A Reinvention of Golf

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How has Covid changed your hobbies?







Our Goal

To determine ways that we can utilize technology to bring golf to an e-commerce environment.



<u>Area of focus</u>: explore examples of product customization and personalization successfully demonstrated in other industries, with a special focus on in person retail supplanted by online versions.



Initial Findings

<u>Current in-person golf fitting environment:</u>

- Needs tools for adjustments
- Less desirable due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Many variables that can factor into the swing of a golf club (angle of the driver, lye angle, length of the club, etc.)

<u>Current online fitting environment:</u>

- Clubs returned damaged and dirty
- Require video footage and a sales
 representative to review, thus requiring a
 significant amount of time for each user
 getting fitted
- Lengthy wait time

Research & Conclusions

- Several other sports are introducing adjustable equipment:
 - DeMarini now has softball bats with adjustable lengths. Baseball/softball bats with adjustable lengths
 - Tennis rackets with angle adjustments
 - Skis and skateboards with customizable designs online
 - NikeID apparel (leading in online sports customization in e-commerce)

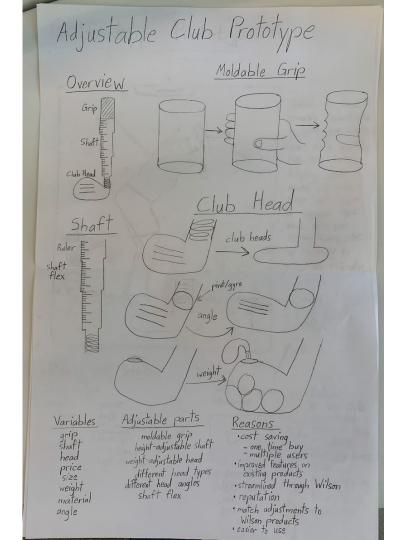
Conclusion:

We have decided to <u>create a club that is not</u> <u>designed for competitive play</u>, but instead provides a higher level of feedback on the specs of individual golfers.

There are not many competitors focusing on this niche, and partnering with Wilson would quickly create a larger market and higher degree of trust in the consumer.

Prototype

- Collapsible/adjustable shaft height
- Ruler along shaft for easy measurement
- Moldable grip
- Adjustable weights on head and shaft
- Different head types and head angles
- Adjustable shaft flex
- Ideal for fittings



What is the competition doing?







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Since 2008 when manufacturers could start creating adjustable golf clubs, it has become an increasingly common feature on a number of golf clubs right through the bag.

What Is Golf Club Adjustability For?

Some think it is to change the set up of the club depending on conditions, which can be done However the real benefit is as a one time fitting tool so the golfer can make small adjustments to the club to customise it to their swing in a way that was not possible before.

The benefits of custom fitting are well known and with manufacturers actively promoting the importance of fit when buying a new club, adjustability allows the golfer, either alone of as part of a custom fitting process, to fine tune the club for maximum performance.

Adjustable Hosels

One of the most common adjustable features in drivers, fairway woods and hybrids is the hosel allowing users to change loft and/or lie.



The loft of the club is very important as it is the angle of the face when it arrives at the ball and that is a primary factor impacting the launch conditions of the ball. Being able to adjust the loft allows golfers to achieve launch angles and spin rates that are suited well to the way that they deliver the club.



William Riker

Honestly I really see no scientifically believable reason why moving a piece of plastic on the hose of ANY club will do anything more or less than simple turning the club in my hands or increasing or decreasing the lie angle with my hands to accomplish the exact same thing. The ONLY reasonable explanation for doing this is if you are actually readjusting the spine alignment of the shaft itself. Someone needs to explain to me how these adjustments do ANYTHING.

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Dylan Radey

I have the mizuno 850 set at 16' upright and when lining it up the the ball and flush to the ground it turns in more than a basic 3 wood would

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Ryan O'Keefe

The centre axis of the hozel is not parallel with the centre axis of the shaft. When you adjust these drivers, you're adjusting loft, but at the same time, lie angle and face angle are altered.

Depending on the manufacturer, some will change the lie significantly more than the face with the loft adjustment, others will adjust the face more than the lie with loft adjustment. The only standout is titleist that has a 2 piece hozel that requires a physics degree to adjust.

Taylormade adjustment chart:

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William Riker

Adding or subtracting weight on putters, or movable weights on the driver heads is a completely different matter. I can see the benefits of that however.

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- A golf article highlighting some of the benefits of newer adjustable technologies.
- Does not have an easy or efficient way to buy the product.
- Using facebook reviews on website, some of which are negative.







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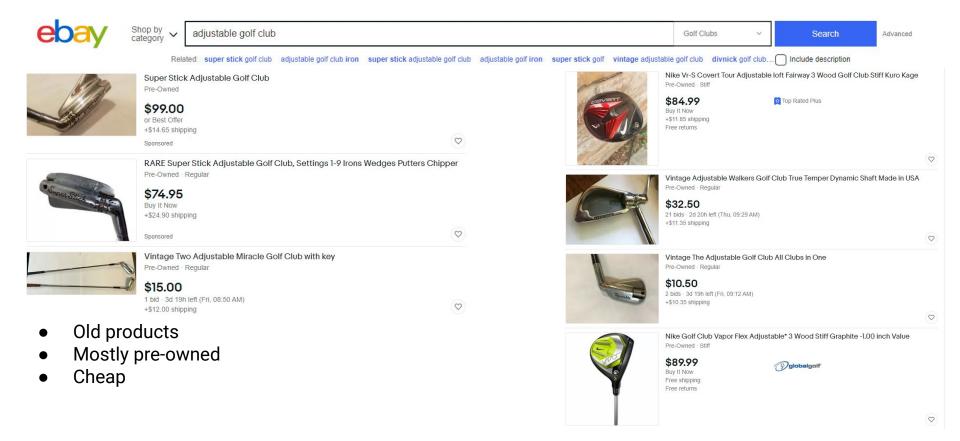
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- Sketchy website
- Customer is expected to trust a random product/company with little to no reviews.







Why our product would be...

Successful in the market:

- Allows users to make necessary adjustments without the help of a fitter.
- Reduces the need to go to a store.
- Use our product to fit multiple different clubs
- Product can be used on multiple users.
- Saves money

Better than the competition:

- Will have more features than competing clubs
- New and improved designs for an otherwise old product
- Match user adjustments to already existing Wilson clubs
- Users can trust Wilson more than the "gimmick" companies currently in this market.
- Easy to make adjustments, no tools necessary

Focus for continuation

- What other elements can we add to make this the optimal club for fitting?
- Do you think our design could incorporate face angle optimization in a way that satisfies what is being looked for?

Questions & Comments

