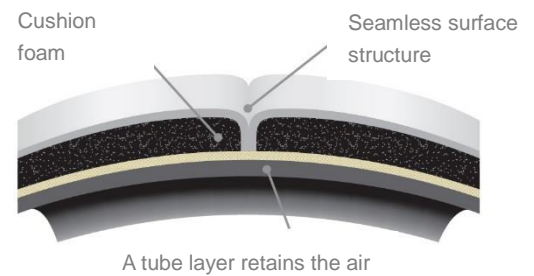
Molten will continue to develop and supply football products of outstanding function and design to every level of player, and work to fulfill the brand promise, "For the real game."

## ■ Product Features

### 1. Superior Performance

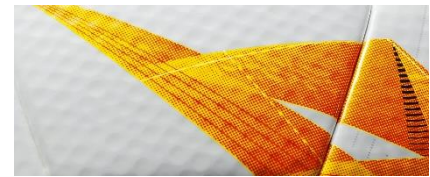
#### 1-1. ACENTEC structure

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.



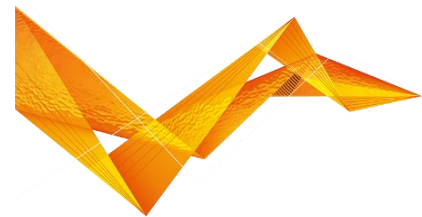
#### 1-2. Surface that enhances the flight stability

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.



### 2. Exclusive Design for the League



The design of the UEFA Europa League “energy wave” brand identity on the ball incorporates the thrilling adventure towards the knockout stage. The eight black panels represent the bright and dark results (win/loss) of the matches. These designs have been integrated into Molten's signature style and laid out in a way that increases visual recognition to create a unique and exclusive design.




## ■ Product Overview




### Football

		Official match ball	UEFA Europa League 2019/20 Group Stage Replica		
					  
Size	5	F5U5003-G9	F5U4800-G9	F5U3600-G9	F5U3400-G9/G9B/G9S
	4	-	-	-	F5U3400-G9
Construction		Acentec	Hand Stitched	Machine Stitched + Bonded	
Cover Material		PU Leather			
Official Approval		FIFA Quality PRO		-	
Country of Origin		Thailand	China	Pakistan	

		UEFA Europa League 2019/20 Group Stage Replica		
				
Size	5	F5U2810-G9/G9B/G9S	F5U1710-G9/G9B/G9S	F5U1500-G9/G9B/G9O
	4	F4U2810-G9	F4U1710-G9/G9B	F4U1500-G9/G9O
Construction		Hand Stitched	Hand Stitched	Laminated
Cover Material		PU Leather	PU/PVC	PVC
Official Approval		-		
Country of Origin		Pakistan		Thailand

		UEFA Europa League 2019/20 Group Stage Replica	
			
Size	5	F5U1000- G9/G9B/G9S/G9O	-
	4	F4U1000-G9/G9B/G9S/G9O	-
	3	F3U1000-G9/G9B/G9S/G9O	-
	1		F1U1000-G9
Construction		Machine Stitched	
Cover Material		TPU	
Official Approval		-	
Country of Origin		Pakistan	

## Futsal

		UEFA Europa League 2019/20 Group Stage Replica Futsal		
				
Size	4	F9U4800-G9	F9U2000-G9/G9B/G9S	F9U1500-G9/G9B/G9C/G9Y/G9O
Construction		Hand Stitched	Machine Stitched	Laminated
Cover Material		PU Leather	TPU	PVC
Official Approval		FIFA Quality PRO		-
Country of Origin		China		Thailand

### ■ About the UEFA Europa League

UEFA Europa League is the largest league of professional football clubs in the world. Every season, over 180 professional football teams from 55 countries across Europe take part in the league games, including the preliminary round. Official website : <https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/>

### ■ 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.