AKV Keno Ball update 8/2025

Tripp Enterprises has shut down and XpertX has assumed the manufacture of Tripp AKV Keno Balls. We use the same equipment, material and personnel to manufacture the balls.

Old balls used to be made of Celluloid. Due to a change in safety standards, global production of Celluloid ping pong balls was permanently discontinued in 2020. All new Ping Pong balls are made of ABS. Tripp started transitioning to the new ABS balls. The old Celluloid material ballsets are completely out of stock.

All new AKV balls are now made of the ABS material and carry a new item number and pricing. These new balls are packed in boxes clearly marked ***ABS*** and are compatible with Tripp AKV ball reader devices. The ABS ball preparation and care procedures have not changed and detailed instructions are provided in each box. Please note that ONLY Tide original is to be used. Some other formulations remove the coating and the ink from the balls.

The Celluloid and ABS ball types are visually indistinguishable but the two ***ball types must never be intermixed. Doing so will result in frequency fluctuations and anomalies.***

To prevent the possibility of ball types becoming mixed together, XpertX strongly recommends:

- A ***complete change-over to ABS balls*** with a minimum initial order of two ballsets but highly suggest an order of 3 sets. This will ensure you have spares on hand as unfortunately field usage has shown ABS balls to be less durable.
- Destroying all old Celluloid balls as soon as new ABS balls are received so there is only one type of ball available for use, preventing inadvertently mixing the two types. Celluloid balls cannot and must not be kept as spares.

Currently, we are producing both Dot Matrix and Optical encoded ABS balls. To identify your ball encoding type, Optical or Dot Matrix, please visit www.xpertxonline.com. If you are still using Optical encoded balls, be aware, the original Optical Tripp AKV Units have been discontinued and cannot be maintained due to a lack of replacements parts.

Unfortunately, ABS balls are more brittle and bounce harder than the old Celluloid type. Our data shows that they tend to last only half as long as the original Celluloid balls. They are more susceptible to wear and need to be cleaned on a regular basis to avoid frequency issues.

ABS ball frequency should be closely monitored. We recommend checking frequency for the last 400 draws twice daily.