New Balance Vazee Pace 2  

The Vazee Pace took its name from a variant of the French “let’s go,” but this time the question is, how do you say “go faster?” The Vazee Pace 2 picks right up where the debut version left off. As is true with most of the industry, the upper features a smooth interior and no-sew overlays that are flexible and sueded. A small saddle created by three elements—the closed rearfoot mesh, the New Balance logo, and heavier sueded and stitched overlays that extend from the eyestays—anchors the foot well, while affording the forefoot room to move. The midsole features new tooling, but functions as before. It’s well-cushioned and shaped for speed, but is great for daily miles as well. The outersole has a bit more rubber than Round 1, though with more flex grooves, so it’s a wash as the ride is not noticeably different. The ride, versatility, and fit earned the Vazee Pace 2 a tie for our award for best shoe in the Performance category.

“The first round was a surprise, with its fit and ride. Round 2 is surprisingly better! Plush interior, well-cushioned, flexible, it’s great to run in.”

Updates the Vazee Pace

Sizes: Men 7–13, 14 (D,2E); Women 5–13 (B,D)

Weight: 10.8 oz. (men’s 11); 7.7 oz. (women’s 8)

Shape: semicurved

Construction: Strobel slip-lasted, EVA Strobel board

Recommended for: medium- to high-arched feet with neutral biomechanics to mild pronation

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