

Bridging the Gap

Mike Sebastian reports on Wilson Staff's Tw9 wedges, featuring Tour-milled grooves for shot-stopping spin from precise distances.

THIS IS NOT a story spun by a spin-doctor. In fact, it is true to life and it involves three-time Major champion and 2008 PGA Player of the Year **Padraig Harrington**.

When he was shown the new Wilson Staff Tw9 wedges, he took a few swings with them and that was it! The Tw9 wedges were superb, they worked great, Harrington said at his victory press conference after his successful defence of the British Open last July. I saw them for the first time two weeks ago and put them straight in the bag.

Just three weeks later, the Irishman took the Tw9s across the big pond and captured the 2008 PGA Championship. The two-stroke victory at Oakland Hill Country Club marked the 61st Major championship won with Wilson Staff irons and the 82nd won with Wilson wedges.

With performance testimony like that given by Harrington, how can you afford to ignore the Tw9s?

So, what's on offer? Well, the family is quite a large gathering of new wedges and they come in the follow-

ing lofts 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58 and 60.

The 48 and 50-degree Tw9 wedges are specifically designed with less bounce and a cavity back structure for more forgiveness from fairway lies.

Meanwhile, the 52, 54, 56, 58 and 60-degree wedges are formed in a blade-style design for playability with sole and bounce, which is intended for creative shot-making from a multitude of fairways, bunkers and greenside lies.

According to **Jean-Pierre Degembe**, Wilson Staff's global director of sales: The wedges are designed to produce higher spin rates and provide more precise distance control. The grooves are milled in the final stages of construction in order to create an aggressive cross-

section in keeping with the USGA and R&A regulations.

Degembe added: The Tw9 Tour-milled wedges feature Tour-milled grooves for exceptional shot-stopping spin.

Here's another good reason why you should look at the Tw9s—the aggressive U-grooves are milled into the head after casting, using the same process previously exclusive to Harrington's own wedges.

The clubs are then double-heated to provide a soft, responsive feel and are available in either classic satin or black gunmetal anti-glare finishes.

The new Tw9 wedges are all about bridging the gap—they are offered in multiple loft options designed specifically for precise yardage options when targetting pins from shorter distances.

And if the short game is important to you, this is the route to consider—the Wilson Staff Tw9 wedges. They work for Harrington and, with some effort, they should work for you also!

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