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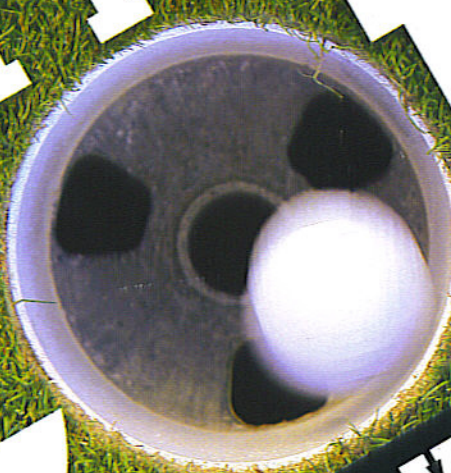


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Real golfers test GPS units, rangefinders and other gizmos to find out

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**Bushnell**  
**Rangefinder £349**  
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**What they say:** This is the world's only golf laser rangefinder to compensate for changes in elevation. Using a digital inclinometer, the Pinseeker 1500 with slope plus/minus determines distance based on the degree of elevation change. It doesn't just tell you how far, it tells you exactly how far to hit. Sergio Garcia uses one.

**How it works:** Look through the lens at the flag/bunker/lake that you want to reach/carry/avoid, and press the button on the top of the unit. In a second, it gives you an accurate yardage measurement, and even a calculation of how many feet above or below you your target is.

**What we think:** Deputy editor Chris Jones has had one in his bag for a month, and says: "What a fantastic piece of kit – it saves me shots all the time. Here's one example. I was right next to a 150-yard marker on an unfamiliar course, hitting into a large, two-tiered green. Normally, faced with a 150-yard approach, I'd reach for my 8-iron, but the rangefinder said '172' when I fixed the cross-hairs on the flag. That's a 6-iron for me. So I ignored the markers, took the longer club, stuck it to 10ft and made birdie."

"It's not a cheap piece of kit, but if you know roughly how far you hit each club, and often miscalculate distances based on the course's markers, this gadget will definitely knock shots off your score."

"The only disadvantage I can see is that it would be pretty much useless on holes where the pin is hidden."

**Shot-saving score: ★★★★★**