

Ball Machine Selector

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Global Tennis Teaching System www.globaltennisteaching.com 561-243-9522	Twins	Lease \$900/Month	Full	20"x26"x40"	200	140	X		0.25 - 4	100	X	X	X		
	Economy Ball Bucket 202	\$469	2	12" x 12" x 27"	50	20		X	3, 6, 12	55	X	X	\$50		
Lobster www.lobsterinc.com 800-526-4041	Ball Bucket 201	\$549	2	12" x 12" x 31"	50	28		X	3, 6, 12	55	X	X	\$50		
	Hybrid Model 301	\$689	2	36" x 13" x 21"	150	31		X	3, 6, 12	70	X	X	\$50		
	Tournament 401	\$789	2	36" x 13" x 21"	150	32		X	3, 6, 12	70	X	X	\$50		
	Elite Model 1	\$1,049	1	24" x 16" x 19"	150	42	X		2 - 12	80	X	X	X		
	Elite Model 2	\$1,299	1	24" x 16" x 19"	150	44	X		2 - 12	80	X	X	X		
Playmate www.playmatetennis.com 800-776-6770	Portable	\$1,495	1	19" x 21" x 25"	200	65	X		1 - 10	80	X	X	X		
	BP-X	\$2,995	3	35" x 21" x 38"	200	115	X		1 - 10	90	X	X			
	Ace	\$3,169	3	35" x 21" x 38"	200	115	X		1 - 10	90	X	X	X		
	Smash	\$3,995	3	35" x 21" x 38"	300	115	X		1 - 10	90	X	X	X		
	Deuce	\$4,995	3	35" x 21" x 38"	300	115	X		1 - 10	90	X	X	X		
	Genie	\$5,995	3	35" x 21" x 38"	300	115	X		1 - 10	90	X	X	X		
	Genie PC	\$7,995	3	35" x 21" x 38"	300	115	X		1 - 10	90	X	X	X		
	Grand Slam	\$7,495	3	35" x 21" x 38"	300	125	X		1 - 10	120	X	X	X		
	Grand Slam PC	\$8,995	3	35" x 21" x 38"	300	125	X		1 - 10	120	X	X	X		
Prince www.mastersports.com 800-837-1002	Little Prince Portable Model 1	\$699	1	19" x 17.5" x 18"	250	29	X		2 - 7	60	X	X			
	Little Prince Portable Model 2	\$949	1	19" x 17.5" x 18"	250	34	X		2 - 7	60	X	X			
	Prince Portable Model 1	\$1,099	1	19.5" x 16" x 21.5"	300	48			2 - 13	80	X	X	X		
	Prince Portable Model 2	\$1,299	1	19.5" x 16" x 21.5"	300	48	X		2 - 13	80	X	X	X		
	Prince Portable Model 3	\$1,599	1	19.5" x 16" x 21.5"	300	48	X		2 - 13	80	X	X	X		
	Prince Portable Model 4	\$1,899	1	19.5" x 16" x 21.5"	300	48	X		2 - 13	80	X	X	X		
	Prince Surefire	\$2,995	3	35" x 25" x 50"	250	87	X		1.5 - 8	90	X	X	X		
	Prince Hot Shot	\$3,595	3	35" x 25" x 50"	250	87	X		1.5 - 8	90	X	X	X		
	Prince Prodigy	\$4,995	3	31" x 26" x 56"	250	143	X		1.5 - 8	90	X	X	X		
Big SAM	\$29,999	1	60" x 48" x 108"	200	398	X		2 - 20	100	X	X	X	X		
Robot Optimizers www.tennisrobot.com 888-8BOOMER	Boomer	\$14,450	1	38.5" x 31" x 21.5"	300	124	X		10-Jan	100	X	X	X		
	Ultra Lite	\$699	1	22" x 18" x 14"	200	35	X		1.0 - 15	95	X	X	X		
Silent Partner www.sptennis.com 800-662-1809	Sport	\$849	1	22" x 18" x 14"	200	46	X		1.0 - 15	95	X	X	X		
	Pro	\$1,099	1	22" x 18" x 14"	200	48	X		1.0 - 15	95	X	X	X		
Sports Attack www.sportsattack.com 800-717-4251	Ace Attack	\$5,499	1	34" x 53"	200	150	X		1.5 - 12	110	X	X	X	X	

*Other Optional Accessories

- 1 - Spin Adaptor \$50
- 2 - Fast Charger \$99
- 3 - 3 Hour Rapid Recharger \$145
- 4 - Smart Charge Technology comes standard

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- 6 - External Extended Life Battery \$189, 110/220 Volt AC Converter \$199
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MISC.

