

A new experience has been unleashed!

Welcome to the PBA Experience, a USBC Sport Bowling program. Here's your chance to face the exact lane oil patterns used on the Denny's Professional Bowlers Association Tour. Put yourself in the shoes of your favorite PBA pro and compare your game to the world's greatest bowlers.

This inside information straight from the pros will help you break down the oil pattern, choose the right equipment to match up with your bowling style and give you tips and insight to help you tame the Chameleon.

CHAMELEON unleashed! unleashed! unleashed!

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PBA exempt players like the Chameleon pattern because it can be attacked from multiple angles. This pattern has been a favorite of left-handed bowlers on the Denny's PBA Tour.

What the Pros say... unleashed! unleashed! unleashed! unleashed!



"Playing straight up the lane with no swing is the key on the left side."

- Chris Hayden



"Have an open mind and be willing to try something new (additional angles), and be confident with whatever that change may be."

- Wes Malott



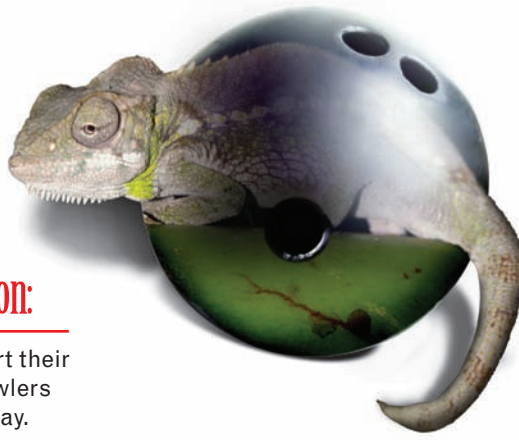
"I try to play straight most of the time with balls that don't change directions much down lane."

- Del Ballard Jr.



2005-06 Denny's PBA Tour champions on Chameleon: unleashed! unleashed!

- Mike Machuga: PBA Greater Omaha Classic - Council Bluffs, Iowa (256-245 over Bill O'Neill)
- Patrick Allen: PBA Keystone State Championship - Mechanicsburg, Penn. (247-218 over Tom Baker)
- Patrick Allen: PBA Great Lakes Classic - Grand Rapids, Mich. (259-193 over Patrick Healey Jr.)



How the Pros play the Chameleon:

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Straight players (less than 250 revolution rate):

Where to play: Straighter players start out between the channel and first arrow if the surface will allow. If that does not work well, they usually end up in the track area (boards 8-12) of the lane.

Adjusting to carry down: Most players change to more aggressive balls and stay in the same area, use more aggressive equipment and move slightly deeper or change to weaker equipment and move further outside on the lane.

Adjusting to lane break down: Because this pattern allows bowlers to play many different angles, adjusting to break down often is determined by the lane surface and the other bowlers on your pair of lanes. If you are playing the track area or deeper, consider moving to the outside portion of the lane. If you are already playing out, changing to a weaker ball and/or moving deeper are the best options.

Tweener players (250-350 rev rate):

Where to play: Most right-handers begin somewhere between the fifth and 12th boards and move deeper once the lanes break down. Left-handers all start close to the first arrow (boards four to six).

Adjusting to carry down: Most players either change to more aggressive balls and stay in the same area, use more aggressive equipment and move slightly deeper or change to weaker equipment and move further outside on the lane.

Adjusting to lane break down: Some tweeners stay in the same area, but most moved deeper on the lane. A majority of the bowlers change to a weaker ball, but some stayed with the same equipment or even switched to more aggressive balls to achieve better pin carry.

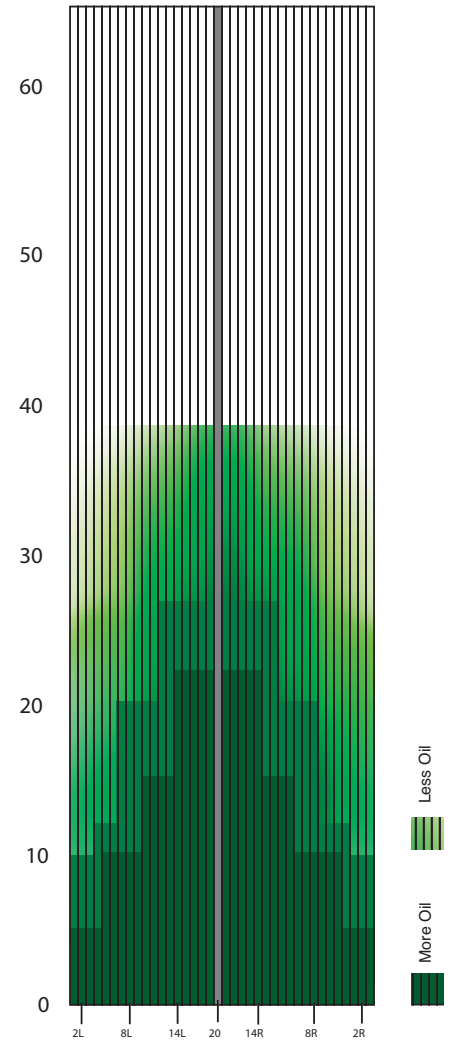
Power players (350 rev rate or more):

Where to play: Most power players start in the track area or deeper. However, this pattern does allow for many different angles. Several bowlers recommend being open-minded when looking for the best place to play.

Adjusting to carry down: Due to the nature of this pattern, there is no consistent adjustment among the high-rev professionals. Responses vary dramatically. What does this tell you? The lane surface at your center and how the other bowlers on your pair are playing the pattern will dictate how you should adjust. Don't be afraid to try different lines and watch successful bowlers with similar styles to yours.

Adjusting to lane break down: A majority of the players move deeper on the lane and/or change to weaker ball.

For more information on how to match up your style and equipment with the Chameleon, refer to page 18 of your Sport Bowling membership Handbook or visit bowl.com.



Length: 39 feet

Description: Chameleon resembles a "retro" approach to pattern design. Oil is applied in strips and requires bowlers to play in a specific zone on the lane as compared to a "multiple angle" condition. The scoring pace for this pattern can range from low to high, depending on the lane surface condition.

Scoring: Players of all styles agree that this pattern generally is low to medium scoring. Bowlers mostly try to stay clean and hope to roll an occasional double; however, this pattern sometimes yields some big scores.

Ball types: All styles of players agreed that medium balls (mild cover with strong drill patterns or strong covers with weak drill patterns) work best to start on the Chameleon pattern.

2005-06 averages:

Amateurs	193.1
Non-exempt pros	202.8
Exempt pros	217.4