

Performance STROKE SAVER



YES
Shoulders level.

NO!
Shoulders tilted.

YES
Hands in front of zipper.

NO!
Hands in front of the left hip.

YES
Narrow stance, slight shaft lean.

YES
Ball in center of stance.

NO!
Wide stance, severe shaft lean.

NO!
Ball way back in stance.

Hey, This Really Bites

Pitches that hop and stop are a few simple setup tweaks away

» You watch with envy as the pros hit pitches that hop and stop, while your shots scoot way past the pin, even when you make crisp contact. The problem is your address position. The textbook setup—ball back in the stance, hands forward (photo, above left)—results in a low, running pitch. For shot-stopping Tour spin, just tweak your setup (above right), and the ball will hit the green and screech to a halt. Let the face rotate open a bit in your backswing, keep your weight over your left foot, and power your swing with your hands and arms. So knock it close—a little spin will help you win.

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