





THE RIGHT FEEL



Mr. Hirosi Yaoita, Yasaka's founder, was a table tennis player and coach. When starting his company, his vision was to help table tennis players to improve their play and have the greatest enjoyment in their sport. The goal was to provide table tennis players of every level with equipment that has the best playing characteristics and highest quality. Mr. Yaoita's vision still reflects both the Yasaka

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Company and its employees.



YASAKA Co. Ltd. was founded in 1947 by Mr Yaoita and Mr Sakamoto who gave the name of the company (YAoita + SAKAmoto). Today Mr. Yaoita's son Takashi Yaoita is the director and principal shareholder of Yasaka Co. with headquarters in Tokyo,

1970's

In 1969 Yasaka revolutionized table tennis rubber technology introducing MARK V. Winning the men's singles titles in the 1970 European Championships and 1971 World Championships, success for MARK V was proven. Since then MARK V has been continuously developed and Yasaka MARK V is probably the most well-known table tennis product on the market.



1993

In the early 1990s YASAKA began producing blades in Tranås, Sweden. It was a natural decision; there was both the experience and knowledge. For many years YASAKA has had close collaboration with top Swedish players and coaches. In 1993 a new line of quality blades was introduced, including the EXTRA-blade, still a best seller today.



2008

At the 2008 Beijing Olympics, Ma Lin won gold in both the men's singles and team events. Ma Lin is the only male player who has won Olympic gold medals in men's singles, men's doubles and team. His 4 World Cup titles are also unmatched. Even as a young boy Ma Lin chose Yasaka equipment. Throughout his career Ma Lin has played with Yasaka products, a choice he has never regretted.

FEEL OF THE RUBBER

Yasaka is a pioneer when it comes to table tennis rubbers. Japanese precision and determination, combined with the latest manufacturing methods are the basis for Yasaka's longstanding position as a leading rubber supplier. The Yasaka range includes 42 different rubbers (models and sponge thicknesses) to choose from. All are available with a red or black top sheet.

- Many players can develop their game by having different rubbers on each side of the racket.
- Your racket can be tailor made by having the same family of rubber but with a different thickness and/or hardness of the sponge.
- Choosing two rubbers with different characteristics (e.g. spin and speed) makes it harder for the opponent to return the ball.



THE BLADE – THE HEART OF THE RACKET

To manufacture table tennis blades of high quality is an art that requires real knowledge and experience. Different veneers will work together in an optimal way, and the treatment of the different materials must maintain or enhance the original characteristics

In the Yasaka range of blades there are models that fit the international elite player as well as the youngest player in early development. In this catalogue, you will receive information about 24 different blades, all of the highest quality and made in Sweden.



MADE IN SWEDEN In Yasaka's factory in Tranås, several of the blade technicians have 30 years of production experience. Working together, they have forged a unique understanding of the development and production of blades with perfect playing characteristics.



THE WINNE CONBINATION

After years of development, Yasaka introduced RAKZA 7 in the spring of 2010, the first rubber with "Hybrid Energy" technology, which quickly became highly regarded for its accurate playing qualities. The combination of the outer rubber sheet and the sponge has resulted in a winning combination that recently was awarded.

RAKZA 7

YASAKA developed RAKZA 7 using mainly natural rubber gum for the top sheet. This improves the level of grip and the power of spin drastically. The size and geometry of the pimples are designed to give a good balance between speed and spin. The surface rubber is combined with Yasaka's "Power Sponge", enabling huge elasticity. Together they work in perfect synergy, producing the Hybrid Energy rubber RAKZA 7.

When the player hits the ball hard, the rubber "grips" the ball and the stroke can be used to place the ball accurately, both in direction and length. The serve and short returns are very sharp and easy to handle.

Thanks to the higher proportion of natural gum the life expectancy of the rubber has increased.





Yasaka's rubber technicians have developed the optimum geometry (shape) of the pimples in order to achieve the best balance between speed and spin. "Power Sponge" is a sponge with more springiness and elasticity.



A top class table tennis rubber is a high tech product. The quality and characteristics of the outer sheet and the sponge are important for the rubbers performance. But also the conjunction between the two parts is important to reach the final result. With the Yasaka HYBRID ENERGY SYSTEM these two parts work in perfect synergy.







RAKZA X is the first rubber with NSS (New Surface System), Yasaka's new production process to improve the grip of the rubber surface. NSS gives a stronger "touch" when hitting the ball, and the control in both attack and blocking is improved.

