



# The challenge has been unleashed!

Welcome to the PBA Experience, a USBC Sport Bowling program. Here's your chance to face the exact lane oil patterns used on the Lumber Liquidators Professional Bowlers Association Tour. Put yourself in the shoes of your favorite PBA pro and compare your game to the world's greatest bowlers.

This inside information straight from the pros will help you break down the oil pattern, choose the right equipment to match up with your bowling style and give you tips and insight to help you tame the Scorpion.

## SCORPION

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A scorpion is dangerous and unpredictable, like this pattern. If you can't find the right groove on the lanes, you'll be stung!

## What Chris Barnes says...

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This pattern typically has no real defined hook area, so if the surface has a dominant characteristic (usually the track area), we play there. If not, pick the part of the lane you are most comfortable playing.

—Chris Barnes



## Past champions on Scorpion include:

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- Wes Malott
- Mike Wolfe
- Patrick Allen
- Mike Scroggins



Scorpion



Shark



Viper



Chameleon



Cheetah



# How the pros play the Scorpion:

## How PBA straight players (less than 250 rev rate) attack Scorpion:

**Where to play:** Most players start between boards eight and 10.

**Adjusting to carry down:** Most straight players change to more aggressive balls and stay in the same part of the lane.

**Adjusting to lane break down:** All straight players change to weaker balls.

## How PBA tweener players (250-350 rev rate) attack Scorpion:

**Where to play:** Most players agree that the best starting point is in the track area between the second and third arrows.

**Adjusting to carry down:** About half of the right-handers switch to more aggressive balls and move deeper on the lane while the other half prefers using the same ball or a weaker ball and moving further outside. Left-handers tend to move further out and either throw the same ball or change to one that's more aggressive.

**Adjusting to lane break down:** A large majority of tweeners change to weaker balls and move deeper on the lane.

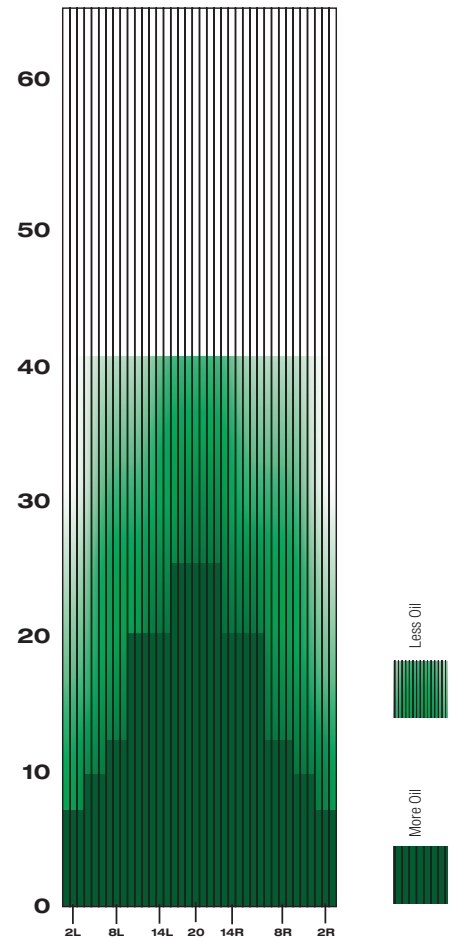
## How PBA power players (350 rev rate or more) attack Scorpion:

**Where to play:** A vast majority of power players start somewhere in the track area or deeper (i.e. near the third arrow). Power players like this pattern because it tends to play well from deep inside angles.

**Adjusting to carry down:** About half of the power players switch to more aggressive balls and move deeper on the lane while the other half uses the same ball or a weaker ball and moves further out on the lane.

**Adjusting to lane break down:** Most power players move deeper on the lane with weaker balls.

For more information on how to match up your style and equipment with the Scorpion, visit the Sport Bowling section of [bowl.com](http://bowl.com) or [PBA.com](http://PBA.com).



**Length:** 41 feet

**Description:** The Scorpion is one of the more challenging of the five named patterns. Scorpion is not the longest pattern, but it is the slickest. The pattern shape is very smooth, so bowlers can attack it from multiple angles based on rev rate, lane surface, ball surface and ball speed; however, since the volume of oil is heavy, bowlers will normally see a large difference in how the pattern plays from lane to lane across the bowling center. The pattern is medium scoring based on its ability to confuse bowlers during early portions of the game or series. In order to avoid being stung, it is imperative that the bowler makes quality shots early and pays attention to the way the lanes transition as the Scorpion begins to "mutate".

**Ball types:** A large majority of the players use medium balls (mild cover with strong drill patterns or strong covers with weak drill patterns) on the Scorpion pattern.