	No Oscillation	Oscillation - Random	Oscillation - Programmable	Number of Shots in Program	Adjustable Depth Within Program	Adjustable Spin Within Program	Adjustable Height Within Program	Interactive Feed Control	Runs on Battery or Power Cord	Runs on Power Cord Only	Runs on Battery Only	Battery Amp/Hour	Battery Life Indicator	Battery Swapability	Remote Control - Standard	Remote Control - Optional Accessory	Remote Control - Cord	Remote Control - Wireless	Remote Control of Oscillation	Remote Control of Program Settings	Serving Tower - Standard	Serving Tower - Optional Accessory	Cover - Standard	Cover - Optional Accessory	Includes Wheels for Portability	Other Optional Accessories* (see below)	
		X	X	9	X	X	X	X		X					X			X	X	X			X				
X										X						\$70		X						\$49	1		
	X									X						\$70		X						\$49	1		
	X									X						\$70		X						\$49	X 1		
	X				X		X			X						\$70		X						\$49	X 1		
	X									X		18	X			\$199		X	X					\$49	X 2		
	X				X		X			X		18	X			\$199		X	X					\$49	X 2		
				3						X		15	X	X	X			X						\$85.15	3		
		X		3						X					X			X					\$3,995	\$85.15	5		
		X		3						X					X			X					\$3,995	\$85.15	5		
	X	X		7						X					X		X	X	X	X			\$3,995	\$85.15	5		
	X	X		7	X	X	X			X					X		X	X	X	X			\$3,995	\$85.15	5		
	X	X		7	X	X	X			X					X		X	X	X	X			\$3,995	\$85.15	5		
	X	X		7	X	X	X			X					X		X	X	X	X			\$3,995	\$85.15	5		
	X	X		7	X	X	X			X					X		X	X	X	X			\$3,995	\$85.15	5		
	X									\$149	\$99	X	7.5	X											X	4,7,9,12	
	X									\$149	\$99	X	15		X		X		X	X					X	4,7,12	
	X									\$149	\$99	X	15	X										X	X	4,7,11,12	
	X									\$149	\$99	X	15	X										X	X	4,7,11,12	
	X									\$149	\$99	X	15	X		X		X						X	X	4,7,11,12	
	X	X		2						\$149	\$99	X	15	X		X		X	X	X				X	X	4,7,11,12	
	X	X		3						X						\$99		X						\$115	X	13,14,15	
	X	X		6						X							X							\$115	X	13,14,15	
	X	X		9	X	X	X			X							X							\$115	X	13,16	
	X	X		30	X	X	X			X					X		X		X	X	X				X	17	
	X	X		20+	X	X	X	X		X					X		X	X	X					\$3,895	X	X	19
X										X		7.5	X	X										\$499	\$40	X	8
	X									X		15	X	X										\$499	\$40	X	
	X	\$299		2					\$249	\$80	X	15	X	X	X			X	X					\$499	\$40	X	
		X		4						X						\$300		X		X				\$200	X		

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Sports Tutor www.sportstutor.com 800-448-8867	Tennis Twist	\$199	1	10" x 11" x 23"	28	11			5	15	X				
	Tennis Tutor ProLite - Basic	\$549	1	12" x 19.5" x 18"	125	20	X	1.5 - 10	60	60	X	X			
	Tennis Tutor ProLite	\$649	1	12" x 19.5" x 18"	125	22	X	1.5 - 10	60	60	X	X			
	Tennis Tutor - Model 1	\$919	1	12" x 19.5" x 20"	150	39	X	1.5 - 12	85	85	X	X			
	Tennis Tutor - Model 2	\$959	1	12" x 19.5" x 20"	150	42	X	1.5 - 12	85	85	X	X			
	Tennis Tutor - Plus	\$1,119	1	20" x 19.5" x 20"	150	46	X	1.5 - 12	85	85	X	X	X		
	Tennis Tower	\$1,145	1	44" x 23" x 22"	225	60	X	1.5 - 8	85	85	X	X	X	\$200	
	Shot Maker - Standard	\$2,800	2	38.5" x 31" x 21.5"	300	96	X	1 - 6	95	95	X	X	X	X	
	Shot Maker - Deluxe	\$3,600	2	38.5" x 31" x 21.5"	300	96	X	1 - 6	95	95	X	X	X	X	
	Shot Maker - Super Deluxe	\$4,100	2	38.5" x 31" x 21.5"	300	96	X	1 - 6	95	95	X	X	X	X	
Wilson Portable	\$995	1	22" x 14" x 20"	110	38	X	1.5 - 10	70	70	X	X	X	X		
Super Coach www.tennismachine.com 408-855-9644	Super Coach	\$7,495	1	36" x 27" x 22"	200	121	X	1.4 - 5.6	85	85	X	X	X		

