

**Review of Evolution Extreme X 5/8-inch
Omega Pickleball From Engage Pickleball
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I have been playing for several years now and have had an opportunity to play with quite a few paddles. This is the first time that I have been provided demo paddles and want to thank Pickleball Central for providing them. I hope Pickleball Central will provide more opportunities to demo other paddles and to write additional reviews.

The Evolution Extreme X 5/8-inch is a rectangular shape paddle compared to its sister paddle, the Evolution Extreme 5/8-inch paddle, which is squared shape. Both paddles are thicker than any of the other paddles that I have ever used.

The Evolution Extreme X to be of a control/touch paddle compared to a power paddle. I was able to make third shot drops and dink shots more easily with this paddle compared to my current paddle, the Pursuit EX by Engage Pickleball. The finesse game is very important to me as I am often referred to a “banger” on the courts. However, when I need to drive the ball or have a firefight at the kitchen, that wasn’t a problem. Compared to its sister paddle, the Evolution Extreme, the X seemed to have more power, as I was able to whip it pretty easily which provided good speed on the ball without the opponent expecting a power shot.

This paddle felt a little light in my hand. Although I typically wear gloves on both hands to get a better feel for paddles, this paddle didn’t seem to require it. The grip on the paddle is terrific and when wearing gloves, I felt that that there was too much grip.

The thing I liked the most about this paddle is the improvement in my finesse game while not taking away from the power game. This paddle is best suited for a player who is trying to improve their soft game, third shot drops, dink and serves as it inspires confidence with these types of shots. However, because the paddle feels light in the hand, it also inspires quick, powerful shots and deceptively fast shots to unsuspecting opponents.

A few of my friends also tried this paddle and liked it. Most of them were playing with a squared shape paddle and so it took a little time for them to get used to the rectangular shape. Once they got comfortable with the shape and the play of the paddle, they did not want to give it back. I expect a few of my friends may be getting the Evolution Extreme X or its sister paddle the Extreme by Omega Pickleball, an Engage Pickleball company, this holiday season.