



# 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 Scorpion.

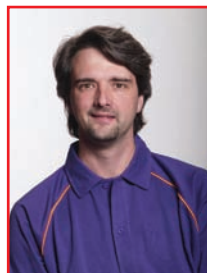
## SCORPION unleashed! unleashed! unleashed!

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



*"This pattern typically has no real defined hook area, so if the surface has a dominant characteristic (usually the track area), we play there. If not, pick the part of the lane you are most comfortable playing."* – Chris Barnes



*"Controlling your ball speed is the key to playing well on this pattern."* – Patrick Healey Jr.



*"I use the oil carry down as hold while most players move left."* – Michael Haugen Jr.



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

- Jason Couch: PBA Chicago Classic – Vernon Hills, Ill. (217-204 over Joe Ciccone)
- Mike Wolfe: PBA Empire State Classic – Clifton Park, N.Y. (268-214 over Chris Collins)
- Sean Rash: PBA West Virginia Championship – Parkersburg, W.Va. (194-178 over Mike DeVaney)

## How the Pros play the Scorpion:

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

**Where to play:** Most players start between boards eight and 10.

**Adjusting to carry down:** Most straight players change to a more aggressive ball and stay in the same part of the lane.

**Adjusting to lane break down:** Change to a weaker ball.

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

**Where to play:** Most players agree that the best starting point is in the track area between the second and third arrows.

**Adjusting to carry down:** About half of the right-handers either switch to a more aggressive ball and move deeper on the lane, while the other half prefers to use the same ball or a weaker ball and move further outside on the lane. Left-handers tend to move further out and either throw the same ball or change to one that's more aggressive.

**Adjusting to lane break down:** A large majority of tweeners change to weaker balls and move deeper on the lane.

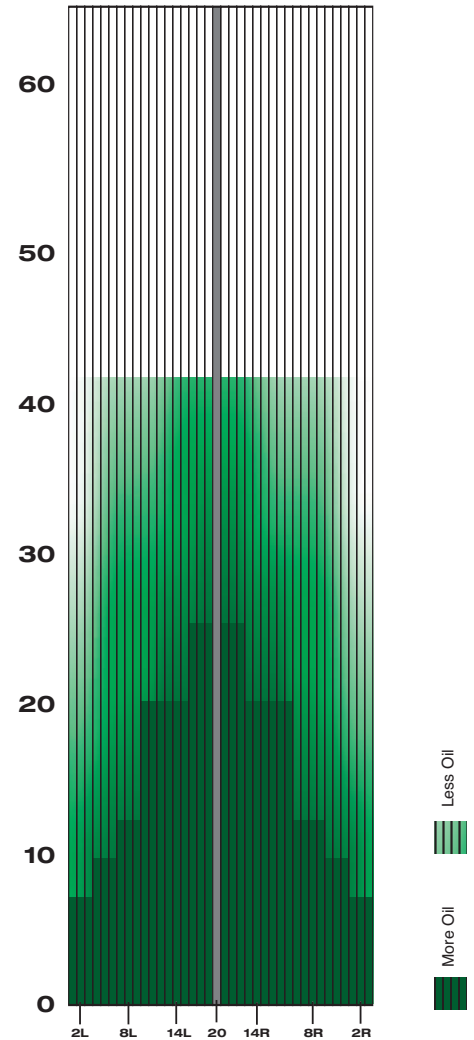
### How PBA power players (350 rev rate or more) attack Scorpion:

**Where to play:** A vast majority of power players start somewhere in the track area or deeper (i.e. near the third arrow). Power players like this pattern because it tends to play well from a deep inside angle.

**Adjusting to carry down:** About half of power players switch to a more aggressive ball and move deeper on the lane, while the other half use the same ball or a weaker ball and move further out on the lane.

**Adjusting to lane break down:** Most power players move deeper on the lane with a weaker ball.

**For more information on how to match up your style and equipment with the Scorpion, refer to page 17 of your Sport Bowling membership Handbook or visit [bowl.com](http://bowl.com).**



**Length:** 41 feet

**Description:** The Scorpion can yield a wide variety of strategies depending on the type and condition of the lane surface. However, Scorpion incorporates a larger volume of oil placed further down the lane which often demands a more direct line. The scoring pace on this pattern is normally medium to low.

**Scoring:** All players agree that scoring on this pattern is typically low to medium. Bowlers mostly try to stay clean and hope to roll an occasional double; however, this pattern sometimes yields some big scores.

**Ball types:** A large majority of the players use medium balls (mild cover with strong drill patterns or strong covers with weak drill patterns) on the Scorpion pattern.

#### 2005-06 averages:

Amateurs	190.2
Non-exempt pros	201.6
Exempt pros	215.6