



Golf Ball Buying Guide

Golf ball technology has advanced immensely in recent years, and now finding the right ball for your game can be as advantageous as picking the right clubs. However, when you walk into our store you see endless possibilities to choose from. Here is some information to help you decide which ball is right for you.

Cover.

Usually made from urethane or surlyn. The dimples on the cover help with aerodynamics, and can affect how high or low the golf ball flies. The cover can also have a great impact on the amount of spin.

Core.

Usually made from rubber or a rubber composite material. The firmness of the core is what to focus on. Firmer cores may produce marginally faster ball speeds, and/or higher spin. Softer cores may produce marginally slower ball speeds, and/or lower spin. Cores will also play a big role in how a ball "feels". Firm = hard feeling, soft = soft feeling.

Mantle Layers.

These will be found in 3,4, and 5 piece golf balls. Usually made of rubber, rubber composite, or resin. Similar to the core, the mantle layers will affect the feel of the golf ball as well as the overall speed and spin characteristics of the golf ball.

Now that you know the pieces of a golf ball, and how they generally impact performance, here are the options you'll find on the shelf.

2-Piece Construction.

These are going to be your value golf balls. Most commonly built with a surlyn cover and core. You'll find many options with a soft core creating a soft feeling golf ball, and a firm core usually labelled as a distance golf ball. This category will also provide you with the most color options.

3-Piece Construction.

In the category you'll find both surlyn and urethane covered golf balls.

The surlyn options are not quite considered "tour" balls, and the price will usually reflect that. At Miles of Golf, we call these "performance" golf balls. These balls will usually cost more than a value 2-piece, but less than a urethane covered ball. The benefits of this option over a value 2-piece ball would be the added layer for more spin, and/or a higher grade of surlyn cover. There are some golf balls that we consider "performance" golf balls that are only a 2-piece ball due to the better grade of surlyn used.

The urethane 3-piece golf ball is considered a "tour" ball. Urethane is going to feel softer than surlyn, and will also create significantly more spin on approach shots. This is generally preferred, as the added spin gives the golfer more control over what the golf ball does.

4 & 5 Piece Construction.

Much like the 3-piece urethane covered golf ball, these are also "tour" golf balls. The added 4th and 5th layers are generally meant to change firmness, change spin characteristics, or to change flight characteristics. Meaning the extra layers can make a golf ball feel firmer, spin more or less, or fly higher or lower.