

**Review of Evolution Extreme 5/8-inch  
Omega Pickleball From Engage Pickleball  
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This is my first review of a pickleball paddle. 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 5/8-inch is a squared shape paddle compared to its sister paddle, the Evolution Extreme X 5/8-inch paddle which is a rectangular shape. Both paddles are thicker than any of the other paddles that I have ever used.

The Extreme seemed more like a control/touch paddle compared to a power paddle. I was able to make third shot drops and dink shots more easily. 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 non-volley zone, that wasn't a problem.

The paddle felt great in my hand. I typically wear gloves on both hands to get a better feel for the paddle but with the type of grip on this paddle there was no need. The grip and by extension the paddle, felt very smooth - like I was wearing a glove, but wasn't. Even in slightly colder temperatures when many people were wearing gloves, I was not which is very unusual.

The thing I liked the most about this paddle is the feel of the paddle and grip as explained above. It allowed me to greatly improve my finesse game while not taking away from my power game.

This paddle is best suited for players who are trying to improve their soft game, third shot drops, dink and serves as it inspires confidence with these types of shots.

A few of my friends also tried the paddle and loved it. One friend in particular would ask if I brought the paddle and if he could use it. Of course, I would let him use it and his game substantially improved which is saying a lot because he is already a very good player. Honestly, he has never played better and I suggested that he get this paddle during the upcoming holiday season.