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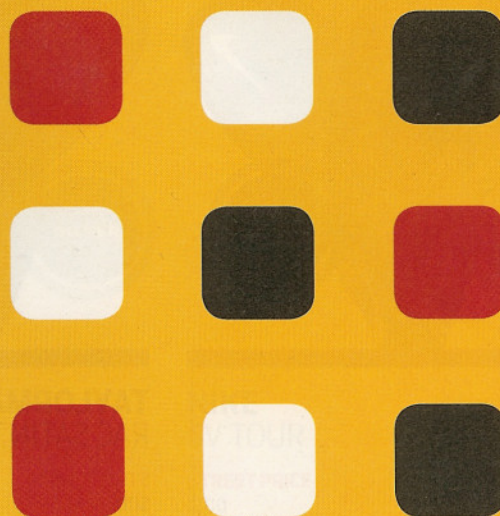
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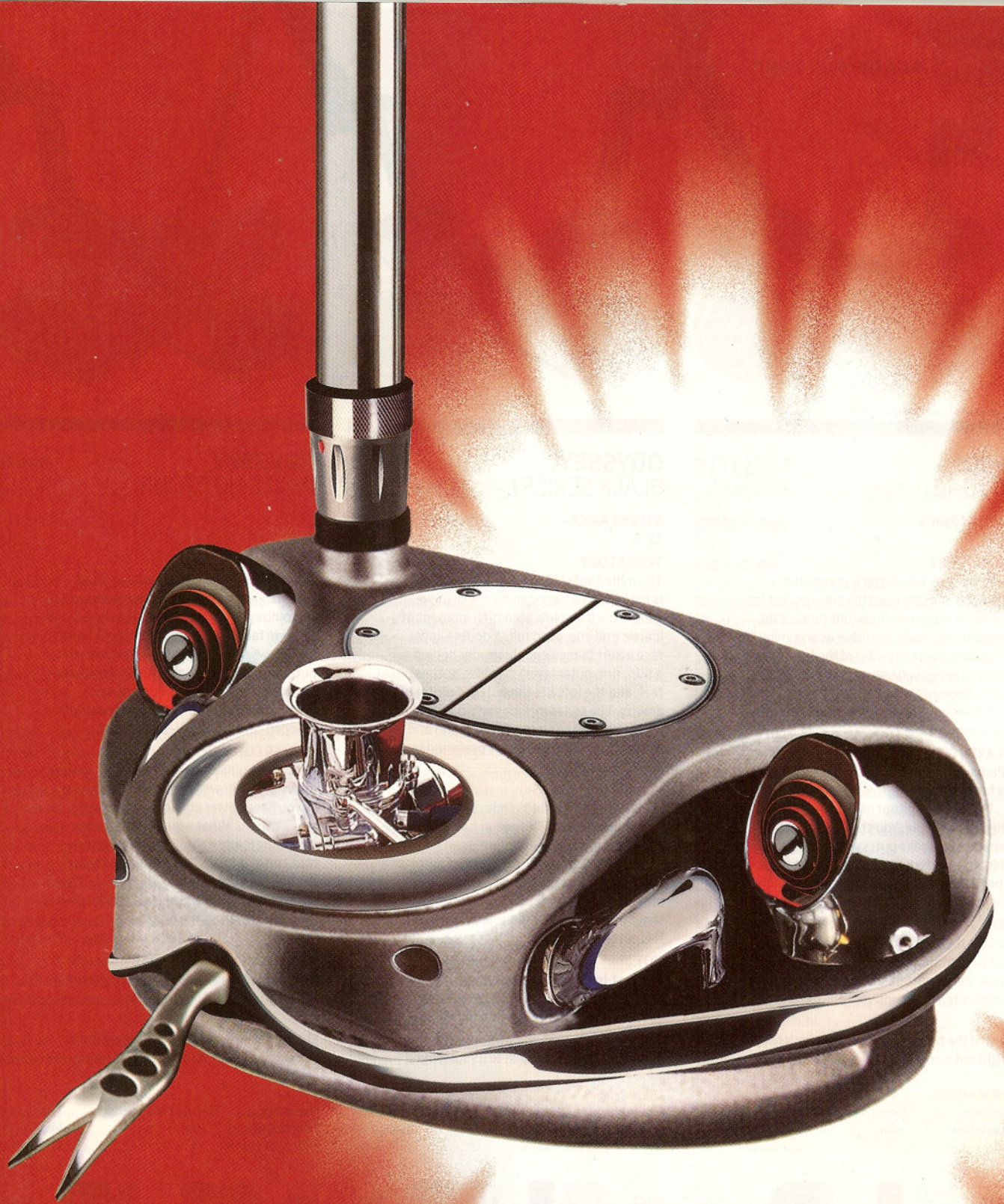
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**PUTTERS.** The future is now. In fact, it's almost so five minutes ago. We're already seeing revolutionary shapes, gigantic volumes, 3-D alignment aids and neon graphics. And with the U.S. Golf Association relaxing club-adjustability rules, tomorrow's flat sticks could leave the rest of the bag in the dust. Imagine switch-blade mechanics that let you change a putter's weight, face and loft. Of course, let's not forget that most golfers prefer the classic, Anser-style blade. The challenge is to make it better without changing it. That might require tricks we haven't seen since the days of Merlin. Back to the future? We're already there. **STINA STERNBERG**









