



Unfortunately, by doing so, it inherently decreases the moment of inertia (MOI) of the club head.

In simple terms, MOI measures the club heads ability to resist twisting when impacting a golf ball. The higher the MOI, the less the club head twists which helps promote straighter shots. With lower spinning designs, it caters to golfers with higher swing speeds and consistent striking in order to launch the ball at the proper angle to maximize carry distance while maintaining a tighter dispersion. For the average golfer with slower swing speeds and inconsistent striking ability, it can also lead to errant shots, lower carry distances, and ultimately, less eagle putts.

### **The Bottom Line**

So what's the punchline? Should I game a two decades old 3-wood? Not exactly. The key is understanding your strengths and weaknesses when



purchasing a golf club. Twenty years ago, golfers had minimal options when it came to club selection. It was a one size fits all proposition. Today, club manufacturers consistently offer two, three, and sometimes even four club designs each catering to different golfers needs. Now add in an infinite number of shaft options and it can cause your head to spin (no pun intended). But, if you're struggling to launch your 3-wood, your dispersion is too wide, and you lack the consistency to reach those par 5's in two, it might be time to look at fine tuning your equipment. When searching, consider the following:

- Beware of terms like “pro” or “tour” when describing the club. This can mean a low spinning design.
- Understand how the club weighting is positioned on the sole and how that could affect ball flight. Prioritize back weighting over front weighting.
- Make sure the shaft selection (including weight, stiffness, and ball flight tendencies) meets your particular swing.
- Remember, loft is your friend so gravitate towards a 16° of loft instead of 13°.

Most importantly, don't go into this purchase alone. Get fit! Contact our partner sponsors over at Woods to Wedges and schedule a fitting today.



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