



Vintage Spalding 50 Golf Ball. Rubber Core.
Spalding

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Diameter: 4 cm (1.6")

Description

Spalding '50 Fifty' Golf Ball.

A rubber core early dimple golf ball made by Spalding. On the two poles of the ball are 'Spalding, 50, Fifty'.

The ball is approximately 1 5/8 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.