

Ball Use With ATEC Pitching Machines



Pitching Machine Balls:

Regulation size pitching machine balls are designed delivery a very consistent pitch and have better wear factors than any other type of ball when used in pitching machines. ATEC has a full line of pitching machine balls to cover every need for indoor and outdoor use. For more information please visit us at www.atecsports.com or contact your local ATEC dealer. You can also contact ATEC at 1-800-959-2832.

Regulation “Real Leather” Balls:

Regulation real leather balls can be used in pitching machines however they will not pitch as consistent as a pitching machine ball. This is a fact that many coaches like as it simulates a real pitch with location changes each time. Regulation real leather balls also have a shorter lifespan. In addition they tend to transfer material to the wheel(s) or throwing pads. This material transfer may cause a build up to develop on the throwing surfaces. Material build up, if left un-checked can affect performance of the pitching machine but can be controlled by removing it with #60 sandpaper or emery cloth. This should be done on an “as needed” basis at the time the material buildup is detected.

DO NOT USE SYNTHETIC LEATHER BALLS

Synthetic leather balls were not designed to be used in pitching machines and may leave a massive amount of buildup on the throwing surfaces of the machine, effecting pitching machine performance. Many Synthetics also have a harder core then a Regulation Real Leather ball which makes the ball give less when it is being pitched. This can drastically affect the pitching accuracy. When using real baseballs or softballs, use only regulation leather balls.

Ball Consistency:

In order to assure accuracy, the balls being used should be of the same type, wear and manufacturer. *A pitching machine will only be as consistent as the balls being used:*

- Never mix worn “old” balls with new balls
- Do not mix different brands of balls
- Do not mix different types of balls
- When using a seamed ball, feed the ball into the machine with the seams in the same general position each time.
- Wet or damp balls tend to slip on the throwing surfaces. Towel dry any balls that have moisture on them before using in a pitching machine.
- Extreme cold can cause balls to become harder then normal. This could cause the balls to pitch slower and / or inconsistently.
- Use Dimpled Pitching Machine Balls or Regulation Leather Balls Only. Do not use Synthetic Leather balls.

This Brochure excludes The Hitting Streak, Power Streak and Jet Pitching Machines which use only the balls designed for that model.