



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 Cheetah.

CHEETAH

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A cheetah may look harmless, but this speedster has a dangerous side. So does this pattern. With a fast scoring pace and play near the channel, there's no room for error.

The Cheetah pattern brings out strong emotions among PBA exempt players. Straight players list Cheetah as their favorite pattern, but it is the least favorite among power players because of the high-scoring pace and ball selection/entry angle issues. Tweeners have mixed feelings. Several pick the Cheetah as their least favorite pattern, but some pick it as their favorite.

What Robert Smith says...

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I try to get my ball to read early, and then match the ball to the amount of back end required.

– Robert Smith



2007-08 champions on Cheetah:

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- Walter Ray Williams Jr.: PBA Great Lakes Classic – Wyoming, Mich. (276-204 over Chris Loschetter)
- Wes Malott: PBA Lumber Liquidators Earl Anthony Medford Classic – Medford, Ore. (255-193 over Rhino Page)
- Tommy Jones: PBA Geico Classic – West Babylon, N.Y. (257-191 over Pete Weber)



Cheetah



Scorpion



Shark



Viper



Chameleon



How the pros play the Cheetah:

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

Where to play: All straight players suggest playing as close to the channel as the pattern will allow.

Adjusting to carry down: As the oil carries down, most bowlers move further outside and keep their eyes focused on the edge of the channel.

Adjusting to lane break down: Players either change to weaker balls and stay in the same area or stay with the same ball and move slightly deeper.

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

Where to play: Every player highlighted the need to get the ball to the outside portion of the lane (boards 1-4) at the break point. Starting lay down areas varied from near the channel to as deep as the second arrow.

Adjusting to carry down: The majority of tweener-style players change to more aggressive balls and/or move further outside on the lane.

Adjusting to lane break down: The players agree that using the same ball and moving deeper on the lane or changing to a weaker ball and staying in the same area on the lane are the best solutions to conquering break down on the Cheetah pattern.

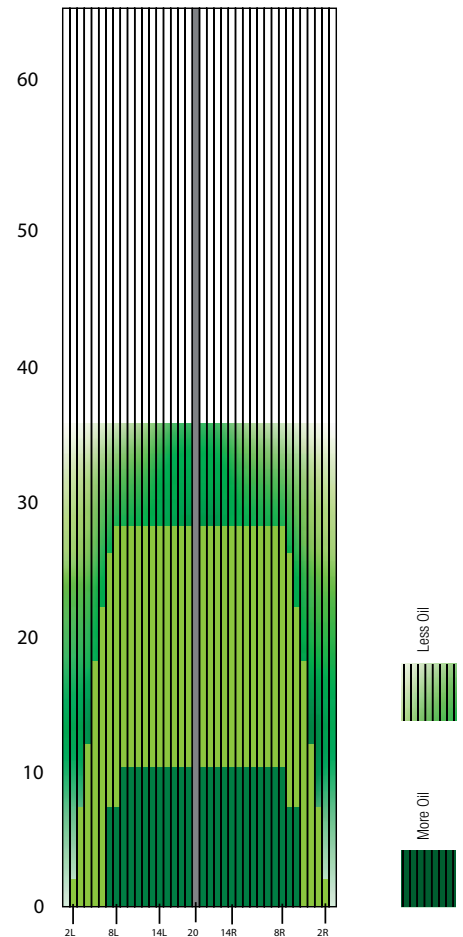
How PBA power players (350 rev rate or more) attack Cheetah:

Where to play: All players agree that the best place to play this pattern is near the channel (boards 1-3). Whether playing straight up the boards or swinging through the middle of the lane, it's crucial that the ball's break point is near the channel. It is also important to match up with the right ball to create the highest carry percentage.

Adjusting to carry down: Power players either stay with the same balls or switch to more aggressive balls. When they continue with the same ball, they move their feet toward the outside of the lane. If they change to more aggressive balls, they keep their feet in the same place or move slightly deeper.

Adjusting to lane break down: A large majority of power players change to weaker balls and play the same part of the lane. As the condition continues to break down, they move deeper.

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



Length: 36 feet

Description: Cheetah is the shortest of the five Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour patterns. Sometimes used on lane surfaces that are well worn, Cheetah tries to maximize the area on the lane with less wear, which is usually extremely close to the channel. Because of this, players tend to migrate toward those spots to take advantage of the more pristine surface areas. Cheetah is exciting for its ability to allow players to make “risk-reward” decisions based on playing near the channel.

Scoring: The 2007-08 season marked the first time that Cheetah was not the highest-scoring pattern on the PBA Tour. Despite the short length of oil and high-hooking nature, the scoring pace on this pattern fell to second place overall and third among exempt pros

Ball types: Of the five patterns, Cheetah allows for the most diversity in ball type by different style players. Power players had mixed feelings, but most choose medium to aggressive balls. Most tweeners use medium equipment; some choose weak. Straighter players prefer using weak equipment because it allows them to set the ball down in or close to the driest portion of the lane.

2007-08 averages:

Amateurs	193.91
Non-exempt pros	200.65
Exempt pros	217.37