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The ability to adjust our clubs quickly and easily is truly awesome! Some of the optional adjustments are revolutionary while others are not. Better players have been adding lead tape to clubs for years which alters its center of gravity and ultimately its flight.

Being able to adjust the loft of the club is a new technology and a good one! It allows us to really affect our launch conditions which is so important in our search for more distance. Also, depending on weather conditions, it allows us to lower or raise the ball launch without switching drivers and trying to get used to an entirely different golf club.

New in 2011 is an adjustable plate on the bottom of drivers that allows the club to sit more open or closed. This is exciting as it helps us get our ball started in the direction we want it to!

I can understand why some people would shy away from all of the adjustment options however I would recommend you learn more about it so you can take advantage of these new technologies.

Conor O'Shea

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I like where your mind is at however, I'm going to disagree with you. Getting fit for a driver is all about optimizing your numbers.

The most important numbers:

- Ball speed
- Swing speed
- Spin Rate.

By knowing your baseline numbers you can measure any changes you wish to make to your "fundamentals". Doing this can help you place a value on a swing change.

Charles Howell for example hits down on his driver more than anybody on the PGA Tour. Bubba Watson on hits up on his driver the most. Both have different lofts and face position that support how they swing.

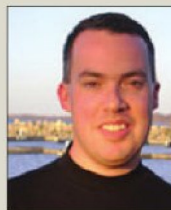
These are two totally different golf swings but through driver adjustability each player creates ideal launch conditions. My advice would be to book a session this season on either TrackMan or FlightScope with a CPGA pro. By doing this you will be able to understand how your swing works. Getting measurable data is the key to improving.

"When we change the way we look at things, the things we look at change."

Gary Bos

Head Teaching Professional

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I think you bring up a great point with today's technology and the ability to make changes to many different clubs.

My personal feeling is in line with the thoughts you described in your question. I feel that a player who is looking to improve his or her game over the long term should have no problem using 'neutral' equipment. Compensations in a player's golf swing often lead to correcting an error with another error - in turn making these corrections 'automatic' over time.

Many players today are looking for quick fixes and finding the 'secret' to the golf swing - all in only a few minutes time.

When making the decision on what type of equipment to purchase or whether to buy a club which allows adjustments, it is important to consider your long term goals within the game.

Professional golf instruction and coaching is an investment and certainly what I would recommend to all players. Having said that, it comes down to personal circumstances and the level of time and money you have to invest into your golf game. Whether you decide on working with a golf professional or not, I would definitely take the time to speak to a professional who you are comfortable with and find out what options are available to you.

Rob Hannah

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Without the club head being adjustable many golfers will, over time, subconsciously adjust the clubface themselves.

For instance, many golfers who fight a slice will address the ball with a closed clubface. This imprecise and manual adjustment is difficult to repeat. If the clubface were adjustable it would allow them to consistently sole the club with the clubface closed to the same degree each time prior to taking their grip which would increase consistency and therefore accuracy.

An additional benefit of club head adjustability is that a player can optimize launch angle and spin rate which are essential for maximizing distance.

A disadvantage of the adjustable systems is that they typically take up 5 – 15% of the total club head weight.

I do agree Robert that traditionalists will not favour the adjustability trend in the new drivers but from a teaching perspective I can certainly see the benefits in helping golfers customize their clubs to their swings which generally produces longer and more accurate shots.

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