



Gutta Percha, Mesh Pattern Golf Ball. The Mascot

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Diameter: 4.3 cm (1.7")

Description

The Mascot, Antique Gutta Percha Golf Ball.

A good example of a moulded mesh patterned Victorian gutta percha golf ball. The ball is marked "The Mascot 27" on a raised circular band on both poles of the ball and is with the classic mesh pattern. Still retains most of the original finish but with a few nicks and cracks.

The ball is approximately 4.3 cm in diameter.

The solid gutty golf ball replaced the feathery ball. Because of its cost effectiveness, as a gutty could be rolled in a matter of minutes, the game of golf slowly became affordable to the masses. The 'Gutty' era lasted from around 1848 well into 1900's.

To make a gutty golf ball first the gutta-percha was heated and loosely rolled into a ball shape. The ball was then put into the mould and then placed into a press. The press would imprint the pattern onto the ball and the excess would squeeze out of the sides. The seams were then trimmed when cool, leaving a hard and non-brittle "Gutty" golf ball. The durability of the gutta along with its lower costs and better play rejuvenated the game of golf.

Gutta-percha is the evaporated latex produced from a tree, mostly found in Malaysia.