



The Professional Golf Ball

£450



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Diameter: 4.4 cm (1.7")

Description

Bramble Pattern Golf Ball, The Professionals Ball.

A good example of 'The Professionals Ball' bramble patterned rubber core golf ball. The golf ball is in good condition and is manufactured by J.P. Cochrane, Murano Works, Albert Street, Edinburgh, Scotland. The ball name 'The Professionals Ball' in inverted lettering on a circular band on one pole, 'RUBBER Cored' on the other and with seven brambles in the two centers with a dab of yellow paint. The ball is with the classic bramble pattern, raised dimples, and is quite a scarce ball and is seldom seen for sale.

The ball is approximately 4.4 cm in diameter.

The rubber core ball (the ancestor of the modern ball) began its life in the late 1890's. The first mass produced rubber core ball was by Coburn Haskell of Cleveland, Ohio. The first core balls were hand wound with elastic thread with a Gutta-percha cover, moulded with the raised square mesh pattern of their predecessor. The slight irregularities in the early wound balls made them quite lively, it was not until the invention of the automatic winding machine by John Gammeter (an engineer at Goodrich) and the change of pattern from mesh to bramble that the balls became more consistent and predictable.