



DMD

Which GPS or laser is best for you?

TEST



The GM team tries out the latest distance-measuring devices, including watches, wristbands, handhelds and lasers, to see which might save you the most shots

Since our most recent DMD test late last year, there have been a number of significant product launches within the sector showcasing further advances. We couldn't wait any longer to try these latest products out and share our views on them with you, as with such a variety on offer at different prices, it can be difficult to pinpoint the most prudent investment.

Are you good enough to use a laser rangefinder? Are premium GPS devices worth the extra cash? This feature aims to answer these questions and more to give you a clearer picture as to the benefits of each device. You can then decide which best suits both your game and your bank balance.


FINDING THE RIGHT DMD

Before you turn the page for our in-depth feedback on 18 of the latest distance-measuring devices, we can tell you that there won't be one single outright winner because what is best for one golfer may be wrong for another. What we have looked to do is highlight the strengths and weaknesses of each device, and explain what kind of golfer they will be best suited to.

We hope you will find much over the following pages to help you narrow down the search for a DMD that will meet your needs and really benefit your game, without proving too intrusive or time-consuming out on the golf course.

METHODOLOGY

Every unit was sent to *Golf Monthly* technical editor, Joel Tadman, who set them up ready for play. This allowed direct comparisons as to how easy each device was to use straight out of the box. We then held a test day where nine *Golf Monthly* staff members tried out the devices over 18 holes on the stunning Old Course at Burhill Golf Club in Surrey, switching devices after a few holes to allow each player to test a number of different products.

Joel then took them all away to test over a two-month period on different courses under varying conditions. Test reports from the day and afterwards were then collated to compile in-depth reviews of each device. 



SKYCADDIE

LINX
£169.95**KEY TECHNOLOGY**

The SkyCaddie Linx uses yardages plotted on foot to provide distances to the front, middle and back of greens on over 35,000 pre-loaded courses. It can be connected to the SkyGolf app on a smartphone using Bluetooth to take in any course updates. With an annual membership (£39.95) the Linx will provide up to 40 hazard and lay-up distances plus IntelliGreen, which shows green shape.

➕ SkyCaddie is the only company that maps out courses on foot, instead of using overhead maps for yardages that are less-frequently updated. As a result, the accuracy of the Linx is top of its class. The data on offer is clear to interpret and quick to update when you arrive at your ball. The paid-for extras make your tee-shots easier to plan. Score collection that syncs with SkyCaddie stat analysis will give you plenty of extra information. The dynamic yardages mean you always have accurate front, back and middle distances on approach play.

➖ The watch is on the chunky side. For the annual fee you get extra hazard and green detail, but it's unlikely those investing in a watch will be keen on the additional outlay.

GM VERDICT

You can expect outstanding accuracy from this watch, with all yardages during testing proving to be spot on. The watch is robust and offers very clear and easy-to-understand information that can be trusted out on any course. The free 'go play' membership will be good enough for most, especially with the 'safe point' target offered on each hole. The extras, particularly the green view, help to bring the product to life, but whether they are worth the subscription fees will depend on the needs and desires of the individual.



BUSHNELL

NEO XS
£159**KEY TECHNOLOGY**

A thin and lightweight GPS watch that shows distances to the front, middle and back of greens and up to four hazards and lay-up distances per hole. It is pre-loaded with more than 33,000 courses in over 30 countries. An odometer shows the distance travelled in a round, and also allows shot distances to be measured. The display is designed to make it easier to read whether playing in dull conditions or bright sunlight.

➕ The styling is much improved compared to the Neo X One while maintaining the benefits of being thin and lightweight. This will appeal to those who have been put off by GPS watches previously because they were too heavy and chunky. It gives front, middle and back yardages quickly and has ample hazard information for most golfers, even specifying the distances to reach and carry each hazard. It is also very easy to set up and use straight from the box, and battery life is impressive, lasting two rounds with plenty of power to spare.

➖ As with most GPS watches, it can be difficult to work out which hazards the device is referring to. The buttons were a little sensitive at times.

GM VERDICT

Bushnell's impressive range of DMDs clearly doesn't stop at lasers, with the Neo XS impressing at a competitive price point. The no-nonsense set-up, and easy-to-use design, will appeal to many golfers. Front, middle and back distances are clear and accurate, and the watch always updates in time for your next shot. The added extras, like shot measurement and four hazard distances per hole in such a slimline package, are an added bonus, while its size and weight make it very comfortable to wear on the wrist.



GOLFBUDDY

WT5
£160**KEY TECHNOLOGY**

The WT5 has a slimmer design and a more comfortable fit on your wrist than the previous WT4. Dynamic Green View changes the front and back distances based on your angle of approach. It has nine pre-set pin placements you can select with simple press-and-hold buttons. It is fully functional as a digital wristwatch, with a rechargeable battery and GPS tracking for various outdoor activities.

