

Atlanta Thrashers Byron Dafoe 2002-03 game used goalie equipment.

Byron Dafoe was born in Worthing, England, United Kingdom and moved to Comox, British Columbia with his mother at the age of two months. Between 1992 and 2004, he played in the National Hockey League (NHL) for the Washington Capitals, Los Angeles Kings, Boston Bruins and Atlanta Thrashers. Dafoe was drafted 35th overall in the second round of the 1989 NHL Entry Draft by the Washington Capitals and made his NHL debut in the 1992–93 NHL season. He became a free agent in 2002 and two months into the 2002-03 season, Dafoe agreed to a one-year deal to join the Atlanta Thrashers. He played two seasons for Atlanta before retirement. This Itech goalie equipment includes Vamp model pads and two pair of gloves. His last name is embroidered on all these items. The pads appear to be equipment he possessed when still at Boston. The gray trim on the pads and the ITECH name have been painted over with maroon and gold colors to be consistent with the Thrashers colors. Based on game photographs, he wore the pads when he first joined the Thrashers. As depicted, there are puck marks and a sewn-on patch that was sufficient to make a photo match. I obtained this equipment from Classic Auctions with a letter of authenticity signed by Dafoe in the latter part of 2025.



Photos taken of Dafoe 12/6/22 in MCI Center. Used for photo match.



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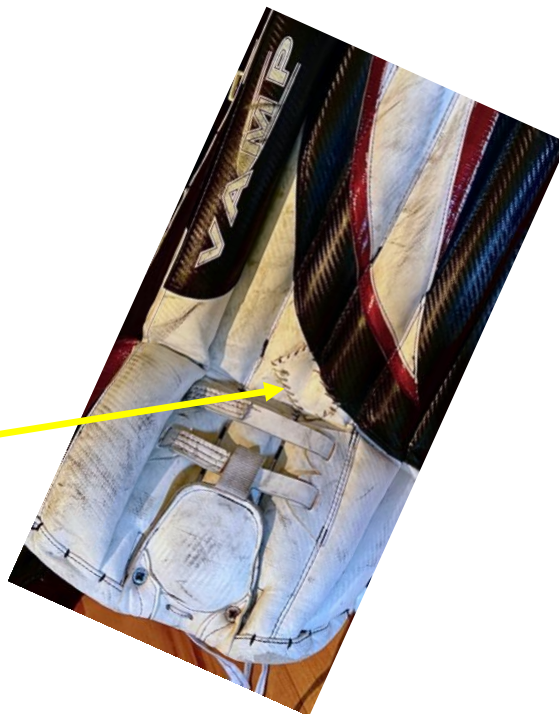
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Photographs taken on November 28, 2002 during a home game vs. the New York Rangers shows the black, white and gray colors. The gray trim was painted maroon and the ITECH lettering on the side of the pads was painted gold.



The unusual thing is the pads he started with in Atlanta with the Thrashers had a sewn-on patch on the bottom of the right pad. It's easy to see the stitches on the game photo from December 1, 2002 when they played the Capitals in Philips Arena.





The two pairs of Tech gloves included in this collection were marked with his last name embroidered on all these items. These appear to be newly manufactured with Thrashers colors but I was unable to locate a picture with Dafoe wearing them. Also included in the gear was a pair of knee pads and a pair of CCM Tacks model 1052 Custom Lite goalie skates.

