

SAME LOFT, THREE CLUBS

Fairway wood vs hybrid vs iron

StickPicker

Read across a row: those clubs cover the same distance. Pick one per row, not all three. Carry is the average male golfer (about 95 mph driver speed). Iron numbers are traditional; the bracket gives the game-improvement set number.

LOFT	FAIRWAY WOOD	HYBRID	IRON	CARRY	LAUNCH	BEST FOR
~15°	3 wood	—	—	200 yds	Low-mid, longest roll-out	Tee shots on tight holes; fast swingers off the deck
~18°	5 wood	2 hybrid	2 iron	185 yds	Mid; wood highest, iron lowest	Wood for most players; hybrid for rough; iron only over 105 mph
~21°	7 wood	3 hybrid	3 iron (GI 4 iron)	178 yds	Mid-high; the wood stops fastest	7 wood to hold greens; 3 hybrid for wind and workability
~24°	9 wood	4 hybrid	4 iron (GI 5 iron)	168 yds	High; hybrid is the middle option	4 hybrid for most; 9 wood under 90 mph; 4 iron for good strikers
~27°	11 wood	5 hybrid	5 iron (GI 6 iron)	157 yds	High	5 iron for most; 5 hybrid for slower swings or thick rough
~30°	—	6 hybrid	6 iron (GI 7 iron)	148 yds	High	6 iron; the hybrid only in full combo sets

- 3W 15°4W 16.5°5W 18°7W 21°9W 24°11W 27°2H 17°3H 19°4H 22°5H 25°
- 6H 28°7H 31°