RAKZA 9

Following the success of RAKZA 7, the Yasaka development team worked hard to produce a faster rubber. The result is RAKZA 9. The improved speed characteristics are derived from:

- A modified formula combination for the surface rubber
- The sponge of RAKZA 9 has slightly larger pores and has a more homogenous structure

Rakza 9 is the fastest of Yasaka's Hybrid Energy rubbers and suitable for very offensive players.

RAKZA X

RAKZA X is the latest addition to the highly successful Rakza series of Yasaka rubbers. The top sheet is a mainly natural rubber gum, employing a new production method.

The result is a top surface with exceptional grip enabling both phenomenal spin and speed. These qualities reduce the margin for error. This top sheet is then combined with a harder "Power Sponge". The resulting combination of a faster sponge and high grip top sheet enables you to place the ball accurately with a high degree of success.

Serves and short returns are both very sharp, similar to the RAKZA 7 and RAKZA 9.

CHOOSE YOUR OWN RAKZA!

RAKZA X - grip and speed priority.

RAKZA X Soft – grip and feel priority.

RAKZA 9 – speed priority.

RAKZA 7 - spin priority.

RAKZA 7 Soft - feel priority.



MARK - superior quality & durability

Yasaka MARK V, probably the most well-known product in table tennis, has helped players to win tournaments all over the World. MARK V represents not only the very best playing characteristics but also an unsurpassed consistency of product. The secrets behind the perfectly balanced playing characteristics are the mixture between synthetic rubber and natural rubber, the geometry (shape) of the pimples and the very high standards demanded during the production process in the factory in Tokyo. In addition, the very special Mark V sponge has extremely small tolerances for the differences in hardness and dynamic.

A large number of players from all continents have, with the use of MARK V, developed their playing technique and appreciate the consistent playing characteristics during the rubber's long playing life.



MARK V CLASSIC

The perfect balance between speed, spin and control for both the offensive player and the allround player, depending on the sponge thickness chosen. MARK V "Classic" is available with the sponge thicknesses 1.0 mm, 1.5 mm, 1.8 mm, 2.0 mm and Max (around 2.3 mm).



MARK V HPS

The result of a completely new formula for the sponge – combined with the top sheet of MARK V.

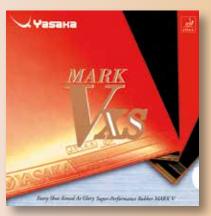
The HPS technology gives:

- improved dynamics in the sponge
- more speed and spin, without higher weight



MARK V GPS

The same top rubber sheet as MARK V "Classic" but with slightly softer sponge, giving improved spin and control characteristics, but less speed.



MARK V XS

A different rubber mixture in the top sheet and an improved production process. D.A.T.* gives MARK V XS more spin but still good speed characteristics.



MARK V M2

Sharper spin and faster, due to harder outer sheet and sponge



RISING DRAGON

With the new rubber RISING DRAGON Yasaka has successfully combined not only the advantages of the Chinese sticky surface but also the renown qualities of speed and touch from Japanese rubber technology.

RISING DRAGON offers a new dimension to your game as it is easy to make both sharp chop returns and power drives with good control.



PRYDE 30

PRYDE 30 is produced with Yasaka's POWER TENSION technology giving high speed and good sound.







ORIGINAL EXTRA HG

Suitable for modern methods of playing, enabling players to vary their attack and defence as required with a great variety of spin and power. ORIGINAL XHG offers a very good value for the money.

ANTIPOWER

A rubber which neutralizes the spin thanks to the low friction and the moderation qualities of the outer rubber.

ANTIPOWER is best used by offensive combi players and goes well with a spin rubber.

PHANTOM

Yasaka PHANTOM is a long pimples rubber with pimples that will prove to be a deadly weapon for any defensive player. PHANTOM is available with sponge (0011) or without sponge (0012).

RAKZA PO

With RAKZA PO Yasaka developed a short pimples out rubber with increased spin capacity, due to the shape of the pimples geometry and the use of more natural gum in the top sheet.

