



Eclipse Patent Guttie Golf Ball

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Diameter: 4.3 cm (1.7")

Description

Solid Mesh 'Eclipse Patent' Gutter Golf Ball.

A solid moulded square mesh patterned gutta percha golf ball in good condition. The gutter golf ball is manufactured by William Currie & Company, The Caledonian Rubber Works, Viewpoint Place, Edinburgh, Scotland. The ball name 'Eclipse Patent' in inverted lettering on a circular band on both poles of the ball with a cross symbol in the center.

The ball is approximately 4.3 cm in diameter.

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

To make a gutter 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 "Gutter" 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.