

Bowls Date Stamp

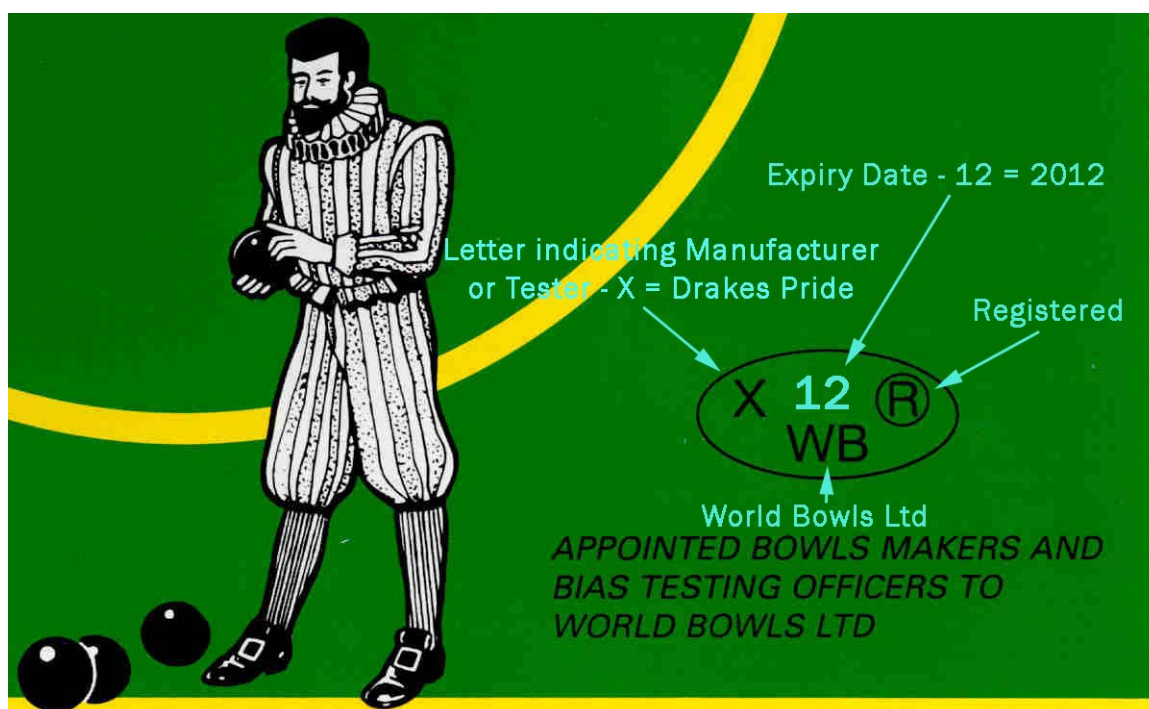
All bowls should be re-tested and re-stamped at least once every 10 years, or earlier if the date stamp is not clearly legible".

So it is important that you know what the stamp on your set of bowls indicates.

If you have a set of bowls manufactured or re-tested after 1st. April 2002 then your stamp should look like the picture below. Note however that the letter will be that relevant to the manufacturer or tester and that the 10 years includes the year of stamping / re-stamping.

