



# 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 Viper.

## VIPER unleashed! unleashed! unleashed! unleashed! unleashed!

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



*"The more direct line to the pocket, the better off I am."*  
 – Mike Scroggins



*"On the fresh (right after the lanes are oiled and before the lanes begin to change), learn to roll up the back of the ball for less change of direction down the lane."*  
 – Ryan Shafer



*"Do not start too far left. Try to stay outside and wait for the oil to carry down. If you move too far inside too quickly, you will leave yourself in a bad spot on the lane where the heads hook and the back ends are tight."*  
 – Chris Loschetter



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

- Pete Weber: PBA BowlersParadise.com Classic – Hammond, Ind. (189-186 over Ryan Shafer)
- Tommy Jones: PBA Bayer Atlanta Classic – Norcross, Ga. (224-191 over Mike Scroggins)
- Norm Duke: PBA Ace Hardware Championship – Taylor, Mich. (275-221 over Chris Loschetter)



## How the Pros play the Viper:

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

**Where to play:** Straighter players tend to start around the first arrow.

**Adjusting to carry down:** Straighter players tend to move further out on the lane while either using the same ball or changing to a weaker ball.

**Adjusting to lane break down:** Most straighter players tend to move deeper on the lane and stay aggressive.

### How PBA's tweener players (250-350 rev rate) attack Viper:

**Where to play:** Most tweeners start between boards four and eight on this pattern, then move deeper inside on the lane as the pattern breaks down.

**Adjusting to carry down:** Right-handed bowlers tend to move deeper with a more aggressive ball while left-handed bowlers move further out with a more aggressive ball.

**Adjusting to lane break down:** When the lanes begin to break down, almost all tweener style players move deeper with a weaker bowling ball.

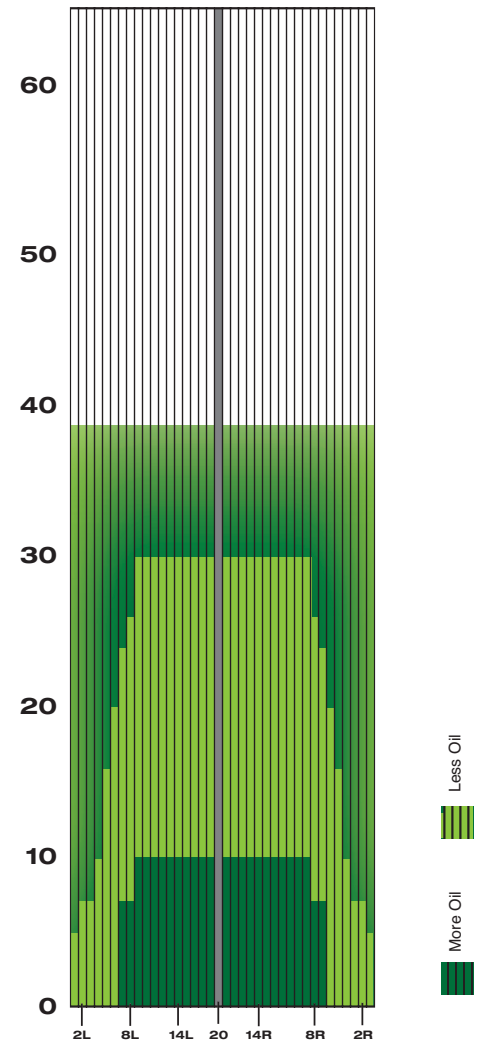
### How PBA power players (350 rev rate or more) attack Viper:

**Where to play:** Almost all the power players start between boards five and 12 on this pattern, then move deeper inside on the lane as the pattern breaks down. A few power players note that they can play further outside than that on some surfaces. All power players highlight that this pattern tends to break down fairly quickly and that they have to make big moves.

**Adjusting to carry down:** As the oil carries down, most PBA power players move deeper on the lane with a more aggressive ball.

**Adjusting to lane break down:** When the lanes begin to break down, a large majority of PBA power players move inside with a weaker bowling ball.

**For more information on how to match up your style and equipment with the Viper, refer to page 15 of your Sport Bowling membership Handbook or visit [bowl.com](http://bowl.com).**



**Length:** 37 feet

**Description:** More than any of the other PBA patterns, Viper can yield a wide variety of strategies for attack depending on the type and condition of the lane surface (i.e., wood, synthetic, etc.).

**Scoring:** PBA players of all styles consider the Viper pattern to have a medium scoring pace.

**Ball types:** All styles of PBA players favor medium bowling balls for this pattern (i.e. mild covers with strong drill patterns or strong covers with weak drill patterns).

#### 2005-06 averages:

Amateurs	187.4
Non-exempt pros	197.9
Exempt pros	211.6