

Loft & Lie Angle Adjustments

Let's start off by saying that there is nothing more important to having a good set of irons than to have these angles correct for you and your swing.

All irons (the \$1,200 set and the \$200 set) are manufactured with acceptable tolerances of + or - 1 or 2 degrees in loft and lie angles. With this in mind, it is important to have these angles adjusted on ANY set of irons you buy. Also, standard loft and lie angles vary among manufacturers.

There is a lot of banter on the Web about the proper way to adjust loft and lie angles of a golf club. As with a lot of things in the web, this information should be taken with "a grain of salt".

Whether you use a bending machine alone or in combination with an angle measuring device, the end result will be no better than the person doing the adjustment. Putting the club head into either machine correctly determines the accuracy of the bend. The important thing is to get it right, regardless of the equipment used to do the job.

Before any adjustments are made, it should be determined that the clubs are the correct length for you. Length adjustments should be made prior to any angle adjustments.

In our process, we first develop a starting point with the 7 iron. We determine the correct lie angle for you. This is done using devices and our expertise. We then determine the best loft angle for you. The loft angle is a lot about your preferences and the standards for the particular club. These angles are then recorded. We then mark the club so that, when used, it will show if any adjustment needs to be made to the original lie angle. The club is then used at the driving range, hitting off the grass (not a mat). Any necessary adjustments to the lie angle are recorded and then made. The remaining clubs are then adjusted to the appropriate lie angle. The loft angle variances that have been agreed upon are also made.

Over the years, we have found that this process works very well and feel that it is as good of process as there is.

Most retail golf shops do not have the equipment and/or expertise to make these adjustments. Find a reputable club fitter in your area to do the job for you. Finding the lowest price should not be your most important criteria in selecting someone to adjust your clubs.