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(57) Abstract

A golf ball (10) is provided which changes color or other indicia (15) after significant immersion in water (50) to indicate that the ball (10) has been recovered from a water hazard and may not have predictable flight characteristics which may result in loss of carry and roll. In one embodiment, a microencapsulated dye layer (16) is formed immediately below the final gloss coat (20) with controlled dye release causing a stained look to the ball after significant immersion in water.

