



Boot Test 2006

Yet again, the time has come to put the game's leading boot manufacturers to the test. Are their promises and claims true? Let's find out.

We've assembled our most experienced — and qualified — team yet for Boot Test.

Our panel, consisting of former NSL players Bill Damiacko, Steve Iosifidis, Steve Karavitakis, Con Anagnostidis, Lev

Osman and former Socceroo striker, Joe Spiteri, took the boots through their paces and tested — and rated — them in five key areas: aesthetics; comfort; touch/feel; stability; and affordability.

It makes for a riveting read.

Andreas Italia
RRP: \$220

What the manufacturer says...

Classic styling boot which features in soft Kangaroo Leather for great fit and comfort. Lined with nylon 420. The sole is completely glued, stitched and dedicated to players with large sole of the foot. Thermo shaped planter in EVA anti shock and anti tendonitis. Lateral supports for greater stability. Hand Made in Italy.

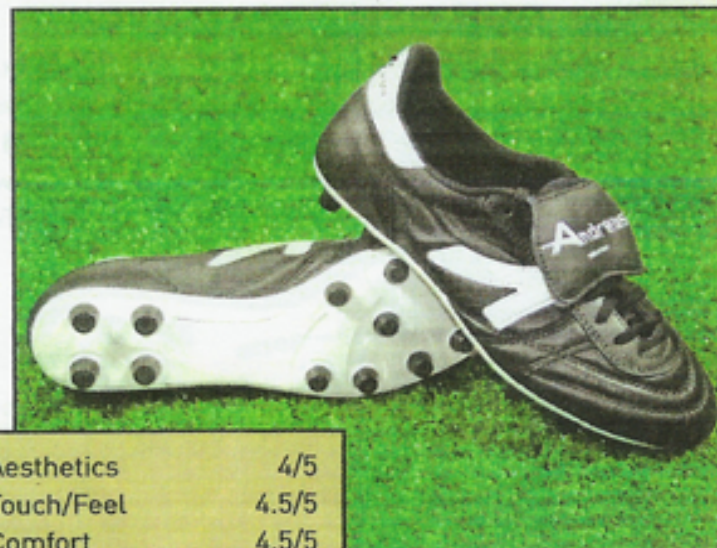
What the player says....

Steve Iosifidis...

Extremely comfortable boot, and honestly there is very little difference between the Futura's and Italia's.

Joe Spiteri...

Absolute quality. You're getting a bargain at this price.



Aesthetics	4/5
Touch/Feel	4.5/5
Comfort	4.5/5
Stability/Manoeuvrability	4.5/5
Value for money	4.5/5

Andreas Futura
RRP: \$240

What the manufacturer says...

Classic styling boot which features a one piece upper in soft Kangaroo Leather for great fit and comfort. A special semi-rigid and reinforced inner planter with flexion system provides stability and strength, restricting lateral foot movement but still offering great touch and feel. Ankle collar covered with soft foam rubber. The sole is completely glued, stitched and riveted. Thermo shaped planter in EVA anti shock and anti tendonitis. Hand Made in Italy.

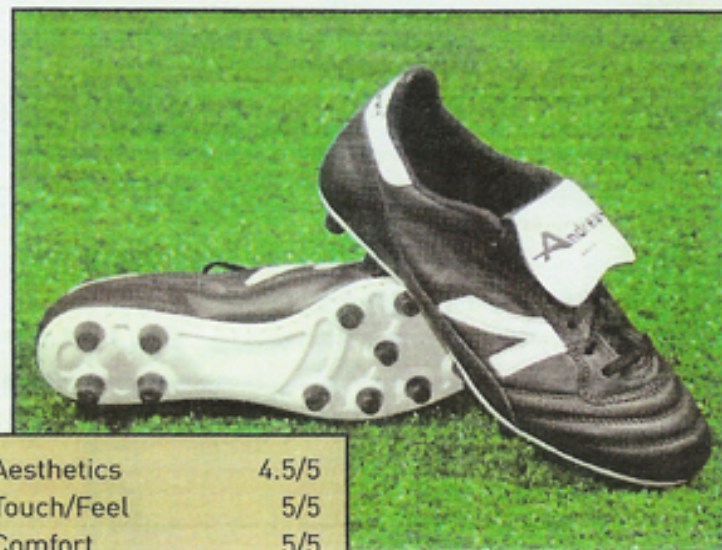
What the player says....

Bill Damianos...

What a boot — easily one of the best boots I tested. The boot just wraps around your foot and is extremely comfortable. You can shape any shot you like, which is great for strikers and playmakers.

Lev Osman...

A very intimate and comfy fit. Little concerned about the protection it offers.



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