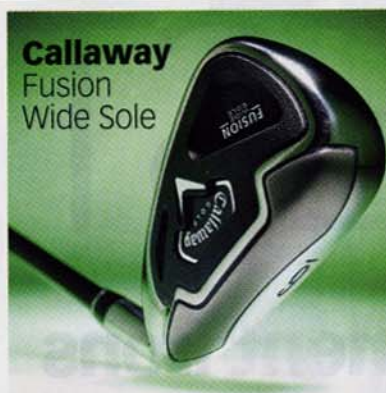


TheShop Tested 4 irons

CLUB



Callaway
Fusion
Wide Sole

CLUB SPECS

\$1,099, steel;
\$1,299, graphite;
callawaygolf.com

WE TESTED
3-PW with Fusion
Wide Sole graphite
shaft



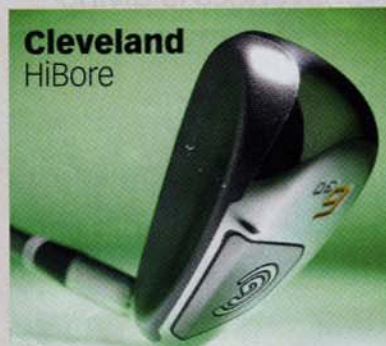
COMPANY LINE

"The oversize titanium body has increased offset for greater forgiveness, plus a larger effective hitting area. Tunit sole weighting dramatically lowers the CG (center of gravity) to help get the ball airborne quickly and easily."

OUR TEST PANEL SAYS...

■ Pushes the ball up quickly and high; highly dampened, soft feel, almost no vibration regardless of impact location; several game-improvement features are smartly hidden with skillful cosmetics; lots of offset improves confidence; delivers the forgiveness you need; sacrifices distance somewhat in pursuit of trajectory; long irons can easily replace hybrids; biggest beef is high price tag.

"It masks all my mistakes."
—Roger Liu (18)



Cleveland
HiBore

\$599, steel;
\$699, graphite;
clevelandgolf.com

WE TESTED
3-PW with HiBore
Silver graphite shaft

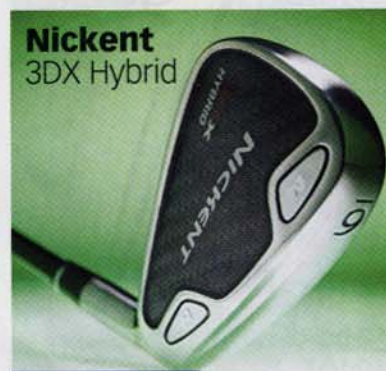


"A true hybrid iron set with hollow construction for 28 percent larger effective hitting area. The CG is six times deeper than typical game-improvement irons. Progressive sole width supports a shallow attack angle in long irons and a steeper one through the wedge."

■ Look like shrunken fairway woods, with similar feedback; a somewhat muted, dull sensation; lacks touch of traditional short irons; very easy to hit super-high and straight; good for anyone who struggles to get iron shots airborne; much easier to control than the look suggests; broad sole really resists digging; virtually no twisting through impact; results from rough are not as predictable; easy to play long irons into narrow landings.

"Man, this is a forging set."
—Jim Esther (20)

BEST FOR DISTANCE



Nickent
3DX Hybrid

\$749, steel;
\$749, graphite;
nickentgolf.com

WE TESTED
3-PW with UST
SpeedRated 2
graphite shaft



"An integrated hybrid iron set that eliminates the large yardage gap between the 4-hybrid and 5-iron. The back of the hollow iron has a 5-gram carbon composite cap. Saved weight (35 grams) is placed in the sole and rear to create high launch."

■ Pure power; very strong lofted clubs; an attractive blend of hybrids with higher-lofted irons; more feedback than others, some harshness lets you know you missed a shot; 3DX Hybrid loses its edge in rough—you need a strong slash to get through to the ball; not a hacker's hybrid—you have to have a bit of skill to take advantage of its design; short irons have some feel but aren't overly responsive; hybrids have heat to them.

"Best in class when you're caught in between yardages."
—C.J. Bush (17)

BEST FOR LOOK



Tour Edge
Bazooka QL
Iron-Wood

\$599, steel;
\$679, graphite;
touredge.com

WE TESTED
3-PW with Aldila NVS
graphite shaft



"Heavy, 120-gram sole contributes to improved forgiveness and higher, longer shots. Forged face improves feel. Iron-woods No. 1 to No. 4 have bulge and roll to bring off-center hits back to target line."

■ Performance improves with relatively little effort; excels from rough; knocks out consistent yardages under all course conditions; really works if you're looking for maximum control; a funky, bulbous shape, even off tighter lies, the short irons create predictably straight shots; shortest hitter of the group but the most accurate; adequate on chip shots; superb, cushiony feel; short irons produce a fairway-wood sound.

"Feels like you pure it on virtually every shot."
—Peter Kraus (20)

BEST FOR FEEL
BEST FOR FORGIVENESS