

CALLAWAY FT

STREET PRICE \$200. **LOFTS** 14, 17, 20, 23, 26 degrees.
KEY TECHNOLOGY The composite crown over the stainless-steel face, sole and body is designed to increase perimeter weighting for better performance on off-center hits. It has the OptiFit system, too. **PANELIST COMMENTS** "The address is the standard—the penny loafer of hybrids. . . . Bad swings still carried a long way." **JUDGES' VERDICT** When it comes to making clubs for average golfers, Callaway gets it. Although it took a while to find its way in hybrids, this club shows the company understands the category. **HOT** Neutral and draw-bias options offer more choices. **NOT** Only one loft available in left-handed neutral model.



Draw version combats a slice.

BUZZ	+
PERFORMANCE	++
TECHNOLOGY	++
PREFERENCE	+
VALUE	++

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PING RAPTURE

STREET PRICE \$210. **LOFTS** 18, 21, 24 degrees.
KEY TECHNOLOGY A 17-4 stainless-steel body, a thin 475 super-steel face and a tungsten-nickel sole plate position the CG low and away from the face to help launch the ball higher. **PANELIST COMMENTS** "Wow. Every hit felt like it was right in the middle, and every ball went straight at the target. It's exactly what I want a hybrid to be. . . . Many of my heel-toe hits would have reached the green." **JUDGES' VERDICT** Ping's technology usually goes beyond the science to provide on-course benefits. This three-piece design delivers on its promise and makes it a viable alternative to the G5. **HOT** Sloped crown helps get the ball airborne. **NOT** Only three loft options.



All that technology doesn't come cheaply.

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TAYLORMADE r7 DRAW RESCUE

STREET PRICE \$150. **LOFTS** 19, 22, 25, 28 degrees.
KEY TECHNOLOGY Weight in the back heel helps combat a slice and promote a draw. The clubhead is 12-percent larger than the Rescue Dual. This helps improve MOI and lower the CG to get shots airborne. **PANELIST COMMENTS** "It's exactly what it says it is—a draw. . . . It looks bigger than it really is, and you can miss it and still get plenty of distance." **JUDGES' VERDICT** It's definitely helpful to those fighting a perpetual slice, and it's the most affordable draw-bias option in this category. **HOT** As many loft options for women as for men. **NOT** The 55-gram shaft might be a little soft for non-AARP members.



Difficult to hit it left to right.

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TITLEIST PT 585.H

STREET PRICE \$200. **LOFTS** 17, 19, 21, 24 degrees.
KEY TECHNOLOGY The contoured sole and 20-gram tungsten backweight pushes the CG low and deep to make it easy to launch the ball. No offset allows for a neutral flight and a lower trajectory. **PANELIST COMMENTS** "A sound that is as pleasing as Pavarotti's voice. I like the fact that the clubhead isn't closed." **JUDGES' VERDICT** With no offset and a flatter trajectory, it should appeal to better players. It's an ideal alternative off the tee on those short, extra-tight driving holes. **HOT** Wider face and deeper CG make it modestly more forgiving than expected. **NOT** You definitely need some skills to play with this one.



Stronger players will find it versatile.

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TOUR EDGE BAZOOKA JMAX QL

STREET PRICE \$100. **LOFTS** 13 lofts from 16 to 59 degrees.
KEY TECHNOLOGY A 15-gram tungsten sole weight and a 120-gram sole provide a low and deep CG. A super-thin steel face is designed to increase ball speed. **PANELIST COMMENTS** "I don't own any of these clubs, and I should. This more bulbous head makes you feel like you can really lay into it. . . . It takes a minute to get used to the look, so maybe call it love at second sight. This is a fantastic club." **JUDGES' VERDICT** The value leader doesn't scrimp on technology, making this one of the best buys for your money. **HOT** Bulge-and-roll technology in longer clubs enhances forgiveness. **NOT** Are short-iron hybrids really necessary?



Hybrids available to replace 1-iron through L-wedge.

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