



MD GOLF SEVE GRIND £70

There were four MD Golf wedges in the test – and this one comes with the endorsement of Seve Ballesteros, who joined the MD Golf team last year. And without doubt, the Seve Grind was an impressive performer. Featuring the same shape as the MD Superstrong, this also benefits from reduced heel and toe areas which are ground off to allow the face to be opened up in order to offer greater versatility

from a variety of lies. The wedge also benefits from Razor Grooves, which are essentially enhanced V-Grooves. Our test team liked the crisp look of the wedge at address, and Dave in particular felt the Seve Grind was a cracking bit of kit.

Ball speed: 78.8 **Launch:** 37.8°
Spin: 6,311 **Carry:** 95 **Looks:** 4.0
Feel: 4.3 **Control:** 4.3 **Sand:** 4.1
RATING: ★★★★★

Lofts (bounce): 46° (6), 48° (6), 50° (8), 52° (10), 54° (9), 54° (12), 56° (11), 56° (14), 58° (10), 58° (12), 60° (8), 60° (12) **Contact** 02894 460333. www.mdgolf.co.uk



MD GOLF NV DREW £49.99

“NV who?” was the first question from our young pro’s mouth when he was handed this one. Well, Norman Drew played in a Ryder Cup in 1959, and he teamed up with MD Golf in 2007 to design some top-notch wedges. The club features a CNC milled face while the standard bounce is reduced by around 50 per cent which makes ‘nipping’ the ball off the tightest of lies a little easier. Chris, Jon and Dave were

impressed with the look of it, as well as the feel, but Dan felt the head was a little shiny. The NV Drew got the job done out of the sand too and overall this was a very respectable wedge. The fact it is available for under £50 is amazing.

Ball speed: 80.2 **Launch:** 38.2°
Spin: 6,574 **Carry:** 96 **Looks:** 4.0
Feel: 4.3 **Control:** 4.1 **Sand:** 4.3
RATING: ★★★★★

Lofts (bounce): 50° (6), 52° (6), 54° (10), 56° (10), 56° (12), 58° (10), 60° (8), 60° (12) **Contact** 02894 460333. www.mdgolf.co.uk



CALLAWAY X-FORGED £89

One of the best-feeling clubs on test. Constructed from 1020 carbon steel, every shot-type felt silky smooth and the X-Forged wowed our judges in the control stakes too. The C-grind sole, designed with input from the Tour pros, will appeal to better players as the leading edge sits close to the ground and is great for opening up the face on those impressive flop shots. Jon thought the club would suit the

better players and those who like a slightly smaller head, while Dan rated this as his second favourite. On three models (52°, 54° and 60°), the X-Forged benefits from ‘mack daddy’ grooves – great for extra spin. A chrome model is £10 more.

Ball speed: 88.1 **Launch:** 43.5°
Spin: 7,375 **Carry:** 105 **Looks:** 4.3
Feel: 4.8 **Control:** 4.9 **Sand:** 4.6
RATING: ★★★★★

Lofts (bounce): 48° (10), 50° (12), 52° (12), 54° (14), 56° (12), 56° (14), 58° (9), 58° (10), 60° (9), 60° (10), 62° (9), 64° (9) **Contact** 0800 096 4591. www.callawaygolf.com



PING TOUR W £90

The Ping Tour W might well have pushed for a Gold award had our team of testers rated the look of the club a little more favourably. Comments such as “clunky” and “beefy” were common, but as soon as the Tour W was asked to perform... it did just that. Designed for better players and game improvers alike, it duly got the thumbs up from our quartet of varying standards. Chris found it

hard to hit a poor shot with the club, while both he and Jon were impressed with its ease-of-use out of sand. Aside from the looks, Dan was the only one to suggest that he felt it lacked a little bit of control on full shots.

Ball speed: 80.4 **Launch:** 34.4°
Spin: 6,642 **Carry:** 94 **Looks:** 3.6
Feel: 4.5 **Control:** 4.3 **Sand:** 4.5
RATING: ★★★★★

Lofts (bounce): 47° (10), 50° (12), 54° (10), 54° (14), 56° (10), 56° (14), 58° (6), 58° (8), 58° (10), 60° (6), 60° (8), 60° (10) **Contact** 01427 619200. www.pingeurope.com