

STROKE SAVER

FROM ZERO TO HERO

No access to Trackman or FlightScope? No problem! This homemade “radar” teaches you how to zero out your numbers just like the expensive machines. The payoff: laser-like accuracy wherever you practice.



FOLLOW THE LINE
Groove a swing that travels along your target line using two alignment sticks. The ball can't help but fly straight.



THE PROBLEM

Almost all golf lessons now involve some sort of laser- or radar-based piece of technology to confirm that your path, angle of attack and swing direction—whatever—are correct. These devices work off a zero reference line; the closer you are to this zero line, the straighter your shots will fly. It's invaluable feedback. Problem is, it's not always at your disposal, and far too expensive for most golfers to own and take to the range at their leisure. With anything but non-stop access, technology can't be your only guide.

THE SOLUTION

The next time you visit the range, set two alignment sticks on the ground, each pointing at your target. Place one in front of the ball and the other behind it, leaving enough space between the two so that you can hit shots without hitting the sticks. As you blast shots, try to swing the clubhead along the sticks on both sides of the ball. Keeping to these lines is the same as “zeroing out” your swing on a radar, and unless your clubface alignments are way out of whack, you're going to hit straight shots. Call it a “poor man's Trackman.” It may be cheap, but it works.



ZERO RESISTANCE
Swinging along your target line at the range is the same as nailing your numbers on a radar device.

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