



[TRACKMAN SAYS]

MOST OF US SHOULD DITCH OUR 4-IRON

HYBRIDS MAKE MORE sense the less skilled you are, but they still work better for almost everyone, regardless of ability. It comes down to a matter of degrees: degrees of launch angle and landing angle.

Our TrackMan launch-monitor tests (*above*) found that most golfers hit a 23-degree hybrid farther than they do a 23-degree 4-iron (middle- to high-handicappers with slow swing speeds enjoyed the greatest increases). Trajectories were higher and landing angles were steeper for most players, suggesting that holding greens is easier, too. Only scratch golfers with fast swing speeds had more success with a 4-iron.

"There are no rules," said Mark Mikkelsen, director of fitting at KZG in North Hollywood, Calif. "Most golfers will benefit from a hybrid or fairway wood over a long iron, but ability dictates the choice." — ASHLEY MAYO



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