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Details:

Gray-Nicolls Matrix Plus Grip - Senior at a glance

| | | | --- | --- | | Brand | Gray-Nicolls | | Category | Grips accessories | | Price | \$9.99 | | Availability | In stock (3 of 3 variants) | | Color | White, Spiral, Multi Colour - Block | | Size | Senior | | SKU | 8880006162526, 8880006172526, 8880006182526 | | Tags | Cricket Bat Grip, gray-nicolls, grip, senior | | Sold by | Cricket For All, Gilles Plains, South Australia |

Product description

The Gray-Nicolls Matrix Plus Grip combines a soft rubber feel with textured sections for control on the bat. Self-tensioning rings help reduce movement of the grip during play.

Key features

Self-tensioning anti-slip rings

Lightweight rubber construction

Extra-soft feel

Multi-angle grip sections

Stretch rubber composition

Senior size

Variants and availability

| Variant | Price | Was | SKU | In stock | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | White / Senior | \$9.99 | — | 8880006162526 | Yes | | Spiral / Senior | \$9.99 | — | 8880006172526 | Yes | | Multi Colour - Block / Senior | \$9.99 | — | 8880006182526 | Yes |

Cricket bat grips

A grip is the cheapest piece of cricket equipment and the one that most directly affects bat control.

When to replace

Replace a grip when it hardens, glazes, or when the hands slide during a shot. A perished grip on a \$600 bat is a false economy - most players should replace grips at least once a season, and any player batting weekly through a summer will want two or three.

Types

Chevron - the standard raised-chevron rubber. Grippy, durable, the default.

Octopus / suction - raised nodules, maximum tack, popular in humid conditions.

Spiral / ribbed - moderate texture, thinner feel, closer contact with the handle.

Scale / dimple - shaped textures, largely a matter of preference.

Thickness and double grips

A second grip increases handle diameter, which suits large hands and reduces the wrist strain of gripping too tightly. It also adds a small amount of weight above the splice, which slightly improves pick-up feel. Players with smaller hands, and most juniors, should stay with a single grip - too thick a handle prevents the top hand from controlling the face.

Fitting

Grips are fitted with a grip cone or by rolling. Fit dry, over a clean handle. If a handle binding is loose or the twine has come away, that needs repair before a new grip goes on - a grip will not hold a failing binding together.

Why grip choice affects your batting

The grip is the only point of contact between player and bat, and it governs two things that matter technically: how tightly you have to hold the bat, and how much the handle can rotate in the hands at impact.

Grip pressure and bat speed. A worn or glazed grip forces the player to hold on harder to stop the bat turning. Grip tension travels up the forearms into the shoulders, and tight forearms slow the swing and shorten the follow-through. Coaches spend a great deal of time telling players to hold the bat lightly - a fresh grip makes that instruction possible to follow.

Rotation at impact. A ball struck off-centre applies a twisting force to the handle. A grip with enough tack resists that rotation, keeping the face square through contact. This is why hitting the ball off the toe or the edge with a worn grip is so much more painful: the handle turns in the hands and the shock goes into the wrists.

Handle diameter and hand size

Bat handles are roughly 30-32 mm in diameter under the grip. Adding a second grip takes that to 34-36 mm. The right diameter is the one where the fingers of the top hand can close comfortably around the handle with the fingertips reaching the palm without pressing hard into it.

Too thin and the player squeezes to keep control, which locks the wrists.

Too thick and the top hand cannot wrap far enough round, which stops it controlling the face and pushes the player toward a bottom-hand-dominant swing.

Larger hands and players who suffer forearm fatigue generally benefit from a double grip. Juniors almost never should - most junior handles are already proportionally thick for small hands.

Fitting and removal

Grips are fitted with a cone or by rolling them on over the handle. The handle must be dry and free of old adhesive. If the twine binding under the grip is loose, lifting or unravelling, that must be repaired first: a grip does not hold a failing binding together, and a handle that comes apart under a grip usually means a re-handle rather than a repair.

Removing an old grip is easiest by cutting it lengthways with a blade angled away from the handle - never dig into the binding. Cricket For All's Gilles Plains workshop fits grips and repairs handle bindings alongside its bat repair services.

Grips beyond bats

The same rubber sleeve technology appears on other cricket equipment: some players fit grips to the handles of bowling machines, ball throwers and even kit bag pull handles. Chevron grip material is also sold in sheet form for repairs.

Bat grip terms

Chevron - the standard raised-chevron rubber pattern.

Octopus / suction - raised nodules for maximum tack.

Grip cone - the tool used to stretch a grip onto a handle.

Binding / twine - the wrapped cord under the grip holding the handle together.

Double grip - two grips fitted over each other to increase handle diameter.

Common questions about bat grip

How often should I replace a bat grip?

At least once a season, and two or three times for anyone batting weekly. Replace when the rubber hardens, glazes, or when your hands slide during a shot. A perished grip on an expensive bat is a false economy.

