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MAKE THE PUTT

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Add Loft to Hit Better Putts

My go-to drill for improving your roll

THIS STORY IS FOR YOU IF...

1. YOU DE-LOFT YOUR PUTTER DURING YOUR STROKE.
2. YOUR PUTTS DON'T ROLL SMOOTHLY.

THE PROBLEM

A big mistake that many players make during their putting stroke is delofting the clubhead through impact. What this really means is that the clubhead is actually hitting down on the ball through impact and pushing it down into the ground. The result is a putt that bounces or skids excessively off the clubface and doesn't roll smoothly. Putts like this don't hold the intended line very well, and they typically don't wind up in the hole.

THE SOLUTION

My analysis of more than 50,000 putting strokes shows that the key to producing pure roll and holding the putt line is to actually *add* loft through impact. To do this you need to stroke up on the ball through impact, not down. The main reason you're not doing that now is that you're leading the putterhead too much with the handle, as you might do when you hit an iron shot. Instead, you need to keep the butt of the club pointing at your belt buckle throughout the stroke, even past impact. This will force the clubhead to hit slightly up on the ball, as it should.

HOW TO GET THE PUREST ROLL POSSIBLE

1. Take your normal stance with the butt of the club pointing at your belt buckle.
2. Hold the club with your right hand and take your left hand off the club. Hook your left thumb into your belt and extend your left middle finger so it makes contact with the end of the grip.
3. Now makes some strokes, always maintaining contact between your finger and the grip. If you do this correctly, the butt of the club will be forced to point at your belt buckle throughout the stroke and the clubhead will swing slightly up through impact, not down.

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Watch a video of this lesson and learn more about the game's premier putting expert, Marius Filmlalter.