The choice of Mattias Karlsson

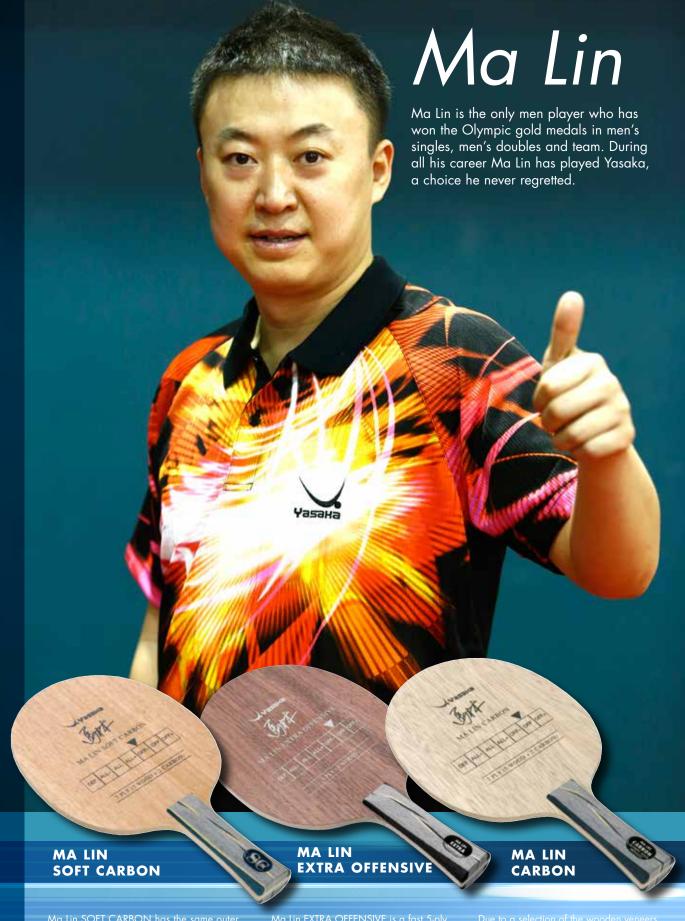
	Sponge- thicknesses, mm	Sponge hardness*	Inbuilt effect	Dura- bility**	Playing characteristics
Mark V HPS	2.0, Max	4	Yes	4	speed/spin
Mark V HPS Soft	2.0, Max	3	Yes	4	spin/speed
Mark V	1.0, 1.5, 1.8, 2.0, Max	4	No	5+	balance
Mark V GPS	1.8, 2.0, Max	3	No	5	spin/control
Mark V M2	2.0, Max	5	No	4	speed
Mark V XS	2.0, Max	4	No	4	spin
Original XHG	1.6, 2.1	3+	No	5	balance
Rakza X	1.8, 2.0, Max	4+	Yes	4	grip/speed
Rakza X Soft	1.8, 2.0, Max	3	Yes	4	grip/control
Rakza 9	1.8, 2.0, Max	4+	Yes	4	speed/spin
Rakza 7	1.8, 2.0, Max	4+	Yes	4	spin/speed
Rakza 7 Soft	1.8, 2.0, Max	3	Yes	4	spin/control
Pryde 30	1.8, 2.0, Max	2+	Yes	3	control/spin
Rising Dragon	2.0, Max	4	Yes	4	spin/speed
Rakza PO	2.0, Max	4	Yes	4	speed/spin
Antipower	2.0	3+	No	4	disturbance/control
Phantom 0011	1.0	3+	No	4	disturbance/control
Phantom 0012	No sponge	-	No	4	disturbance/control



The Swedish National Team player Mattias Karlsson, plays with Rakza PO and Rakza X.

^{*} Sponge hardness: 5 = hard, 1 = soft

^{**} Durability of the rubber: 5 = long, 1 = short



Ma Lin SOFT CARBON has the same outer veneer as the famous EXTRA blade.
Its medium soft characteristics is appreciated by players who want increased ball feel.
Two very thin carbon fibre layers are used to improve the speed and enlarge the sweetspot. Together with the thicker wooden middle veneer it gives good power.

Ma Lin EXTRA OFFENSIVE is a fast 5-ply blade developed in cooperation with Ma Lin. The very hard outer veneers are combined with selected Scandinavian pine veneers to give the blade power. The thick, medium soft center veneer helps to give the blade the very good ball feel, appreciated by technical offensive players.

Due to a selection of the wooden veneers and carbon together with the very specialized gluing method between the wood and the carbon material – Yasaka has succeeded in creating a blade which combines the characteristics of both speed and a good ball feel. Relatively thin construction, but without vibrations and a large sweetspot.

What determines the characteristics (



OF A GOOD BLADE?





DYNAMIX

A real state of the art product

- 17 layers of carbon,
glassfibre and wood in an
optimal combination.

