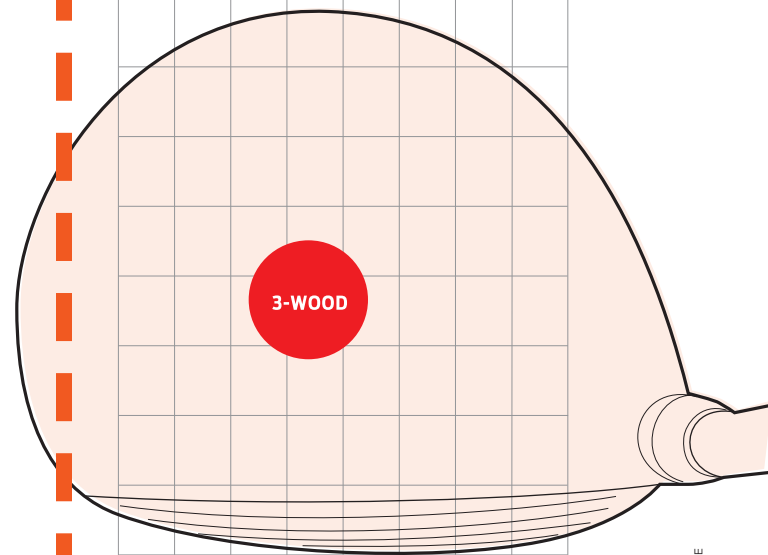


DOES SIZE MATTER?
 Today's driver has 2½ times the volume of a typical 3-wood, and the average face is 50 percent wider and 50 percent taller than that of the 3-wood.



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WHY YOU SHOULD ALWAYS HIT DRIVER

Do what makes you happy, certainly. We're just saying that the driver won in our test of average golfers. Golf Laboratories Inc., the San Diego-based golf-research firm, tested 20 players (handicaps from 3 to 20). Each player was asked to hit balls with a current driver and 3-wood off a tee, and both distance and dispersion were charted (right). Shots that landed outside a grid representing a typical fairway width with rough on either side were not counted. Overall, testers hit just as many tee shots off the grid with their 3-woods (91) as they did with their drivers.

DRIVER VS. 3-WOOD BREAKDOWN

PLAYER	DRIVER AVG. DISTANCE	DISPERSION (FEET)	3-WOOD AVG. DISTANCE	DISPERSION (FEET)
AVG	238	34	215	28
1	259	31	246	29
2	216	26	189	18
3	226	26	213	28
4	234	26	211	28
5	282	48	261	26
6	243	33	201	36
7	227	34	221	27
8	240	27	204	29
9	239	45	205	24
10	215	21	194	27
11	277	51	248	24
12	294	46	266	19
13	246	39	209	33
14	245	27	219	16
15	232	37	222	48
16	202	35	195	24
17	220	32	198	30
18	203	32	199	26
19	238	25	202	20
20	221	35	193	50

DRIVER VS. 3-WOOD BY SWING SPEED

SWING SPEED	DRIVER AVG. DISTANCE	DISPERSION	3-WOOD AVG. DISTANCE	DISPERSION
<95 MPH	222	31	202	27
>95 MPH	254	37	228	29

DRIVER VS. 3-WOOD BY HANDICAP

HANDICAP	DRIVER AVG. DISTANCE	DISPERSION	3-WOOD AVG. DISTANCE	DISPERSION
>10-HANDICAP	229	34	206	29
<10-HANDICAP	249	34	225	27

