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Slow-swing driver guide

Swing under 90 mph? We compared lightweight and high-launch drivers from Srixon, TaylorMade, Ping and more, so you can find extra carry off the tee.

The 10 at a glance

#	Driver	Best for	Build	Launch	Good for
1	LA Golf Driver	Best overall	5 heads matched to swing speed	Matched to head	Hitting more fairways
2	Srixon ZXi	Best for distance	Standard weight	Mid	Solid strikers
3	Srixon ZXi Max	Best for accuracy	Standard, high MOI	Mid to high	Off-centre strikes
4	TaylorMade Qi4D Max Lite	Best lightweight	Light head, shaft and grip	High	Adding clubhead speed
5	Callaway Quantum Max Fast	Best ultralight	Ultralight carbon chassis	High	Moderate swing speeds
6	Ping G440 Max HL	Best high launch	Lighter head, shaft and grip	High	Low ball flight
7	Wilson Dynapwr Max+	Most stable	Super high MOI	High	Mishits
8	Titleist GT1	Most forgiving	Lightweight	High	Consistent results
9	Cobra OPTM Max-D	Best if you slice	Standard, light shaft options	High	A slower swing that slices
10	Tour Edge Exotics Max	Best value	Standard weight	Mid to high	Tighter budgets

Quick answers

What counts as a slow swing speed?

Under about 90 mph with the driver is usually called slower, and under 80 mph is slow. Many seniors, juniors and newer golfers fall in this range.

What loft should I use with a slow swing speed?

Usually 10.5° or 12°. More loft helps a slower swing launch the ball higher and carry it further.

How to choose a driver for a slower swing

Quick guide for slower swings

Driver swing speed. A fitting or launch monitor gives you the real number.

Under 75 mph	75 to 85 mph	85 to 90 mph	Low, short drives
Very slow swing	Slower swing	Moderate swing	Any slower speed
12° + light shaft	10.5° to 12°, light build	10.5°, Max or Lite	Add loft first

1 Know your swing speed

Most club golfers swing their driver between 80 and 95 mph. If you're under 90 mph, a lighter or higher-launching driver usually helps. A launch monitor at a shop or range will tell you your speed in minutes.

2 Add loft before anything else

Slower swings need more loft to carry the ball. Many golfers do better with 10.5° or 12° than 9°. If your drives fly low and roll out, try more loft first.

3 Go lighter, but not too light

Lightweight drivers like the Qi4D Max Lite and Quantum Max Fast can add clubhead speed. Too light, though, and you can lose control. Try a few weights and look at your carry and dispersion.

4 Pick a softer, lighter shaft

A shaft around 40 to 50 grams in a senior or regular flex often helps slower swingers launch the ball and square the face. Ask about no-upcharge options.

5 Don't ignore forgiveness

Slower swingers lose more distance on mishits. A forgiving head, like the Titleist GT1 or Wilson Dynapwr Max+, keeps off-centre drives closer to full distance.

6 Test carry, not total

Compare carry distance and how many drives stay in play, not your one longest hit. The best driver is the one that finds the most fairways.

Your checklist

Tick things off as you go.

KNOW YOUR NUMBERS

- [ ] Get your driver swing speed measured
- [ ] Note your average carry distance
- [ ] Note your launch and spin if shown
- [ ] Check your current loft and shaft

AT THE FITTING

- [ ] Try 10.5° and 12° lofts
- [ ] Try a lighter and a standard build
- [ ] Try senior and regular flex
- [ ] Hit 5 balls with each setup

COMPARE FAIRLY

- [ ] Use carry distance, not total
- [ ] Count drives that stay in play
- [ ] Ignore your one longest hit

BEFORE YOU BUY

- [ ] Ask about no-upcharge shafts
- [ ] Check left-handed options
- [ ] Ask about the return or trade-in policy

See the full list online

All 10, with pros and cons and who each one suits.

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Open the list

Fitting scorecard

Write down the numbers from the launch monitor for each setup you try. Compare carry and dispersion, not your single longest drive.

Swing speed: _____ mph Current driver: _____ Fitter: _____

DRIVER SETUPS

Driver	Loft	Shaft weight / flex	Launch (°)	Spin (rpm)	Carry (yd)	Dispersion (yd)

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