

# THE RIGHT STUFF

*The geniuses at the world's top golf companies have created a new crop of equipment that's faster, lighter, more technologically advanced and cooler-looking than anything you've ever played before. Sure, golf is a game of skill, but having the best gear never hurts.*

**SPEED**

## NIKE SQ MACHSPEED BLACK

1 Adjustable, powerful and deep-faced, this black driver is available with a 460 cc round or square clubhead that reduces drag for faster ball speed across the clubface. Both mis-hits and nutterd shots will go longer, and this SQ MachSpeed also produces a lower ball flight than the original. **\$360**

## FUJIKURA BLUR

2 For drivers and woods, this light shaft promises to accelerate faster and thrust your swing speed, without compromising a solid feel. The Blur is the stock shaft in the likes of Cobra's S3 and TaylorMade's R11 drivers, as well as a custom option in Ping's K15—a convincing endorsement. **\$300-\$325**

## CALLAWAY HX DIABLO

3 Two-piece distance balls often translate to a sporting-goods store value model. Not this one. Callaway wraps a soft, resilient core with an ionomer cover, for a ball that spins low for more tee-shot distance. Its HEX Aerodynamics "depressions" replace dimples, reducing drag for faster ball speed. **\$20**

## TUDOR GRANTOUR

4 The Tudor Grantour Chrono is all about high-performance luxury—powerful yet smooth, capable of docking high speeds without sacrificing comfort and style. A grippable knurled finish on the crown and highly legible orange detailing give it sports-watch cachet, while a three-link bracelet ensures comfort and style. **\$3,835**

**TAYLORMADE BURNER  
SUPERFAST 2.0**

6 The white crown signifies the company's new driver identity, but there's more here than just fresh paint. At 279 grams, it's TaylorMade's lightest driver ever. Its large clubface and low-drag aerodynamics promote swing speed, high launch and low ball spin for a significant distance boost. **\$300**



**ADAMS SPEEDLINE F11**

5 Fifth time's the charm with this aerodynamic driver—Adams' fifth Speedline generation, which comes in standard and draw models. Three channels on the trailing portion of the crown and sole minimize airflow separation for more clubhead speed and distance, while high inertia translates to greater forgiveness. **\$300**

**TIRES: PIRELLI P ZERO**



## LIGHTWEIGHT

### OAKLEY FAST JACKET

2 Great-looking sunglasses are a must for the fairways, but aside from aesthetics, these have high-definition, interchangeable lenses that release and lock in place quickly. The nearly unnoticeable frame touches only the bridge of your nose and sides of your head, eliminating pressure points around the ears. **\$280** with polarized lenses

### SUN MOUNTAIN SWIFT 26

1 The belt on this sub-four-pound carry model transfers this bag's weight from your shoulders to hips, and keeps your clubs from clanging. The belt easily slides off—so the bag can fit on a cart—and state-of-the-art legs extend and retract quickly and smoothly. **\$200**



#### **CLEVELAND LAUNCHER ULTRALITE**

3 According to the experts at Cleveland, your unique swing requires a certain driver weight for optimal performance. That's why this model comes in three lightweight-shaft versions: the TL 310 for golfers wanting workability, the SL 290 for distance and control and the XL 270 (in neutral and draw versions) for extreme clubhead speed. **\$300**

#### **TRUE LINKSWEAR'S TRUE TOUR SHOES**

4 Granted they look unorthodox, but these shoes weigh just 11 oz. and have a 2.5 mm-thin sole. Your feet will feel as energized walking off the 18th as they did on the first tee, thanks to the memory foam in the heel, a fitted sock liner, and wide toe box. Possibly the most comfortable golf shoes ever. **\$160**

#### **EBEL 1911 BTR CHRONO TITANIUM**

5 The feather-light case of the Ebel 1911 BTR Chrono is made of titanium, which is gaining popularity in the watch industry for its combination of lightness and strength. Also used in aerospace applications, titanium is 30% stronger than steel and nearly 50% lighter. It is also salt-water-and corrosion-resistant, making it an ideal sports watch. The dial is carbon fibre. **\$6,900**