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## WHITLAM SIGNATURE SERIES

**STREET PRICE**  
\$325

### TECH STORY

Every putter in the line is computer-milled exclusively by designer David Whitlam, which means there is a limited number of them. This Anser-like design features just 100 in the series, and each is milled from a solid billet of 303 stainless steel. Every putter goes through a 15-step finishing process and features a six-way angled sole to help with setup as well as a unique three-dimensional parallel-hosel design.

### PLAYER COMMENTS

"A nice, solid, no-frills putter. Has great balance. . . . A classic look with such a good finish. The roll is probably as good as any. . . . I love the grip, and it's solid even on mis-hits—especially on the heel. . . . If there's something out there that rolls better than this, you need to show it to me. One word describes this putter: pure. . . . I've never heard of this guy, but I'm pretty sure I'd like him."

### HOT

Everybody has a boutique putter these days, but none is more precisely conceived and executed than Whitlam's.

### NOT

Of course, you'll pay for the privilege.

### THE NUMBERS

Face width	11.4 cm	Shaft lengths	Custom
Front to back	3 cm		
Loft	3.5°		

### BUZZ



### PERFORMANCE



### TECHNOLOGY



### FUNCTION



### VALUE



whitlamgolf.com



## YES! ABBIE

**STREET PRICE**  
\$250

### TECH STORY

This computer-milled-carbon-steel version of the popular C-Groove putter looks prettier, feels smoother and rolls better than the less-expensive models from the company. However, the putter comes with the same face-groove technology, which is designed to improve roll. The head features an extended slant-neck hosel with a single sightline positioned in the cavity.

### PLAYER COMMENTS

"This putter has just the right weight, balance and size, and the sound and feel are perfect, too. . . . What a superior look. It's one of my favorite blades. The weighting and balance are ideal. . . . There's nothing flashy that gets in the way, unlike some others. . . . This has the most touch of any putter I've hit."

### HOT

Our favorite in the Yes! family. The use of milled semicircular grooves results in a unique feel, and the face pattern might actually help you focus at address. An elegant design, but more important, it's effective.

### NOT

Less loft than most, so if you putt on mildly shaggy greens, that will be a problem.

### THE NUMBERS

Face width	11.4 cm	Shaft lengths	32, 33 in
Front to back	3 cm		34, 35 in
Loft	2.5°		36, 37 in

### BUZZ



### PERFORMANCE



### TECHNOLOGY



### FUNCTION



### VALUE



yesgolf.com



## ZEN RDE PREMIUM TOUR

**STREET PRICE**  
\$275

### TECH STORY

RDE stands for "reduced dimple error." It refers to the hairline ridges in the face that are designed to minimize the amount of contact area. This helps reduce the possibility of the putter catching the edge of a dimple, which might send the ball rolling off-line. The standard line includes four styles. The Premium Tour line (ZPC3, above) includes customization of head, finish and hosel for more than 60 variations.

### PLAYER COMMENTS

"It's very pretty, and I like the gooseneck shaft. . . . The face-balanced feel is really nice and promotes a pendulum stroke. . . . Unbelievable. It was like it was just leading me to the hole. . . . The finish makes the sightlines pop, and that helps with the alignment. . . . You feel the transfer of the ball's energy right up the shaft."

### HOT

Not just a putter company but a way of putting, Zen should be on the emergency contact list of every frustrated putter. The classic look of these models is first-rate in every way.

### NOT

\$275 is a lot, even for a moment of Zen.

### THE NUMBERS

Face width	11.1 cm	Shaft lengths	33 in
Front to back	2.9 cm		34 in
Loft	2°		35 in

### BUZZ



### PERFORMANCE



### TECHNOLOGY



### FUNCTION



### VALUE



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OUTSTANDING



VERY GOOD



GOOD



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