

MIURA GOLF

Wedges: Perfect Balance

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MIURA GOLF, WHICH has been making the world's highest-quality forged irons for has permanently added the Yoshitaka Grind wedges and C-Grind wedges as part of its Series 1957 special-edition product line after an overwhelmingly positive response to the soft launch of the wedges last year. The two new wedge models join four iron models in the Series 1957 by Miura line.

Both new mild-steel wedge models undergo the same Precision Forging Finish process that makes Miura's irons so consistent in terms of impact and feel. The Yoshitaka—also known as Y-Grind—wedges are now available in lofts of 49, 51 and 53 degrees, and a 60-degree model will eventually be offered. The wedges, available in right-hand only, feature a W nickel (satin) chrome/black finish, and come with a stiff-flex steel shaft and Velvet Full Cord grip.

The special grind on the Y-Grind wedges was created by Yoshitaka Miura, himself a master craftsman after more than 20 years of training under his father and company founder, Katsuhiro Miura, at the family forging facility in Himeji, Japan. The “Y” on the wedge's sole not only represents Yoshitaka's mark on the club, but also signifies the special and limited production of this wedge.

For the C-Grind wedge, the Miuras' goal was to create a wedge with a more aggressive heel-and-toe relief that complements Miura's other wedges, as well as a wedge that many golfers seek without compromising the basic fundamentals of a high-

performance club. The challenge was to find the perfect balance between the relief and the rolled trailing edge on the sole, which Yoshitaka has done. When this “special grind” is combined with Miura clubs' unique density of grain structure, balance and feel, plus the leading and trailing edge versatility golfers need, the result is a wedge that is eminently playable in a broad range of conditions.

The C-Grind wedges are now available in lofts of 55, 57 and 59 degrees in right-hand only. They feature a W nickel (satin) chrome finish, and come with a stiff-flex steel shaft and Velvet Full Cord grip.

VERDICT:

It's a product line that the industry ought to be very excited about.

The new wedges are designed for players seeking the very best.” The Y-Grind and C-Grind wedges possess the feel, feedback and workability of a forged blade. Miura's unique forging techniques rearrange the molecular structure of the mild steel in a uniform pattern throughout the club's hitting area. This tightness in the metal's grain structure gives Miura-made clubs the controlled, soft feel other manufacturers cannot achieve.

Miura also uses a proprietary “spin-welding” process to produce the industry's most consistent hosel. This unique procedure ensures the bore depths and hosel heights are identical on every Miura-made head and every club's shaft will be perfectly centred.