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Develops Gage for Adjusting Irons

Development of a highly accurate gage for adjusting the lie and loft of golf irons has been completed by a Scottsdale, Ariz. mechanical engineer.



Karsten Solheim has developed a "Ping Gage" which scientifically checks lie and loft of the complete range of irons. It correlates the length of the shaft with the "lie" angle of the club face.

The Ping Gage is portable and can be carried in the trunk compartment of an automobile. It is constructed of steel and aluminum, is 36 inches long and weighs only 2.4 pounds.

Solheim developed the gage in response to problems encountered by touring professionals. He explains that various improvised devices are employed by the pros to keep their clubs in proper alignment.

Check Them Daily

"Touring professionals like to check the lie and loft of their clubs at least weekly and some on a daily basis," Solheim says. "Some have been using home-made gages, but more often than not they have been sending their irons back to the factory for a periodic checkout."

The Ping Gage is the first, according to its designer, to take into account shaft length. Solheim points out that a half-inch extension in shaft length can cause the lie-angle to flatten by one degree.

Club adjustments are made with a vise and mallet-type hammer. Solheim said impact corrections are made by tapping the club face in the desired direction. A special vise will be made available soon.

In the photo, the club on the right illustrates the use of the "lie" feature, while the club on the left shows how the loft is checked.

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