



# CHIPS & PUNCHES

## THE VERSATILE HYBRID TRAINING GUIDE

# Chips & Punches With A Hybrid



**Cleveland Halo XL  
Full Face Hybrid Iron**

One of our viewers, a senior golfer, has replaced some of his irons with hybrids. He asks if he can still hit chip and punch shots with hybrid golf clubs. We went about testing these shots with this Cleveland Halo XL Full Face 'Hybrid' 8-iron.



**Srixon ZX Forged II Iron**

For comparison, Glen will also play these shots with his Srixon Z-Forged II 'Blade' 8-iron. These clubs are at the opposite ends of the golf equipment spectrum. Hollow vs blade, wide vs narrow, hard vs soft, distance vs workability!

# Chipping Differences - Blade vs Hybrid



Beginning with a basic 'chip and run' shot, Glen plays his own golf club to this back flag. The flight is low and the ball runs most of the way to finish pin high, just to the left of the cup.



Next, let's play the same shot with the Cleveland hybrid iron. With the firmer material of the clubface and lower centre of gravity, the ball 'jumps' off the clubface. It flies higher and further but with less spin.

# Be Aware Of This



Glen's ball hits the flag with speed but fortunately drops into the cup. Definitely need less backswing next time. He tries again and is still surprised by how fast the ball springs off the clubface. Be aware of a different reaction when chipping.



When chipping from a bare lie or 'hard pan', the wider sole of the hybrid can easily bounce off the firm surface. When this happens, the leading edge of the hybrid strikes the middle of the ball. No backspin is imparted and the ball will run too far.

# The Punch Shot



Next we will play a 'punch' 8-iron approach. A punch shot flies lower than normal and is useful to play into the wind. To keep the ball flight down, the shaft is played leaning more forward at impact, reducing the dynamic loft of the club.



The punch shot is also very effective for playing under low tree branches. By playing the ball a little back in the stance and by shortening the followthrough, it is possible to keep the ball flight very low and still produce backspin.

# You Can Punch A Hybrid, But.....



Once again, Glen starts with his own Srixon 8-iron. The ball flight is lower than his normal 'full shot' trajectory. Plenty of backspin is imparted on the golf ball and after 1 hop, his ball checks and stops just short of the pin.



The ball reacts differently when hit with the Cleveland Hybrid iron. The ball flight is still fairly low but with less spin. The ball doesn't check and rolls towards the back of the green. Definitely something to keep in mind when playing the punch shot with a hybrid golf club.

# THANK YOU



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