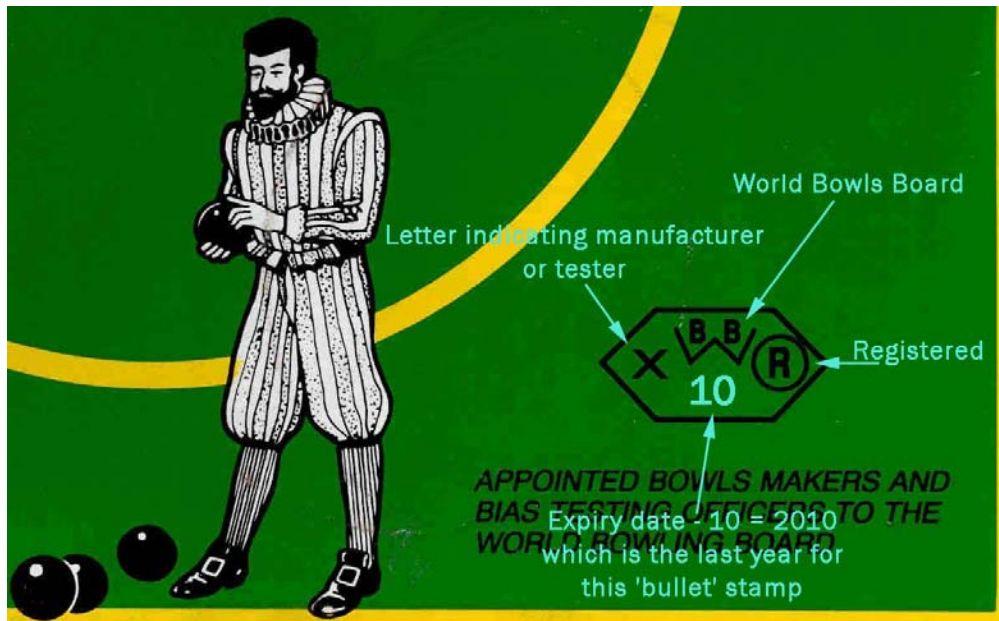
World Bowls Ltd date stamp -

This is the 'new' current (2013) World Bowls Ltd. registered stamp that was brought into force when all the testing facilities had the same test surface, same delivery mechanism and the modern Working Reference Bowl.



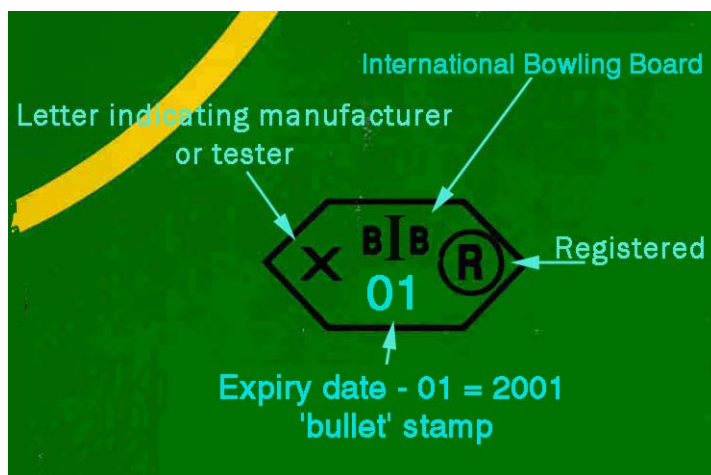
World Bowls Board date stamp -

Prior to the WB stamp was the Worlds Bowl Board stamp, commonly know as the 'bullet' stamp. This stamp was used from 1993 when the International Bowling Board was renamed and updated to the World Bowls Board. The information shown is basically the same as the current stamp.