➕ The fact it's very slim and lightweight means you hardly notice you're wearing it and there's no danger of it impeding your swing. The WT5 recognises the course quickly and is very simple once you grasp the function of the three control buttons. Scrolling between hazards and the scorecard after each hole is a simple task and the shot-tracking tool is easy to employ. Distances are easy to read at a quick glance and having them adjust according to your angle of approach is a must for all GPS watches these days.

➖ At times, the device was a little too eager to switch holes when adjacent tees were close by. Just two colour options available – a minor quail.

GM VERDICT

Without doubt one of the quickest devices to register the course on arrival, a reassuring feature when you're in a rush or don't want to faff around. The display is clear and the features are easy to navigate thanks to the buttons being both limited in number and clearly labelled. The styling is modern but not too outlandish, potentially broadening its appeal among golfers. The yardages seemed to stack up when tested against a laser. There really is very little to fault on the WT5 – it's an impressively versatile piece of kit.



GOLFBUDDY

BB5
£199.95**KEY TECHNOLOGY**

The world's first golf GPS band is slimmer and lighter than a watch and displays its front, middle and back yardages via a tickertape-style LED dot display. Using the BB5, golfers can also measure their shot distances, record the number of steps they take and tell the time. The BB5 weighs just one-and-a-quarter ounces, is water-resistant and has a rechargeable battery giving up to 13 hours in golf mode.

➕ There's no doubting the style and sophistication of the BB5 as soon as you put it on. It's compact, lightweight and comfortable and the choice of two different-sized straps means you'll get the perfect fit. Once clued up on the functions and how to access them via the four buttons, it's a relatively easy device to operate after a few holes of use. Accuracy when measured against lasers was spot on and the distances were easily readable, even in bright sunlight.

➖ The orientation of the display means the distances appear sideways when viewing like a normal watch. The buttons are stiff at times, and the style of display wasn't as clear as those on most other GPS watches.

GM VERDICT

It would be going too far to describe the BB5 as a gimmick, for while it's arguably the most stylish and on-trend of the wearable DMDs, there's plenty of substance behind the aesthetics. A detailed read of the instructions is essential to work out how to navigate the different features, and the usability could be improved. But its accuracy and appeal can't be faulted. If you're something of a techno geek who loves to have the newest, coolest gadgets on the market, but also takes his golf seriously, BB5 will be right up your street.



GARMIN

APPROACH S5
£279.99**KEY TECHNOLOGY**

This feature-packed, touchscreen GPS watch has a full colour, glove-friendly display, with full-hole views of over 38,000 courses internationally. You can manually move the pin positions, while the Smart Notifications feature allows you to receive emails, texts and other alerts from your iOS device. The Garmin Connect for Golf site lets you analyse, share and compare your round with others.

➕ Given that the unit itself is fairly substantial, the first thing you notice is its light weight. The mix between touchscreen and button navigation is very intuitive, and wearing a glove didn't affect this whatsoever. The accuracy was impressive, as was the speed at which the device picked up the course and automatically switched holes. Having hole visuals, as well as a multitude of hazard and lay-up information, really aided course management. Manually being able to move the pin position was also a welcome feature, as were the lay-up distances.

➖ The distance to the green doesn't show when you touch the hole view to plot your tee-shot. Superb graphics come at a cost.

GM VERDICT

The S5 doesn't have the Tempo Trainer feature found on the S6, which makes the S5 legal in competitions. The colour hole views and manual pin positioning mean it's almost like having a top-of-the-range handheld GPS device on your wrist. In golf mode you should get 36 holes from a full charge – slightly less than other devices but the features justify that. The Smart Notifications facility means you don't need to be seen using your phone on the course, while the ability to add in your stats as you play helps you assess your game in depth.



TOMTOM

GOLFER
£179.99**KEY TECHNOLOGY**

As well as your usual front, middle and back distances, the TomTom GPS watch displays distances to hazards, dogleg and lay-up yardages, plus any spots you'll need to avoid around the green, such as bunkers and ponds. A database of more than 34,000 global courses can be updated wirelessly via a smartphone app. Other features include a digital scorecard, a round timer and a scratch-resistant display.

➕ A very stylish piece of kit, the TomTom watch is light (53g) with a slimline fit on your wrist. Distances are clear, and using the secondary navigation unit underneath the screen works well and is simple to use. There's a plethora of useful information on offer, most of which is easy to access and interpret. Being able to pair your device to your smartphone to receive course updates wirelessly is a real plus. It's comfortable on your wrist and easy to fasten securely too.

➖ Having to download TomTom software to your computer before you can use it is a shame. The hazard distances shown are a little too vague. You can't turn it off when it's not in use and there's no shot-measurement function.

