

## MD Golf Norman Drew £49.99 S

02894 460333, www.mdgolf.co.uk Lofts: 48°, 50°, 52°, 54°, 56°, 58°  
 Feel: 8/10 TG rating: ★★★★★

If you're looking to put a specialist wedge in your bag, but you simply can't afford the hefty price tag of the big-name brands, then this is the perfect solution. At half the price of many of its competitors and, to be honest, you can hardly tell the difference. The brushed finish looks stylish and expensive. But where the MD Golf Norman Drew really shines is from the soft lies and hard sand, as the leading edge has been designed to sit flush to the ground to help you chip shots off the turf, making it great for links courses. Its machine-milled face also delivered excellent spin and stop.



## Mizuno R-Series £89 S

0118 9362100, www.mizuno.com  
 Lofts: 52°, 54°, 56°, 58°, 60° Feel: 8/10 TG rating: ★★★★★

The Mizuno R-Series wedge finished about middle of the pack in terms of spin, but that did not prevent our professional tester from ranking it highly for consistency. He enjoyed the slightly lower ball flight that this wedge offered, and he found it really easy to control. The grain-flow forging gives the R-Series a nice soft feel, while the black nickel plating looks really smart and helps to make the club durable by protecting it against rusting. A big plus is that this wedge is available in two head weights, allowing for custom shaft lengths for different players.



## TaylorMade TP Satin £89 S

01389 4292, www.taylormadegolf.com  
 Lofts: 52°, 54°, 56°, 58°, 60° Feel: 9/10 TG rating: ★★★★★

Our testers were a little torn over the TaylorMade TP wedge. All agreed that it was one of the best looking wedges on test, with the softer feel pockets in the back of the clubhead certainly doing their job. The Tour-proven Y-cutter and wide grooves also worked well on all our shots. What the debate were the looks: some loved the simple, classic design; others felt that this wedge just looked like it should be part of a full set of TaylorMade wedges. Looks aside, the TP was easy to use and felt particularly good for full shots.



## Nike SV Tour £69 S

0800 0561540, www.nikegolf.com/europe  
 Lofts: 50°, 52°, 54°, 56° Feel: 8/10 TG rating: ★★★★★

Tiger Woods played a big part in the design and development of this, and you can really tell. It has that simple, clean, traditional look that Tiger is drawn to. The smooth, rounded shape makes it easy to open this wedge up and play lots of different shots from sand and around the green. The soft carbon steel gives a great feel on touch shots and the machine-milled face provides consistent spin and stop for accurate distance control. The dark black satin finish was dramatically different from any other wedge on test and will appeal to those who hate the distraction of glare.



## Ping Tour-W £90 S £105 G

01619224, www.pingeurope.com Lofts: 47°, 50°, 52°, 56°, 58°, 60° Feel: 9/10 TG rating: ★★★★★

Westwood is among the top four staff using the Tour-W, and he won with it at the British Open. But the beauty of this wedge is that it will appeal to a wide range of players, from low handicappers to higher handicappers. Thanks to the slightly larger head size, which inspires confidence but doesn't look cumbersome. A tungsten weight also increases forgiveness, making it really easy to use for all types of shot. The brushed-silver finish looks classy and doesn't glare in sunlight. The only downside was that the spin rate on balls were not higher.



## Srixon WG-706 £89 S

01420 541709, www.srixon.co.uk  
 Lofts: 52°, 56°, 60° Feel: 7/10 TG rating: ★★★★★

The WG-706 was a pretty good all-rounder, but it simply didn't shine in our test. The clubhead shape is a little bigger than many of the other wedges, and it has a square leading edge that sits crisply behind the ball for chip shots, but which doesn't look so comfortable when opened up for bunker shots. The brushed finish looks stylish, but we didn't like the bold graphics on the back of the clubhead, which we thought just cheapened the overall look. When tested around the green, balls checked and stopped really quickly on the surface, but they felt a bit clicky off the face.

