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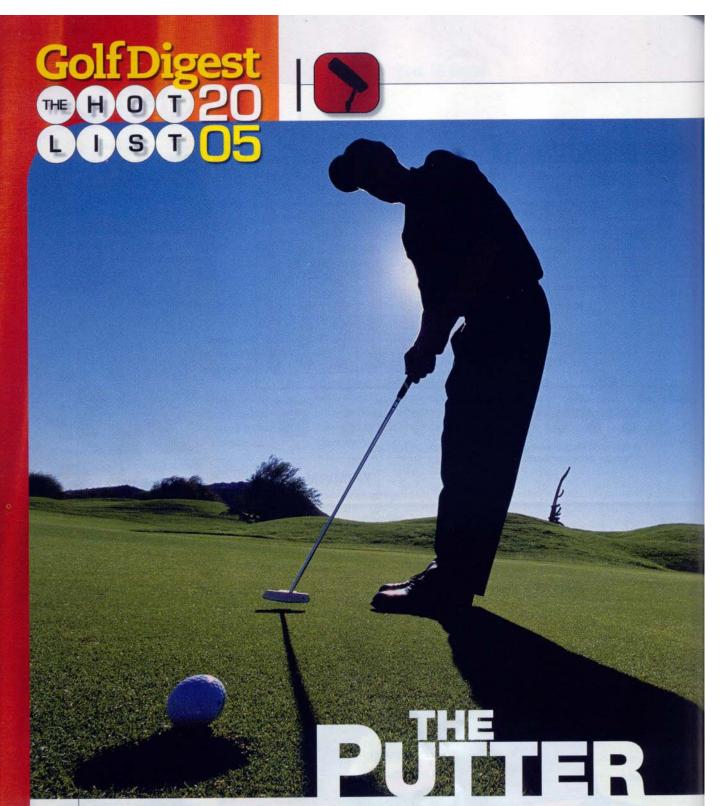
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A putter used to be a work of art. Now it's a science-fair project. But given the popularity of the Odyssey 2-Ball, it seems we're happily turning into geeks when it comes to choosing putters. The new high-tech putters might look like discarded props from the last Star Wars movie, but here's a news flash: Technology works. Ashtraysize putters, what we're calling Super Mallets, exist because big putters increase moment of inertia (MOI).

What's that mean to you? Research by Golfworks suggests that on a 22-foot putt, using a putter with an extremely high MOI (resistance to twisting) could mean the difference between being hole-high and four feet short. For those not ready to step into the new world order, we have a second category of putters we're labeling Traditional. This group has a lot of new technology, too. (Note: Many of our top-rated putters also come in belly and long versions.)