



CHEETAH

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 Cheetah.

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What the Pros say...

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"I try to get my ball to read early, and then match the ball to the amount of back end required."
– Robert Smith



"Sometimes you move in and hook it, other times you use a more aggressive ball with less hand and move right with your feet and left with your eyes."
– Ryan Shafer



"As the lanes transition, stay in same part of lane and throw harder, keeping it on line straighter and sometimes even looking more left."
– Doug Kent



2005-06 Denny's PBA Tour champions on Cheetah:

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Tommy Jones: PBA Tulsa Championship – Tulsa, Okla. (289-248 over Wes Mallott)
Brian Voss: PBA Jackson Hewitt Tax Service Classic – Trussville, Ala. (237-190 over Steve Wilson)
Doug Kent: PBA GEICO Classic – Cheektowaga, N.Y. (222-201 over Norm Duke)

How the Pros play the Cheetah:



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How PBA straight players (less than 250 rev rate) attack Cheetah:

Where to play: All players agree that you play as close to the channel as the pattern will allow.

Adjusting to carry down: As the oil carries down, move your feet further outside and keep your eyes focused on the edge of the channel.

Adjusting to lane break down: Players either change to a weaker ball and stay in the same area or stay with the same ball and move slightly deeper on the lane.

How PBA tweener players (250-350 rev rate) attack Cheetah:

Where to play: Every player highlighted that you must get the ball to the outside portion of the lane (boards 1-4) at your break point. Starting lay down areas varied from near the channel to as deep as the second arrow.

Adjusting to carry down: The majority of tweener style players change to a more aggressive ball and/or move further outside on the lane.

Adjusting to lane break down: The players agree that using the same ball and moving deeper on the lane or changing to a weaker ball and staying in the same area on the lane are the best solutions to conquering break down on the Cheetah pattern.

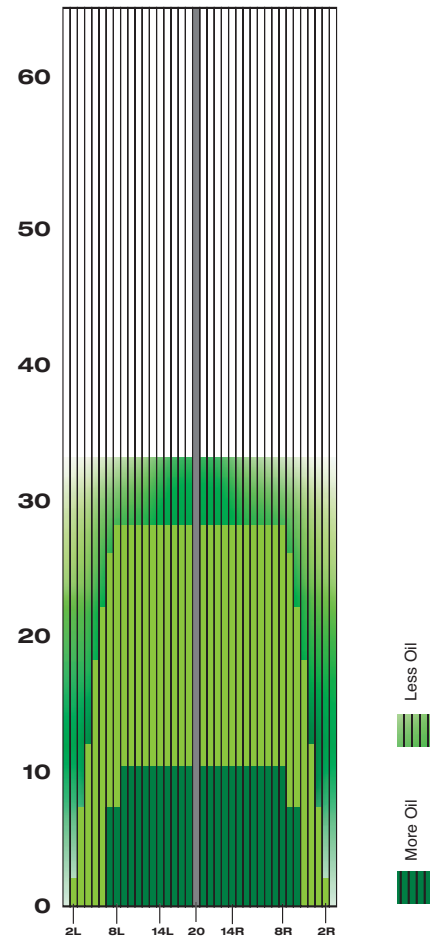
How PBA power players (350 rev rate or more) attack Cheetah:

Where to play: All players agree that the best place to play this pattern is near the channel (boards 1-3). Whether you're playing straight up the boards or swinging through the middle of the lane, it's crucial that your ball's break point is near the channel. It is also important to match up with the right ball to create the highest carry percentage.

Adjusting to carry down: All the power players either do not change balls or switch to a more aggressive ball. When they continue with the same ball, they move their feet toward the outside of the lane. If they change to a more aggressive ball, they keep their feet in the same place or move slightly deeper.

Adjusting to lane break down: A large majority of power players change to a weaker ball and play the same part of the lane, then move deeper as the condition continues to break down.

For more information on how to match up your style and equipment with the Cheetah, refer to page 19 of your Sport Bowling membership Handbook or visit bowl.com.



Length: 35 feet

Description: Cheetah is the shortest of the five Denny's PBA Tour patterns. Sometimes used on lane surfaces that are well worn, Cheetah tries to maximize the area on the lane with less wear, which is usually extremely close to the channel. Because of this, players tend to migrate toward those spots to take advantage of the more pristine surface areas. Cheetah is exciting for its ability to allow players to make "risk-reward" decisions based on playing near the channel. The scoring pace is normally medium to high for this pattern.

Scoring: All PBA players agree that this is the highest scoring of the Denny's PBA Tour patterns. You better have your striking shoes on in the first frame.

Ball types: Of the five patterns, Cheetah allows for the most diversity in ball type by different style players. Power players had mixed feelings with most choosing medium to aggressive balls. Most tweeners use medium equipment; some choose weak. Straighter players prefer using weak equipment which allow them to set the ball down in or close to the driest portion of the lane.

2005-06 averages:

Amateurs	194.3
Non-exempt pros	205.1
Exempt pros	221.2