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**The Pros And Cons Of Cavity Back Irons**

**By Jack Moorehouse**

Whenever I talk about irons in my golf lessons, students invariably ask which style is best—cavity back or blade. The cavity back has its advantages and its disadvantages. It also has its fans.

Golfers, however, shouldn't choose an iron style because it's popular in the clubhouse, since the style many not fit their game. The key to iron styles, as I've said in my golf tips, is finding what's right for you.

Cavity backs are popular these days—and for good reason. A cavity back has a small amount of metal removed from the back of its clubface, producing a small hole. Removing the metal re-distributes the clubhead's weight around the edges of the clubface, father away from the center of gravity (COG).

Re-positioning the COG creates a much more forgiving iron, with a larger sweet spot along the blade. Thus, a mis-hit with a cavity back is more likely to stay on target than a similar shot with a blade. Why? Because the cavity back twists less in a player's hand when the ball is mis-hit. A mis-hit with a cavity back is also more likely to travel farther than with a blade.

Cavity backs are "game improvement" clubs, offering special features that help golfers play better, like an oversize head. I've talked about these clubs in my golf tips. Players with high and mid golf handicaps prefer cavity backs, although some low handicappers and touring pros use them.

Blade irons are not as popular as cavity backs. A blade iron features a solid clubface back, distributing the weight more evenly across the clubface, closer to the clubhead's COG. Thus, a blade has a much smaller sweet spot than a cavity back. A blade is also much less forgiving than a cavity back because it twists more in a player's hands on mis-hits.

Distributing the weight evenly across the clubface, however, creates an iron with better control and more feel. These irons need to be hit nearly perfectly, though, to avoid a bad shot. Thus, it takes a lot of practice and experience to hit these irons well, something I work on in my golf lessons with low handicappers.

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The blade iron is known as a more traditional iron because it lacks the cavity back's special game improvement features. Players with low golf handicaps and touring pros prefer the blade style iron because the added control and feel enables them to shape their shots better—a necessity when playing on challenging courses.

Manufacturers make cavity backs and blades in cast and forged versions. The terms "cast" and "forged" refer to the manufacturing process used to form the iron head's shape.

Casting turns the metal from which the iron head is made into a molten liquid, which is then poured into a mold to form the iron head. It's then left to cool.

Forging involves pounding or compressing the metal, in its solid form, from which the iron head is made into the desired shape. Other machining and drilling steps complete production.

The manufacturing process has no impact on the iron's capabilities, as I've explained in previous golf tips. If you have two irons, one forged and one cast, of exactly the same shape, with the same center of gravity, same loft, same grip, hitting the same ball, and so on, the shots will travel the same distances 99 percent of the time. And the players won't know which iron head is cast and which forged.

You need to find the iron style that best fits your game, as I point out in my golf instruction. If you're a less experienced golfer, the cavity back is probably a wiser choice, since you're more likely to mis-hit a ball. If you're a more experienced player, then a blade is probably your best choice, since it provides more control and better feel for shaping shots.

The best way of choosing a style that fits your needs is to test it out. Hit a few balls with each style. If one style feels better than another does, and you have confidence in it, that's the style that's right for you.

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## **Golf Irons And Golf Putters**

**By David G. Petten**

First of all you should know that when term iron is used in concerning the golf it means the metal blade (or head) attached to the golf stick. Selecting the right golf irons is considered as the basic step towards improvement of game. These golf irons are available in different sizes and finishes. You can choose golf iron according to you style.

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Primarily golf irons comes in two finishes namely metal finish and satin finish. You may find a rare golf iron with Fly Yellow finish. Pressure casting method is used for manufacturing these golf irons. The golf irons are made up of soft metals. Some manufacturers prefer to couple these soft metals with steel shafts which according to them provide excellent results. The propriety of forgiveness is considered as a quality of good golf iron. This property gives you an advantage to hit the golf club without change in direction or vibration. Let us elaborate on the different types of golf irons.

- Gun Metal finish Golf Irons: These are considered to be the best golf irons. These gun metal finish golf irons possess the propriety of Ion plasma. This plasma finish enable the golf iron to gain finish level as less as .03 microns. These gun metal finish golf irons are usually hand crafted and give improved performance and great feelings while playing with it.
- The latest and rarer version of yellow finish golf iron also possess all properties of other gun metal golf irons and is manufactured through pressure cast method. However, it is said that these yellow finish golf irons gives slippery feeling that results in reducing drag. You must understand that this yellow finish is not a coating of surface. The yellow finish completely immerses into cast metal and is long lasting. Playing with these yellow finish golf irons will surely add to your pleasure of playing golf.
- Satin finish golf irons are considered to be traditional. These are also manufactured through pressure cast method. It is considered that making these satin finish golf irons makes them consistent than that of forged club heads. Satin finish golf irons also has all properties of gun metal golf irons.
- Mid-size Golf Irons: As is suggestive from the nomenclature, these golf irons are neither too short nor too big. These mid-size golf irons consists of thin top line which is considered to be designed especially for professional golfers. Perimeter weighting is the primary quality of these golf irons. This quality provides forgiveness without conceding feel and distance. It is considered very useful in club head control and greater speed of swing owing to lighter swing weight. This is also helpful in producing click impact as mid-size irons have a slight offset which helps in keeping your hand in front of club. Generally, these mid-size golf irons are available in gun metal finish.
- Oversize Golf Iron: These golf irons are produced with stainless steel. They possess a wider top line. Oversize golf irons are little more offset than the other type of cavity back golf irons. Oversize golf irons are designed keeping the high handicap and mid handicap professional golfers in view. These are considered useful in hitting the golf ball high in the air. These oversize golf irons facilitates you in hitting the ball at longer distance with greater accuracy. Oversize golf irons are mainly available in Graphite and Steel shafts.

Selecting a right golf putter is equally important in improving your game. Golf putters is an aspect of concern for all golfers. Selection of golf putter depends on your personal choice of weight, look and

style. Golf putter are available in different specification. Cobra, Ping, Yes Putters, McGregor, Odyssey and Callaway are some popular names of manufacturers of golf putters.

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