When producing the plywood for a blade, veneers (thin slices) of both different kinds of wood and thicknesses are used. The veneers are glued together in carefully chosen combinations and numbers, depending on the characteristics we are looking for.

To select the right quality of wood, which type of veneer and to know the exact thickness of the different veneers is half of the secret behind the blade quality. Knowledge about the gluing process, the drying process and finishing work is the other half.

Choose the right blade!

- A higher number of veneers in a blade give a faster blade.
- Incorporating carbon fibres in the plywood improves the torsional strength and the blade can be faster without increasing the weight too much.
- A harder outer veneer gives a faster blade, with lower arc, but a softer outer veneer improves the control characteristics (feeling).
- ▶ In some of the Yasaka blades, balsa wood, a very light wood is used. The "balsa blades" have special characteristics, much appreciated by certain players.

	Speed	Control	Sweet-spot	Laquered	No. of layers
Silverline 9 Wood	19	14	SuperLarge	Χ	9
Silverline All Wood	14	18	Large	Х	5
Silverline Carbon	18+	15	XLarge	Χ	5+2
Ma Lin Soft Carbon	18	15+	Large	Χ	5+2
Ma Lin Extra Offensive	18	15	Large	Χ	5
Ma Lin Carbon	18+	15	XLarge	Χ	5+2
Galaxya	19	14	XLarge	Χ	7
Galaxya Carbon	20	13+	SuperLarge	Χ	7+2
Extra Offensive 7 Power	19+	13	SuperLarge	Χ	5+2
Extra Special	19	13	XLarge	Χ	7
Sweden Ek Carbon	19	15	Large	Χ	5+2
Sweden Extra	15	17	Medium	Χ	5
Extra 3D	15+	17	Medium		5
Allround Plus	14	18	Medium	Χ	5
Maxwood	19	13	XLarge	Χ	7
Max Carbon 3D	20	13	SuperLarge	Χ	7+2
Dynamix	19+	13+	SuperLarge	Χ	11+6
Sweden Classic	13	18	Medium	Χ	5
2040	12	18	Medium		5
Sweden Defensive	11	19	Medium	Χ	5
Balsa	16	16+	Medium	Χ	5+2
Battle Balsa	16+	16	Medium	Х	5
Goiabao	18+	14+	Large	X	5
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Sweet-spot: the size of the hitting spot with sustained ball control



GOIABAO means "nice wood" – a suitable name for this elegant blade with top level playing characterisics.

GOIABAO 5 is a fast 5-ply blade with a hard outer veneer and a relatively thick middle veneer. The second veneer is hand selected Scandinavian pine. Lacquered.



Sweden EK CARBON has the same "5 + 2 layers" construction as all other Yasaka carbon blades. The outer veneers are made by OAK wood, grown in Scandinavia.

The OAK wood is hard and improves the blades stiffness and speed. In addition it gives also an elegant look. Laquered.



A fast 9-ply blade with 3 hard centre veneers which are glued together to give a powerful core to the blade. Covering the core there are two harder and thinner red wooden veneers. The outer silver/red veneers are hard thanks to a specialised process employing high pressure. The second veneer used is a thin medium soft veneer.

Thanks to the selection of veneers and the 8 layers of glue the blade has a large sweet spot* and is suitable for hard attacking players. Lacquered.

SILVER ALL WOOD

A high tech allround blade. The outer veneer is very hard thanks to a special process with employing high pressure. The hard outer veneers increase the size of the sweet spot*. The middle veneer (the core) is a carefully selected medium density wood, slightly thicker than for traditional allround blades. It gives a really good ball feel, and together with the hard outer veneers also enough power for attacking play. Lacquered.



Many carbon blades are very fast, and sometimes difficult to handle. In SILVER CARBON we use 2 thin carbon layers and glue them to the wooden veneers with a gluing method developed to keep the control characteristics. The hard outer veneers in combination with the carbon layers make the size of the sweet spot* very large.

With the SILVER CARBON technical players have a weapon useful for both own attacking play and fast, controlled, counter blockings. A blade for those who want only the best in technology and materials. Lacquered.



In the last few years Yasaka's EXTRA OFFENSIVE blade has been a big success, appreciated by players all over the world. With experience from the famous EXTRA OFFENSIVE blade Yasaka has developed a 7-ply blade, aimed for players demanding a super offensive weapon.

The very hard outer veneer is combined with a medium hard second veneer and a thin and very light layer of carbon. The middle veneer is selected and finished to be perfect in hardness and thickness. The gluing and pressing process is developed to improve the balance between the speed and control characteristics. Lacquered.