#### **COBRA S3**

6 Chances are you frequently miss the screws with your irons. Worry no more. This set's progressive sweet spot encompasses the place most golfers make contact with the ball on each iron, while a lightweight thermoplastic urethane cavity complements the steel clubheads and softens impact feel. **\$700** per set with graphite shafts, **\$600** per set with steel shafts



## eye-catching

### ECCO BIOM GOLF SHOES

1 The neon sole may wake up your eyes, but the ultralight weight and breathable upper of these shoes will also keep your feet energized. Their anatomically correct flex grooves also help your footing, while absorbing impact with every step and enhancing your swing stability. **\$225**

### GRAHAM CHRONOFIGHTER

2 You can't miss this watch, with its conspicuous chrono pusher that can be operated even while wearing scuba gloves or driving a speedboat. It's water-resistant to 100 metres and contains an in-house automatic movement and an incabloc shock absorber. **\$10,150**

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### TAYLORMADE 2011 RESCUE

3 The contrasting non-glare white-and-black colour scheme works perfectly here, and not just because it looks great. Another major advantage: the colours allow you to see the clubface angle better at address, so you can square up the club before swinging. Adjustable to eight ball-flight settings. **\$190**

### BRIDGESTONE E6

4 A dual-dimple design helps the ball launch and land with more verve—plus it rolls plenty after hitting the ground running. While the orange colour will help you spot your shots from the tee box, you'll find more of them down the fairway thanks to reduced sidespin. **\$38**





#### **PING TOUR-S**

6 Good as gold, this Rustique-finished steel wedge features a machined clubface and grooves that combine to help your ball get the backspin you've always craved. The clubhead is compact, and its traditional shape includes a sole contoured the way many Tour pros prefer, for versatile shot making. **\$160**

#### **SRIXON TRISPEED TOUR YELLOW**

5 The white version of this premium three-piece distance ball was already popular among mid-to low-handicap golfers with swing speeds less than 100 mph, primarily because the soft mid-layer and large core help it soar high and far. **\$30**

# HIGH TECH

## TIFOSI TYRANT

2 These sunglasses weigh just 25 grams thanks to their lightweight parts, but it's the hydrophilic rubber in the adjustable stay-fit temples and nosepiece that really raises the comfort level. Made to fit small and medium-sized faces, this model also features ventilation holes in each lens to eliminate fogging. **\$60**

## PING KARSTEN

### 1959 SERIES ANSER

3 PING is celebrating its 42nd birthday, but you're the one getting the real gift. One of six new 1959 Series putters, this 17-4 stainless steel model has a solid face and elastomer cavity insert—replete with commemorative logo—for consistent distance control, feel and sound. **\$110**



## TISSOT T-TOUCH

1 The analog/digital Tissot T-Touch Expert is loaded with more functions than a Swiss Army knife: altimeter, altitude difference meter, chronograph stopwatch, countdown timer, compass, azimuth, dual alarm and thermometer (in °C and °F). The materials are also high tech: carbon fibre dial, titanium case and a battery end-of-life indicator on the Swiss-made quartz movement. **\$1,195**



#### **MIZUNO MP-53**

4 Mizuno tapped its patented Grain Flow Forged 1025E "Pure Select" mild carbon steel for these irons, which translates to a soft, solid and consistent feel. The Diamond Muscle design adds ball control, while the long iron's "V" slot cavity redistributes weight for a larger sweet spot. **\$900**

#### **TITLEIST PRO VI**

5 How to improve a ball icon that's always long and durable? By implementing a better polybutadiene core, ionomeric casing, urethane elastomer cover and refreshed aerodynamics. Collectively, these help the new Pro VI gain more spin control, a penetrating flight, buttery feel and increased consistency. **\$58**

#### **SCOTTY CAMERON STUDIO SELECT LAGUNA 2**

6 Crafted from the best materials, this model's precision-milled, premium 303 stainless-steel body has enhanced perimeter weighting and a high toe. Its plumbing neck yields a full shaft offset to help alignment, as does a milled sightline in the flange. **\$325**

#### **LAMKIN R.E.L. WITH 3GEN**

7 You always want to feel in control of your shots, and this grip will definitely relay that sentiment to your hands. Its 3GEN synthetic rubber compound reduces impact jolts without dulling shot feel. The traction-enhancing minimal surface pattern helps increase tackiness, which also minimizes any hand tension. **\$8**



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