

# Teamgeist joins tradition of innovation

The *Teamgeist* – team spirit – from adidas is the latest in a line of official World Cup match balls stretching back more than 30 years, each of which has become a part of the tournament's history in its own right



**1970 TELSTAR** *Mexico*  
Archetypal design – 32 hand-stitched leather panels. Designed for visibility on black-and-white TV



**1978 TANGO** *Argentina: Classic "triad" design. Spain 1982: Sealed seams reduce water intake*



**1986 AZTECA** *Mexico*  
First synthetic ball reduces water absorption and improves durability



**1990 ETRUSCO** *Italy: Polyurethane foam layer provides lively response and water resistance*



**1994 QUESTRA** *U.S.*  
Layer of polyethylene foam increases energy return – softer and faster

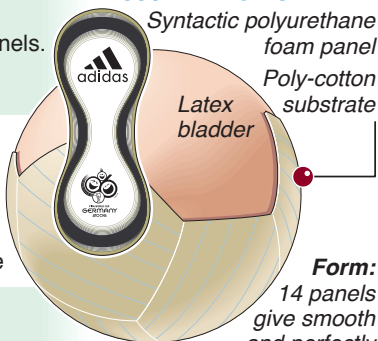


**1998 TRICOLORE** *France: Syntactic foam matrix layer boosts energy return and durability*



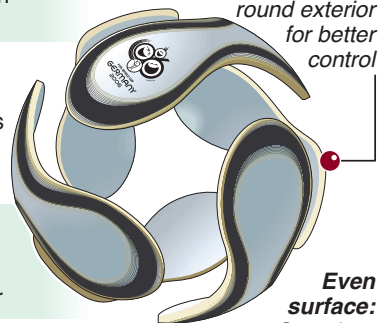
**2002 FEVERNOVA** *Korea/Japan: Refined syntactic foam for more predictable response, woven chassis for durability*

## 2006 TEAMGEIST



*Syntactic polyurethane foam panel*  
*Poly-cotton substrate*  
*Latex bladder*

**Form:**  
14 panels give smooth and perfectly round exterior for better control



**Even surface:**  
Seamless thermal-bonding