Several top players prefer the pure wooden blade construction, appreciating the special feel of pure wood.

EXTRA SPECIAL is a 7-ply construction suitable for aggressive close-to-the-table players. In EXTRA SPECIAL Yasaka's experienced wood specialists combine harder inner veneers with a slightly softer middle veneer to get the right power without vibration.

In addition the surface veneers are thin, selected hard walnut veneers, making the blade faster. The big sweet spot (hitting area with maximum control) helps to control the game. Lacquered.



The Yasaka blade GALAXYA has been developed by Japanese players in close collaboration with Yasaka's Swedish blade factory. The players greatest desire was to have a fast and powerful blade, suitable for challenging the ultimate offensive game.

The result is a seven layer blade, the inner veneers having a unique blend of precisely combined thicknesses to give the basic power characteristics. The outer veneers are medium soft, specifically chosen to add better ball feel characteristics to the GALAXYA.

The GALAXYA comes with a thin double lacquered surface and attractive print design.

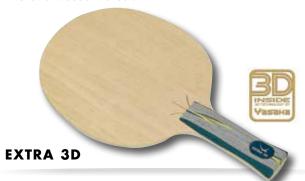
After the successful launch of GALAXYA Yasaka's factory began building on the same concept, but trying to make an even faster blade. It was natural to use carbon fibre to make the blade even faster. After many tests with various combinations, we found the best design. The two layers of carbon fibre combined with the three wooden middle layers improve the speed characteristics. The two outer veneers are medium soft, especially chosen to add better ball feel to the blade.

GALAXYA CARBON comes with a thin double lacquered surface and attractive print design.



The optimum combination between power and feeling. The harder inner veneers in very precise cut and the special medium soft surface veneer is considered among top players to give the best feeling. One of the best selling blades in the World. 5 wooden veneers.

SWEDEN EXTRA



The 3D construction gives more flexibility in the blade, helps to make the bat giving a "catapult power" when hitting the ball. Since several years Yasaka EXTRA 3D is a "big seller" in many countries. 5 wooden veneers.



A 7-ply combination including 2 harder veneers. Powerful, aimed for the player that is looking for maximum speed in the attack and blocking. 7 wooden veneers. Lacquered.



7 wooden veneers and two carbon layers in combination with the Yasaka 3D technique results in a powerful blade with a large sweet spot. Lacquered.





For players looking for the ultimate light blade. Yasaka BALSA has a thick center veneer, reinforced with synthetic fibres and a hard outer veneer. Totally 5 wooden veneers and 2 synthetic fibre layers. Lacquered.



A quality allround blade with a slightly thinner handle. Typical allround characteristics suitable for younger players. 5 wooden veneers.



To be able to produce table tennis blades of the highest quality you need years of experience and a deep knowledge. The Yasaka plant in Sweden has that knowledge.



Unsurpassed ball feeling and superb control gives a perfect blade for players that can mix technical attack near the table and top spin play short distance from the table. 5 wooden veneers. Lacquered.



Yasaka ALLROUND PLUS is a 5-ply construction with slightly harder veneers next to the surface, to get more speed. Suitable for the technical allround player who can vary the game. 5 wooden veneers. Lacquered.



SWEDEN DEFENSIVE

Most defensive players are looking for optimal soft touch of the ball combined with exceptional feeling and control. Yasaka's SWEDEN DEFENSIVE is designed to meet that demand. Fractionally softer outer veneers and a slightly enlarged head in comparison to traditional blades, give the SWEDEN DEFENSIVE its unique characteristics. 5 wooden veneers. Lacquered.



The new Yasaka shoe JET IMPACT is the latest development in the Yasaka shoe range. JET IMPACT is the shoe for players looking for a stable shoe, with perfect playing characteristics and good comfort. High peeling PU with superior durability



Upper part made of microfiber designed to be both durable and hard wearing while remaining attractive. Large pore mesh gives good ventilation.





The new designed outer sole is made of Phylon (MD) and rubber. The Phylon is light weight and offer flexible, resilient, shockproof performance. The rubber is anti-slip and hard wearing.



NORISUKE-SAN

Water based glue. Apply the glue evenly on rubber and blade. Available in 40 ml and 375 ml cans.

RUBBER PROTECTION SHEET

To protect the rubbers on the bat.

