



To: USSSA Baseball Umpires

From: USSSA National Office

Re: Approved Bat with Intentional Graphic Color Change: Easton Dub Darkside

USSSA is issuing this notice to make umpires aware of a USSSA-certified baseball bat that features an intentional cosmetic color change during normal use.

What to expect:

The Easton Dub Darkside bat (below) is designed so that certain silver graphics (A) on the front of the bat gradually change to red (B) through normal ball contact. This is an intentional design feature, not wear and tear.



Key points for umpires:

- This bat is certified for USSSA play at the 1.15 BPF performance standard. The graphic change does not affect performance, structural integrity, or certification status.
- All Key Graphic Information (the USSSA 1.15 BPF certification mark, serial number, model name, and manufacturer name) remains intact and legible throughout the bat's use.
- No raw bat material is exposed by the color change. A secondary paint layer sits beneath the top layer at all times.
- If loose paint flakes are partially attached to the bat, the player should remove them before play. Standard umpire discretion on bat condition still applies.

Summary:

Do not remove this bat from play solely because its graphics appear to be changing color. That change is by design and has been reviewed and approved by USSSA.

Questions should be directed to the USSSA National Office.
