



Vintage Golf Ball, Rubber Core Maltese Cross.

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REF: 27359

Diameter: 4 cm (1.6")

Description

Mesh Pattern Maltese Cross Golf Ball.

A rubber core mesh golf ball in a refurbished condition. The ball has an unusual diamond mesh pattern with a 'Maltese Cross' on both poles of the ball, manufactured by Leyland and Birmingham Rubber Co.

The ball is approximately 1 10/16 inch in diameter (4.1 cm).

The rubber core ball (the ancestor of the modern ball) began its life in the late 1890's. The first mass produced rubber core ball was by Coburn Haskell of Cleveland, Ohio. The first core balls were hand wound with elastic thread with a Gutta-percha cover, moulded with the raised square mesh pattern of their predecessor. The slight irregularities in the early wound balls made them quite lively, it was not until the invention of the automatic winding machine by John Gammeter (an engineer at Goodrich) and the change of pattern from mesh to bramble that the balls became more consistent and predictable.