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DISCLAIMERS

Specific Features

Keep in mind that whenever you try to develop a chart like this, it is necessary to create some pretty broad, non-detailed features. For example, when we mark that a machine offers random oscillation, it means that the machine can be set to shoot balls to different locations on the court in a random pattern. However, this does not indicate how many different places the machine can shoot the ball. Some machines will just shoot the balls randomly between as few as two locations at the same depth, while other machines might be able to shoot the ball virtually anywhere on the court at different heights and speeds.

Durability

There really is no easy way to measure the durability of a ball machine. The only true test of durability is to use the machine for years and see how it holds up. That information is not readily available, so, we don't have a category for durability. However, you can learn more about how long the machines last by talking to the manufacturers and asking for references from people they have sold machines to.

Don't just buy a ball machine based on price. If you buy

an inexpensive machine that isn't designed for the type and amount of use you will be asking of it, it can end up costing you a lot more money down the road than a machine that cost more at first but was designed for what you have in mind.

Make sure you have confidence in the durability of the machine and the customer service of the company to help you when you have problems. You should feel comfortable that the company has a system in place to fix anything that might go wrong with your machine. In some cases, they may have local service reps to come fix it at your facility, while in other cases they should offer a way to ship all or part of the machine back to the manufacturer for repairs.

So, you probably won't want to buy a machine strictly based on what you read in this chart. Rather, this chart should help you to narrow the universe of machines by eliminating the machines that don't offer features you really want. Then, when you have narrowed your choices, you can do more research by visiting the websites or calling the phone numbers listed for each company.

Demo Before You Buy

As always, when investing in a piece of equipment as

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	X								X	\$50	9	X			\$70	X								\$35		
		X							X	\$50	9	X			\$70	X								\$35		
		X							\$50	X	12	X												\$35	X 10	
		X	\$200	4					\$50	X	18	X			\$200		X	X						\$35	X 10	
		X	\$200	4					\$50	X	18	X			\$200		X	X						\$35	X 10	
		X	\$300	4					X						\$200		X	X				X		\$35	X 10	
		X	X	3					X						\$200		X	X				X		\$35	X 10	
		X	X	6					X					X			X	X				X		\$35	X 10	
		X	X	6					X					X			X	X				X		\$35	X 10	
		X	\$200	2					\$50	X	12	X			\$200		X	X						\$35	X 10	
	X	X		30	X	X	X		X					X			X						\$25	X	18	

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expensive as a ball machine, we recommend that you look for an opportunity to try the machine before you buy it. Ask the manufacturers for ideas about how you can try their machines. In some cases they may be able to send you a sample to try, in other cases they may have sold one to someone near you.

So, now that you know what we're trying to do, let's talk about what all the features listed across the top of the chart mean.

FEATURES

Brand & Contact Info

The name of the manufacturer and how to get in touch with them. You can contact them to get more information or to order the machine that looks best to you. There are nine manufacturers making machines under 10 brand names.

Model

The specific model of machine. However, remember that many of the machines offer several different options. In some cases, when you buy different options, the name of the

machine may change slightly. But, in each case, the available options for each machine list the price of adding that option.

Price

Manufacturer's suggested retail price. Prices range from \$199 to \$29,999.

Warranty

How long the manufacturer guarantees the machine against defects. However, keep in mind that many of the manufacturers do offer extended warranties. See the specific manufacturer for more information and costs of extended warranties.

Dimensions

These are the measurements of the machines for storage or transport. In other words, some machines will be considerably bigger than these measurements when you are using them because you add a ball holder. We list the smaller measurements because the size of a machine really only matters when you are trying to fit it on a shelf or in the trunk of a car.