

Atlanta Thrashers Nelson Emerson 1999-00 inaugural season game used pants, size L.

Nelson Emerson was drafted in the third round, 44th overall, by the St. Louis Blues in the 1985 draft. Emerson was signed as a free agent by the Atlanta Thrashers in 1999 and played 58 games before being traded late in the season, along with team captain Kelly Buchberger, to the Los Angeles Kings in exchange for Donald Audette and Frantisek Kaberle. Emerson would remain with the Kings until retiring following the 2001-02 season. Emerson appeared in 771 NHL games in his career, scoring 195 goals and adding 293 assists. These Bauer pro pants are from the Thrashers' inaugural season. The inaugural season logo is embroidered on the right leg, as is the NHL shield. The Bauer logos are screened on, and Emerson's #19 is written on the inside with a black permanent marker. The pants were obtained from another collector who stated he got them from someone on the Thrashers equipment staff after Emerson wore them for about 17 games before switching to another brand. Based on game photographs I have examined, it appears these Bauer pants were used by the Thrashers early in the season, an example photo from November 20, 1999 is shown below.

