



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 Viper.

VIPER

unleashed! unleashed! unleashed! unleashed! unleashed!

A viper strikes with multiple angles of attack. This pattern will challenge players to attack the pins from multiple angles in order to score well.



Viper



Chameleon

What Ryan Shafer says...

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On the fresh (right after the lanes are oiled and before the lanes begin to change), learn to roll up the back of the ball for less change of direction down the lane.

– Ryan Shafer



Cheetah



Scorpion



Shark

Past champions on Viper include:

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- Brad Angelo
- Walter Ray Williams Jr.
- Parker Bohn III
- Chris Barnes



How the pros play the Viper:

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

Where to play: Straighter players tend to start around the first arrow.

Adjusting to carry down: Straighter players tend to move further out on the lane while either using the same ball or changing to a weaker ball.

Adjusting to lane break down: Most straight players tend to move deeper on the lane and stay aggressive.

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

Where to play: Most tweeners start between boards four and eight and move deeper inside on the lane as the pattern breaks down.

Adjusting to carry down: Right-handed bowlers tend to move deeper with a more aggressive ball while left-handed bowlers move further out with a more aggressive ball.

Adjusting to lane break down: When the lanes begin to break down, almost all tweener-style players move deeper with weaker bowling balls.

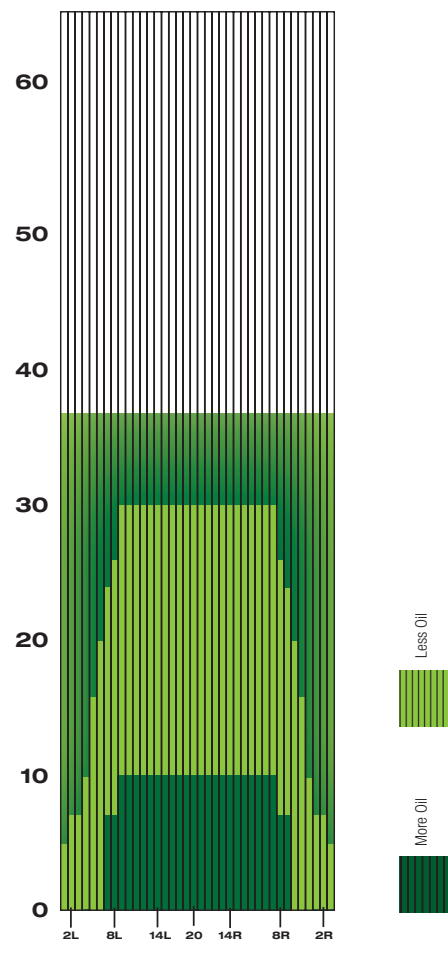
How PBA power players (350 rev rate or more) attack Viper:

Where to play: Almost all the power players start between boards five and 12, and move deeper inside on the lane as the pattern breaks down. A few power players note that they can play further outside than that on some surfaces. All power players highlight that this pattern tends to break down fairly quickly, so they have to make big moves.

Adjusting to carry down: As the oil carries down, most PBA power players move deeper on the lane with more aggressive balls.

Adjusting to lane break down: When the lanes begin to break down, a large majority of PBA power players move inside with weaker bowling balls.

For more information on how to match up your style and equipment with the Viper, visit the Sport Bowling section of bowl.com or PBA.com.



Length: 37 feet

Description: The Viper is a multiple-angles pattern that normally yields medium to high scores. In order to get on the higher side of that equation, bowlers need to place a premium on the ball traveling straight through the front part of the lane and taking advantage of the roll in the middle part of the lane when the pattern is fresh. Once it begins breaking down, multiple angles are available for attack. The champion on this pattern will be the bowler who can continue striking while playing multiple lines.

Ball types: All styles of PBA players favor medium bowling balls for this pattern (i.e. mild covers with strong drill patterns or strong covers with weak drill patterns).