Should I use two grips?

A double grip increases handle diameter, which suits larger hands and reduces the tendency to grip too tightly. It also adds a little weight above the splice, subtly improving pick-up feel. Juniors and players with smaller hands should stay single - too thick a handle stops the top hand controlling the face.

How do I fit a grip?

With a grip cone, or by rolling it on over a clean dry handle. Check the handle binding first: if the twine is loose or lifting, that needs repair before a grip goes on, because a grip will not hold a failing binding together.

Which grip type is best?

Chevron is the durable default. Octopus and suction types give maximum tack and suit humid conditions. Spiral and ribbed give a thinner feel and closer contact with the handle. Beyond that it is preference.

Where this sits in the range

Cricket For All stocks 155 other grips accessories items, priced from \$4.00 to \$200.00. At \$9.99 this one sits around the middle of that range.

Closest alternatives in the same category, matched on shared product tags:

Product	Brand	Price
Gray-Nicolls Matrix Plus Grip - Junior	Gray-Nicolls	\$9.99
Gray-Nicolls Matrix Grip-Blk	Gray-Nicolls	\$9.99
Gray-Nicolls Matrix Grip Spiral	Gray-Nicolls	\$9.99
Gray-Nicolls Traction Grip (Box of 30) - Senior	Gray-Nicolls	\$9.99
Gray-Nicolls Nova Grip - Senior	Gray-Nicolls	\$9.99
Gray-Nicolls Octopus Grip - Senior	Gray-Nicolls	\$9.99

What to buy alongside

A grip cone makes fitting a new grip a ten-second job rather than a wrestle.

About Gray-Nicolls

Gray-Nicolls is one of cricket's oldest equipment makers, founded in England in 1855 and manufacturing in Australia as well. The range spans entry-level Kashmir willow through to Players-grade English willow, and the brand is equally well known for protective equipment and bags.

Ranges this product appears in

Grips — 8 products

Gray-Nicolls Cricket Bat Grips — 20 products

Shop All Grips — 98 products

Gray-Nicolls — 491 products

Senior Cricket — 541 products

All Cricket Gear Except Balls — 1451 products

Buying from Cricket For All

Cricket For All is an Adelaide cricket centre and online store at Unit 1-2, 621-623 North East Road, Gilles Plains, South Australia. Flat-rate shipping applies across South Australia, with free shipping on orders over \$500.

The store sits inside a working cricket centre with indoor lanes and bowling machines, so equipment advice comes from nationally accredited coaches who see the same gear in use daily rather than from a catalogue. Trading hours are Monday to Thursday 12:00pm-10:00pm, Friday 12:00pm-9:00pm, and Saturday and Sunday 10:00am-6:00pm. Phone (08) 7095 5777 or email retail@cricketforall.com.au.

Price, variant and availability details reflect the catalogue when this page was compiled; the live product page carries current pricing and stock.

What product is featured on this page?

The page features the Gray-Nicolls Matrix Plus Grip - Senior, a cricket bat grip made by the brand Gray-Nicolls.

What colour options are available for the Gray-Nicolls Matrix Plus Grip - Senior?

The Gray-Nicolls Matrix Plus Grip - Senior is available in three variants: White, Spiral, and Multi Colour - Block, all in Senior size.

How much does the Gray-Nicolls Matrix Plus Grip - Senior cost?

Each variant of the Gray-Nicolls Matrix Plus Grip - Senior (White, Spiral, and Multi Colour - Block) is priced at 9.99 AUD.

Is the Gray-Nicolls Matrix Plus Grip - Senior in stock?

Yes, all three variants (White, Spiral, and Multi Colour - Block) of the Gray-Nicolls Matrix Plus Grip - Senior are listed as in stock.

What is the SKU/GTIN for the White Senior variant of the Gray-Nicolls Matrix Plus Grip?

The White Senior variant has the SKU and GTIN 8880006162526.

What is the SKU/GTIN for the Spiral Senior variant of the Gray-Nicolls Matrix Plus Grip?

The Spiral Senior variant has the SKU and GTIN 8880006172526.

What is the SKU/GTIN for the Multi Colour - Block Senior variant of the Gray-Nicolls Matrix Plus Grip?

The Multi Colour - Block Senior variant has the SKU and GTIN 8880006182526.

Where can the Gray-Nicolls Matrix Plus Grip - Senior be purchased?

The Gray-Nicolls Matrix Plus Grip - Senior is sold on the Cricket For All website at the URL <https://www.cricketforall.com.au/products/graynicollsmatrixplusgrip>.

What currency are the prices listed in for the Gray-Nicolls Matrix Plus Grip - Senior?

The prices for the Gray-Nicolls Matrix Plus Grip - Senior are listed in AUD (Australian Dollars).

What is the product group ID for the Gray-Nicolls Matrix Plus Grip - Senior?

The product group ID for the Gray-Nicolls Matrix Plus Grip - Senior is 9349823332603.