

Callaway Fusion FT-5



Cleveland HiBore XL Tour



Titleist 905R



Tour Edge Exotics Proto

## LAUNCH-MONITOR TESTING

### Driven by design

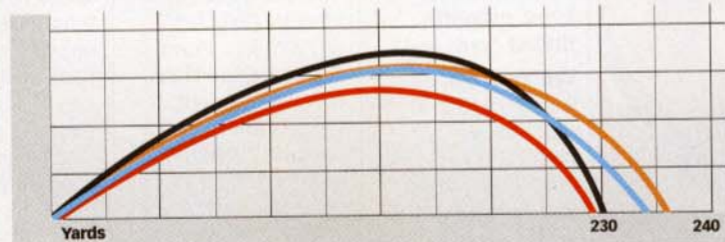
Four weapons to help you swing away with confidence

### What we did

Five testers—handicaps 2, 3, 8, 9—hit dozens of balls with the test models. Hooked up to a launch monitor, the testers hit their custom-fit clubs in varying order. Well-struck shots were recorded, and we averaged the testers' totals. Here's how the different clubs fared:



Club	Clubhead speed (mph)	Ball speed (mph)	Launch angle (deg.)	Backspin (rpm)	Sidespin (rpm)	Carry (yards)
Callaway Fusion FT-5	100.9	146.9	11.32	3,140.2	361	233.8
Cleveland HiBore XL Tour	100.8	148.1	10.56	2,430.8	347.2	228.8
Titleist 905R	99.9	145	11.86	3,277.4	594.8	230.4
Tour Edge Exotics Proto	101.5	148.5	11.54	2,794.2	508.2	236.6



### What we learned

- **Trajectory:** Titleist 905R launches highest and spins the most, which leads to the highest overall ball flight. The Cleveland HiBore XL Tour flies on the lowest trajectory.
- **Distance:** Testers swing fastest, and achieve the highest ball speed, with Tour Edge Exotics Proto. There's an eight-yard carry difference between longest and shortest.
- **Control:** Impressive sidespin numbers for all four models.

Hot Stix Golf collected data using the AccuSport Vector launch monitor. Look for more launch-monitor testing in future issues of GOLF Magazine.

And the winner is... ➔

## TESTING PANEL



RANDY ROCHEFORT  
HANDICAP 2  
AGE 32

LEE NEISLER  
HANDICAP 3  
AGE 43



JON TATE  
HANDICAP 4  
AGE 46

BOB O'BRIEN  
HANDICAP 5  
AGE 66



ALAN DANTE  
HANDICAP 8  
AGE 44

JON DOBBERSTEIN  
HANDICAP 9  
AGE 38



STEVE SESKO  
HANDICAP 9  
AGE 40

JIM HURLEY  
HANDICAP 9  
AGE 49



TOM JENNINGS  
HANDICAP 9  
AGE 53

ZACH FASHMAN  
HANDICAP 9  
AGE 58



WALT SPITZMILLER  
HANDICAP 9  
AGE 61

MARK WALDHEIM  
HANDICAP 11  
AGE 38

## DRIVERS TESTED

Check out other drivers that we've ClubTested in the past year at [golf.com/clubtest](http://golf.com/clubtest)

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## CLUB

### Callaway Fusion FT-5



## CLUB SPECS

\$429, graphite; [callawaygolf.com](http://callawaygolf.com)

### WE TESTED

10° Draw, 9° Neutral, 10° Neutral with Fujikura E150 graphite shaft

## COMPANY LINE

"Fusion technology—carbon-fiber body with titanium cup face—creates 50 grams of discretionary mass, which is distributed to the perimeter for a high moment of inertia. Available in Draw, Neutral or Fade configurations."

## OUR TEST PANEL SAYS...

■ Continues the Callaway tradition of easy-to-hit, forgiving drivers; a straight, very accurate hitter—works extremely hard to correct any swing errors you make; high, penetrating flight; not the longest but sufficient power; shots with draw-bias head go only one way, but it does eliminate the right side; hollow sound—like an aluminum bat hitting a baseball—is not awe-inspiring.

"A fairway finder—forgiveness is its outstanding feature."

—Jon Dobberstein (9)

### Cleveland HiBore XL Tour



\$349, graphite; [clevelandgolf.com](http://clevelandgolf.com)

### WE TESTED

8.5°, 9.5°, 10.5° in Aldila VS Proto, Fujikura Fit-On CG Red, Fujikura Speeder 652, Grafalloy ProLaunch Red and Mitsubishi Diamana graphite shaft

"A 3-degree-open face angle, 59-degree lie angle and neutral weighting allow better players to work the ball. The inverted crown design aligns the sweet spot and 'hot spot' to produce optimal launch conditions for more distance."

■ Difficult to get excited by dark gray finish with large indent on top; nice response for such a strange-looking club; tight, hard impact feel, like shots jump off face; great in windy conditions—beautiful, low, drawing flight reduces backspin and produces lots of roll; can hit off the deck fairly well on par 5s; slightly shorter carry than others tested; direction isn't supremely corrected but the outcome is fine.

"Nice playability for a big head. I even hit controlled power fades."

—Bob O'Brien (5)

### Titleist 905R



\$299, steel; \$299, graphite; [titleist.com](http://titleist.com)

### WE TESTED

8.5°, 9.5°, 10.5° in Aldila NV 65, UST ProForce V2, Graphite Design YS-6+ graphite shaft

"The 905R features a titanium body, beta-titanium face insert and aluminum hosel tube. Weight pads in the sole and skirt optimize center-of-gravity location. Has a pear shape, with shallow face, for players seeking the combination of ball speed, launch angle, spin and forgiveness."

■ Love the understated gray finish, teardrop shape and directional aid on crown; a comforting, compact look relative to some 460 cc heads; pleasing impact feel, can distinguish heel from toe hits; quite playable, easy to draw or fade it; moderate forgiveness, no miracle saves but poor shots stay on the course; like the medium-high flight that flattens out; not the longest, but serviceable.

"Precise-handling clubhead gives instant feedback."

—Tom Jennings (9)

### Tour Edge Exotics Proto



\$499, graphite; [touredge.com](http://touredge.com)

### WE TESTED

9°, 10° in Aldila VS Proto graphite shaft

"A heavier, Tour-weighted head with 2-degree-open face angle for workability and feel. The thin beta-titanium crown is chemically bonded to a titanium body. A forged titanium face is laser bonded to the body for a virtually weld-free bond and added power."

■ A bomber, with a flat, strong trajectory—it's meant to be smashed, crushed, hammered; working the ball is possible but somewhat optimistic—shaping your shots to maximize your drive on doglegs can be tricky; at impact, there is a metallic burst and the ball is gone; very hard feel from a very hot face; on-the-button tee shots run forever; not the most forgiving of large-headed drivers—misses can be way off-line; look is nothing special.

"Shots explode off the face."

—Jim Hurley (9)