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## **Introducing Molten's New Vantaggio** featuring improved flight stability with renewed design



Molten Corporation (headquarters:Hiroshima, Japan; president & CEO:Kiyoo Tamiaki), a manufacturer of competition-quality sports balls and equipment, will renew the Molten's flagship football model, "Vantaggio" for the first time in 5 years. The new ball will be available for purchase in selected markets from January 2020.

While using the same ACENTEC technology of previous generations, 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. The traditional Vantaggio design characterized by the "blue flame" has also been renewed. Furthermore, the new Vantaggio has adopted new valve designed to reduce the friction when inflating the ball, resulting in less valve damages.

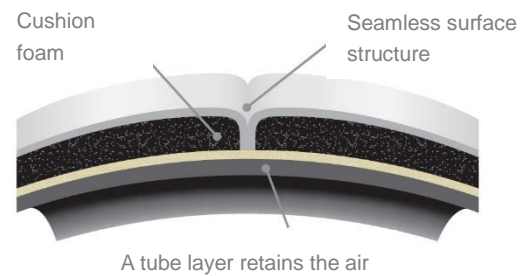
Asian Football Confederation will adopt the new Vantaggio in AFC colors for all of their official AFC matches, starting from the AFC U23 Championship to be held in January 2020.

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. ACENTEC structure

Molten's unique thermal bonding technology produces a smooth, seamless cover that cannot be accomplished by hand sewing. The result is uniform surface and reduced water absorption, ensuring exceptional performance that is not affected by weather conditions.



### 2. Improved flight stability

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### 3. Design concept developed based on passion

The new ball continues to use Vantaggio's design concept "flame of passion". The graphic inside the diamond pattern incorporates the signature blue flames of Vantaggio and integrates the passion of people surrounding the players creating a truly unique design. In addition, the contrast between the graphic design and the white section provides players and spectators the ultimate ball visibility.



### 4. Adopting new valve

Adopting a new valve reduces friction (40% compared to the current Vantaggio model) 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

		
Product Name	Vantaggio 5000	AFC Official Match Ball
Item Number	F5A5000	F5A5000-A
Size	5	5
Cover Material	PU Leather	PU Leather
Construction	Acentec	Acentec
Official Approval	FIFA	FIFA
Country of Origin	Thailand	Thailand

\* In addition to the Vantaggio 5000 series, there will be 4000 series, 3000 series, 2000 series, 1000 series, beach soccer and futsal also available for purchase.

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## ■ 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.