Vastalia

RUBBER CLEANER

Dust and dirt destroy the rubbers playing characteristics and endurance. Yasaka RUBBER CLEANER helps to keep the rubber clean.

175 ml with spray pump.



FUKUDA

Cleaning sponge.



Yasaka EDGE TAPE, 5 m or 50 m rolls. Available in two different widths: 10 mm (gold/black) & 12 mm (white/black).



Helps you to get a perfect result when you glue the rubber to the blade.







LIMA For one bat

NOKA Backpack 32x48xx22 cm





LUNA For two bats

SAKA For one bat, with ball pocket



VIEWTRY II

For two bats



VIEWTRY I

Bat cover with ball pocket for 3 balls.



MIRA Bag, 42x14x31 cm





MITO Medium sized bag 61x34x28 cm

OTARA Big bag 70x34x28 cm





LEO

Yasaka shirt LEO is made of Micro Dryfit "Bird Eye", a soft, comfortable and breathable material. LEO is available in 2 different colour combinations. Sizes XXXS – XXXL



Table tennis shorts, 65% polyester, 35% cotton. Available in black and navy with piping in white. Also in black with piping in red. Two side pockets.

Sizes: XXXS – XXXL

LYNX

Yasaka shirt LYNX is made of Micro Dryfit "Bird Eye", a soft, comfortable and breathable material. LYNX is available in 2 different colour combinations. Sizes XXXS – XXXL





ORION

High quality tracksuit in "Dobby Dry Fit" breathable material (100% polyester). Jacket with straight waistband and adjustable draw cord. Trousers with angled zip openings. Inner mesh lining. Avaliable in three different colour combinations. Sizes: XXXS – 3XL

Table tennis ball DEVELOPMENT



Historically table tennis balls have always been manufactured using celluloid, an excellent material producing good playing characteristics. However, some years ago the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) encouraged table tennis manufacturers to produce balls, utilising plastic material, which is non-flammable.

Developing the balls in this new material has been a real challenge. After a long development period Yasaka could introduce YASAKA ** 40+, a cell-free competition ball of the highest quality, meeting the ITTF standards for approval.



YASAKA *** 40+



T-SHIRT FLASH

Made of moisture transportable functional fibre, 100 % polyester, woven with the special Jacquard method. The Jacquard method gives a highly comfortable feeling and a stretch function.

Sizes: XXS – XXXL

MILANO

Table table tennis shorts. Available in black with Yasaka embroidery in white.

Sizes: XXXS - XXXL



T-SHIRT STAR

Functional T-shirt, with embroidered Yasaka-logo. Available in black and white. 50% cotton, 50% polyester.

Sizes: XXXS - XXXL



TOWEL RED SEA

Terry towel. Colour: navy/red Size: 55 x 100 cm









CHOOSE THE RIGHT BALL!

A table tennis ball has a hard life. Players hit as hard as they can, with faster and faster bats. The speed of the ball can be more than 100 km per hour, and within a 10th of a second the direction of the ball is reversed. In addition, the rotation of the ball is very high and the direction of the rotation is changing very quickly.

To have the best ball for competition and practise and at the same time considering economy and value it is important that you choose the right ball.

Yasaka balls are available in three different qualities:

Yasaka ★★★ 40+

The cell-free ITTF approved 40 mm ball for competition play. White. Available in 3-pcs boxes or boxes with 144 balls

Yasaka 🖈

The cell-free training ball. White. Available in 60-pcs boxes.

Yasaka SUPERIOR

Superior quality 40 mm practice ball, made of celluloid. White or orange. Available in 144-pcs boxes.

Developing STEP BY STEP

Having the right equipment is vital when becoming a table tennis you need to have a bat with rubbers that can produce spin. At the same time the bat should not be too fast or too heavy. Our step by step approach in the Yasaka Hobby range allows each player to develop their potential at their own pace.

YASAKA BASIC KIT

In the Yasaka range there are ready made bats suitable for the first contact with serious table tennis. The Yasaka WORLD CUP is a good choice – an allround blade and rubbers with sufficient spin and reasonable speed.

YASAKA DEVELOPMENT KIT

When a player has learned the first basic techniques and wants to improve the game the natural step is to "build his own bat". The Yasaka 2040 is a Swedish made, high quality, light weight all-round blade and with a slightly narrower handle. Yasaka ORIGINAL XHG are rubbers manufactured in Japan, with a perfect balance between spin, speed and control, which is so important in the beginning of a player's development. Available in 1.6 mm and 2.1 mm.







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