

# Feel<sup>ML</sup> The Force!

In the latest instalment of *Asian Golf Monthly's* exclusive Taking the Test series of reviews, Mike Sebastian can't help but be impressed by the full force of one of the most intimidating looking drivers on the market.

**CAN YOU IMAGINE** what it would be like playing a round of golf with cinema's most dreaded villain, **Darth Vader**? Can you see him moving swiftly towards the tee-box with his black cape trailing ahead of a protective legion of Imperial storm troopers itching to blow you off the face of the planet with their blaster rifles?

Darth Vader in all his glory, peering through his helmet-mounted visor, sizing up his opponents, bent on causing untold destruction and mayhem on the tranquil and verdant fairways.

His truncated breathing is enough to totally mesmerise his opponents way before the prince of darkness tees up his first shot. What, Darth Vader to tee up his own ball? This is a move that will be tantamount to an act of treason on the planet Tatooine, causing one to be blown to smithereens! No ... his ball will have to be teed up by none other than his son, **Luke Skywalker**.

What comes next? Naturally, Darth Vader will have to be handed the ultimate tool to get the job done – the driver. Not just any driver, but a very special driver. It has got to match his persona, an image that epitomises a level of fear and terror unknown to any living being.

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Luke Skywalker acts on his father's command to hand him the driver. The driver is carefully taken out of the golf bag – a totally black instrument with a large black head. It is both ominous and intimidating to look at. A long, black shaft topped with a black grip with red markings. A black face that threatens destruction fronts its shiny black head.

The driver is a match all right for Darth Vader. As he wraps his huge gloved hands around the club's grip, he is heard to mutter: “You don't know the power of the dark side – the force is strong with this one.”

He digs his boots into the manicured turf, sets up for his shot, snorts like a raging bull and rams the golf ball into a stratospheric trajectory. The Imperial storm troopers fire a round of blasts from their blaster rifles to acknowledge a strike well executed.

“Impressive. Most impressive. I sense something ... the force is with this one,” opined the evil Jedi.

From a galaxy far, far away, let's get back to Planet Earth. What was all that about, you may ask? Fair question, indeed!

What inspired the Darth Vader spin doctoring was the first impression of a driver that we received at *Asian Golf Monthly* that was sent from Los Angeles. It was a brand new offering from KZG, manufacturers of custom golf clubs.

At first sight, it conjured up thoughts about power, force and Darth Vader. When the cover was stripped off to reveal its black head, it drew gasps of awe and admiration.

When the driver was taken out to the golf course to be put through its paces, it received the same reaction from the bag boys, the caddies and the flight mates.

Introducing the KZG PTI Driver! What does PTI stand for? “It represents Performance Through Innovation,” said **Chris Lesser**, KZG's director of marketing. He went on to add: “The PTI ranks amongst our best performing drivers to date. Since we launched it, we have been receiving a constant stream of kudos from golfers who have put this revolutionary driver to play.”

We decided to check it out for ourselves – the PTI was tested together with two other drivers from big-name manufacturers and we were amazed by the automatic firepower that this ingenious thunderstick generated.

It absolutely bombed the ball on a straight line, down the middle of the fairway and coaxed the ball to go further than the other two drivers on test. This was repeated over and over again to the amazement of flight-mates and caddies alike.

“The PTI is KZG's straightest hitting driver to date. It is designed for the mid-to-high handicap player and features two screw portals for the ultimate in customisation,” explained Lesser.

There are two screw ports (with seven different screw weight options), ideal for altering trajectory and changing swing weight. KZG testing has shown a professional fitter can alter the trajectory up to 10 degrees with a simple screw alteration.

Additionally, the titanium cup face insert creates tremendous energy off the face for increased distance and a solid feel. Lesser continued: “The PTI has an extremely high MOI (moment of inertia) concealed in a traditional 460 cc teardrop shape. It has an all ‘midnight black’ finish which not only looks great, but inspires confidence at address.”

Well, we felt the force and witnessed the results first hand. It is a power tool with an excellent pedigree.

The *Asian Golf Monthly* test verdict: The KZG PTI driver is one big stick that packs a whack and it is ideal for golfers who want a higher ball flight.

Put the PTI in your bag and may the force be with you always!