

Head 135CT and 150CT

Head's new line of CT (Corrugated Technology™) racquets feature one thing consistently—stiff frames with excellent feel for the ball. Two of their latest sticks, the 135CT and 150CT, are prime examples.

While their strung weights are quite different (164g for the 135CT and 181g for the 150CT), both provide a direct connection from the hand to the ball because of their stiffness. At the same time, there is virtually no vibration transferred to the hand which is a plus.

Overall, however, the swing-feel of the 135CT and 150CT are dramatically different. The balance point of the 135CT is under 11.5" from the tip of the head, while the 150CT balance point is two inches further down the frame at 13.25" from the top—almost dead center along the shaft. The result is a decidedly head-heavy 135CT, but its overall weight still leaves it feeling significantly lighter than the 150CT—and, therefore, quite responsive.

The 150CT takes more effort to swing because of its overall weight, but the even balance helps to offset this issue.

Both the 135CT and 150CT featured extremely tight string tension as well which actually enhances control. While some feel that high tension decreases control since the ball will not stay on the strings as long, the advantage of tighter strings is that the ball will compress more, therefore allowing for more "bite" on the ball by the strings—a huge advantage when putting a lot of downward spin on the ball.

The Corrugated Technology™ (which we introduced you to in December) results in great torsional stability in the shaft—which again, translates into more stiff frames.

To learn more about HEAD's 135CT and 150CT, along with the rest of the CT line—including the 130 CT Slant, 155 CT Slant, and Xenon 135 CT, visit www.head.com/squash.

