

NEW USGA STIMPMETER® NOW AVAILABLE

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The USGA is proud to announce a newly-released Stimpmeter® designed with greater flexibility and added convenience for testing green speed. On one side of the updated, double-sided Stimpmeter is the standard ball-release notch, or full-length run, for putting greens that have an adequate level surface to measure green speed. This method should be used where possible. For putting surfaces where large level areas are not available, the reverse side of the Stimpmeter features a notch that produces half the ball roll distance. Thus, only half the test area is needed to obtain an accurate measurement.

“The game of golf and the conditioning of its facilities has evolved since the Stimpmeter was originally released in 1978,” said Ty McClellan, manager of USGA Green Section Education. “With the updated design, use of the new Stimpmeter can be expanded to undulating greens



The new USGA Stimpmeter®

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where the traditional Stimpmeter could not always be easily used.”

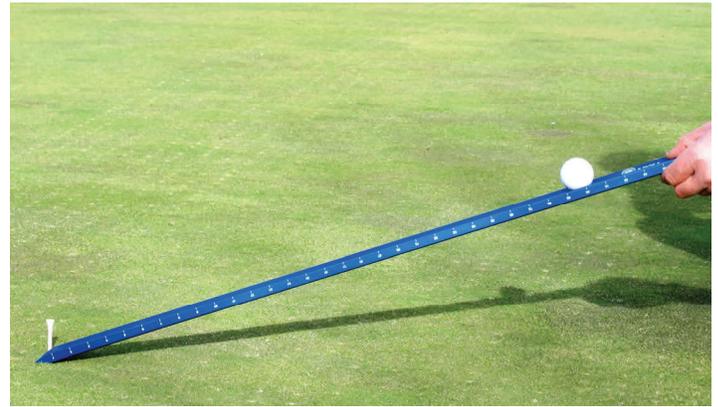
“At the USGA, we conduct research for the good of the game,” said Steve Quintavalla, Ph.D., USGA senior research designer and creator of the new Stimpmeter. “We strive to understand all equipment used to manage or play the game, and what better way to do so than by helping to maintain better and more consistent playing surfaces for those who play and enjoy golf at every level.”

The Stimpmeter is manufactured under tightly-controlled conditions by an ISO9001-certified manufacturer. Each one is carefully tested and given a unique serial number by the USGA Equipment Standards Department. The Stimpmeters are laser-engraved with the USGA seal, feature a 36-inch ruled scale on the side to conveniently measure ball roll distance, and now come in a distinctive USGA blue finish.

Contact the USGA Order Department at 1-800-336-4446 to order a Stimpmeter for \$110, plus shipping and handling and any applicable sales tax.

Do you have a used Stimpmeter? For a limited time, the USGA is offering anyone who returns a used Stimpmeter the opportunity to purchase a new Stimpmeter at the discounted price of \$75. Available through June 30, 2013, simply use the [USGA Stimpmeter Rebate Form](#) to return one or more used Stimpmeters to the USGA to purchase the new Stimpmeter for \$75, plus shipping and handling and any applicable sales tax.

Videos of proper use of the Stimpmeter are available in [English](#) and in [Spanish](#) on the USGA website.



The “1X” standard notch is the preferred method to measure green speed.



Use the “2X” alternate notch on the reverse side of the Stimpmeter when a smaller test area is needed.