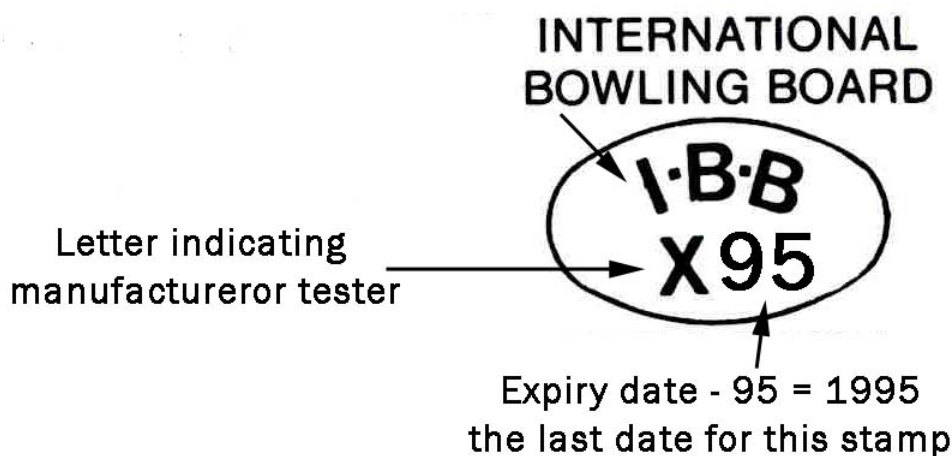


International Bowling Board date stamp

In 1986 after much discussion a new Reference Bowl was issued to all manufacturers and tester and the IBB stamp became the accept date stamp through out the bowls World replacing local National stamps such as the BIBC (British Isles Bowling Council) stamped used on bowls in the UK.

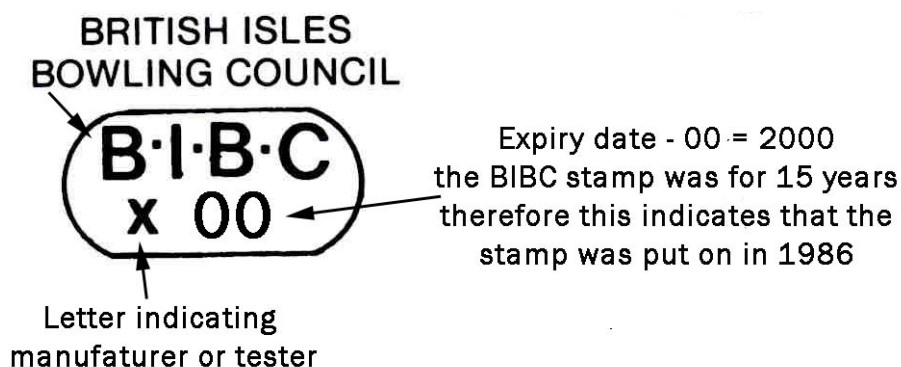


Prior to 1987 and the introduction of the IBB registered 'bullet' stamp the two stamps that were in use in the UK were the original IBB oval stamp and the BIBC stamp. In the UK the BIBC stamp tended to be the more common of the two. In Australia the Australian Bowls Council stamp was the recognised stamp, New Zealand had a NZBA stamp and South Africa a SABA stamp these National stamps were superseded after 1987 by the IBB 'bullet' stamp.



British Isles Bowling Council date stamp

The BIBC stamp was significantly different to the IBB stamp then in use and the subsequent stamps in that it was for a 15 year period.



The date stamp shows when you should have your bowls re-tested and given that when a bowl is rolling on a green, outdoor or indoor, it is basically running on fine sandpaper they do need this inspection. After all you want to bowl to the best of your ability so don't you want to be sure that your bowls are performing as they did when new.

Manufacturers & Testers

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Companies no longer manufacturing or testing bowls

Stamp Code	Manufacturer
B (pre 2002)	THURSTON & CO LTD, LONDON
B	BOWLS DIRECT LTD, NEW ZEALAND
D	GRAYS OF CAMBRIDGE LTD, PERSHORE
E	PYNE ASSOCIATES LTD< BURGESS HILL
F	DOUGLAS KENN (SPORTS) LTD, BURGESS HILL
G	THOMAS PADMORE LTD, BIRMINGHAM (pre 2002)
H	J JAQUES & SON LTD, THORNTON HEATH
J	CBBS CO LTD, CONGLETON
K	HENSELITE (UK) LTD, CUMBERNAULD
L	TAYLOR BOWLS AUSTRALIA, WARANA, QUEENSLAND
M	METROLITE INDUSTRIES, WIGAN
R (pre June 2014)	FRED FERN'S BOWLS CENTRE PTY LTD, AUSTRALIA
T	E S HALLIWELL BOWLS CO, BIRKENHEAD
Y	RILEY LEISURE LTD (GREENMASTER), BURNLEY

Bias testing table

