

# TESTED & PASSED NEWEST MALLETT PUTTERS

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**W**ith about 30 percent of the strokes in a round of golf coming from around the green, golfers everywhere have joined the craze to try out mallet putters. Some feature better alignment aids, some have a more solid feel than a blade and some just offer a look that might match a golfer's flair for the unusual or unique.




# THE TEST

As usual, GolfTest USA put 27 mallet putters to the test, of which we'll report on a sampling of 10 putters. The test was conducted by evaluating six or seven putters at a time, by 60 golfers with handicaps that ranged from scratch to 25. The order in which a putter was used was randomly rotated for each tester. Testers were asked to be fair and unbiased in their evaluations. Along with the feel, distance control and accuracy of a putter, golfers were asked to pay particular attention to the alignment devices that make these mallet putters unique. The results are based on 10 categories, each of which was scored on a one to 10 system, with 10 being the best possible score. The overall average is a compilation of all categories combined. **GI**

- Distance Control** – Testers rated how much distance control they felt they had.
- Alignment** – Each tester was asked to rate the alignment characteristics of the putter.
- Accuracy** – The accuracy of the putter was rated.
- Forgiveness** – Testers rated their impression of the forgiveness of the club.
- Sound** – Each tester assessed the sound of the putter at impact.
- Appearance** – This rating included only the appearance of the putter.
- Feel** – Players judged how the putter felt during the putting stroke.
- Design** – The design features of the putter were rated.
- Recommendation To Others** – This was based on how strongly the tester would recommend the putter to a friend.
- Overall Testers' Rating** – Testers were asked to take into consideration what is important to them in a putter and give it an overall rating. (This is not an average of other criteria.)

For results on all 27 putters tested, visit [golftestusa.com](http://golftestusa.com). Included in the 27 putter test were the Mitchell Studio Fit Brass Cup BC330, Aserta Eclipse, Nickent PIPE, Dead Straight SharpShooter, Pin re Eagle-DB, Talon Series TS2 by FisherGolf, Rife Putters Two Bar, Louisville Stimp, TaylorMade Monza Corza, Odyssey Tri-Ball SRT, Wilson Kirk Currie KC III, Gaim G360, Carbite Tri-Weight, Yes! Olivia, Ping Craz-E G5i, Dead Straight Middleweight, Optix MIR-1, Nike OZ Black T100, Daito Genesis, Kane Classics Bamboo, Yes! Victoria II, TaylorMade Mezza Monza, Aserta Monster, Daito Stealth, Kramski HPP 325, Mentor Sports V-MOI Duet and Founders Club Tour Tuned B-2.



**Nickent PIPE**

**Design Notes:**  
The solid block of "pipe" used as the alignment aid in the Nickent PIPE is three-dimensional and mimics the shape, size and color of the golf ball. This easily aligns putter to ball and ball to hole.

Distance Control	8.2
Alignment	8.4
Accuracy	8
Forgiveness	8.5
Sound	7.5
Appearance	7.4
Feel	8.2
Design	7.8
Recommend	8.1
Overall Testers' Rating	7.9

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Overall Average  
**8.0**