GM VERDICT

A device we wanted to like more than we did. The TomTom brand is known for its accurate navigation technology and the Golfer watch delivered on that front. The setting up process was smooth and worthwhile in the end, but also time-consuming. The abundance of information is great, but it could be displayed in a manner that is simpler to take in. It's easy to navigate and basic distances themselves are easy to read. It's also very comfy on your wrist and seemed to be as accurate as any other watch on the market.



VOICE CADDIE

T2 HYBRID WATCH

£179

■ KEY TECHNOLOGY

A new Smart Scorecard mode provides auto-scoring by detecting how many shots you've taken on each hole, as well as the ability to analyse your round on your computer using the Aerial Map View mode. You can save specific points on the course to provide personalised yardages for future rounds. A swing tempo analysis feature enables the user to measure the ratio of backswing time to downswing time.

➕ Stylish in appearance, quick to recognise the course and the distances were accurate and quick to update. It sits flush to the wrist, aiding comfort, and the ability to score and measure your shot distances was most welcome. The auto-scoring feature is fine. When it does suggest the wrong score, it's easy to change. Being able to save your favourite lay-up distances on certain holes was a nice touch.

➖ Quite heavy and chunky on your wrist. The swing-tempo feature means the T2 is yet to be approved for competition use. It was quite time-consuming to correct the auto-scoring on occasions when it entered the score on the wrong hole, having moved to the next tee.

■ GM VERDICT

The T2 is stylish, accurate and pretty easy to use once you've read the instructions, but it is still one of the larger, heavier GPS watches on the market. If you're into your running and cycling as well as your golf, the T2 might be your perfect match. Being able to see your shots on a map after your round – much like you can using Game Golf – is a fun and useful experience. It's just a shame the device can't be used for competitions – the case could certainly be made that golfers might prefer hazard information over the illegal Tempo Trainer.



SKYCADDIE

TOUCH

£329.95

■ KEY TECHNOLOGY

All 35,000 courses pre-loaded on the device have been mapped on foot to ensure the accuracy on offer. Intelligreen tech gives you adjusted distances. New onDemand HD maps can be downloaded to give an even clearer view of every hole. The high-resolution touchscreen can provide yardages from any point on the hole. Scores and round stats can be synced to the SkyGolf mobile app via Bluetooth.

➕ Beautiful graphics on a sharp screen provide some of the best-looking course maps available, particularly in the onDemand HD mode. The ground-mapped courses make the device one of the most accurate units available, and accessing the abundance of information on offer is straightforward to grasp. Recent software updates include making the Intelligreen feature larger to enhance the user experience, and having a north indicator on HoleVue to help you understand the direction you're playing in from.

➖ The price you pay for such impressive accuracy is an annual subscription fee, starting at £29.95 after a year depending on what you are looking to access.

■ GM VERDICT

The volume of information and detail goes a long way to justifying the subscription costs for the top-of-the-range Touch. This information is incredibly accurate and beautifully presented and many golfers will enjoy the smartphone-like navigation and screen display. If you are particularly dedicated, the stat collection and SkyGolf Community are well put together and offer you an intuitive way to analyse your play. The recent updates only enhance the value for money, you just need to decide if the extra fees after a year are worth it.



SKYCADDIE

AIRE II

£129.95

■ KEY TECHNOLOGY

This entry-level SkyCaddie now shows front, back and middle distances which are based on your angle of approach, a feature which wasn't available on the original Aire. The Aire II is designed to automatically recognise which course and hole you are on, with added extras including a digital scorecard function, a distance measurement odometer, a calorie counter, a distance tracker and a clip for your bag.

➕ A great choice if you want an unobtrusive GPS device that gives you easy-to-digest yardages. If you don't like wearing a watch when playing, this will clip onto your belt or fit in your pocket without causing any distraction. If you want added information, such as the shape of greens or distances to hazards, you can unlock these by paying for one of the SkyCaddie subscriptions. As with all SkyCaddie models, the information has been mapped on foot to ensure accuracy.

➖ The look and styling is reminiscent of models from a number of years ago. This type of display arguably works best when you are just looking for stripped-back information.

■ GM VERDICT

SkyCaddie covers the whole spectrum of the DMD product range very well. It's clear at which end the Aire II sits. Those after all the essential yardages, but who don't want to go to any extra effort to get that information, will be happy with this device. Its simplicity will convert many DMD sceptics, offering much more accuracy than on-course yardage markers, while the design makes it a stylish addition to your bag. The simplicity of this device, along with its trusted accuracy, makes it a great no-nonsense option.



BUSHNELL

NEO GHOST

£99

■ KEY TECHNOLOGY

This pocket-sized GPS comes pre-loaded with over 33,000 courses. It provides yardages to the front, middle and back of the green as well as up to four hazards per hole. Other features include auto course recognition, auto hole advance and a shot-measuring function.

➕ Out of the box, the Neo Ghost is ready to go. Value for money is the device's greatest asset, offering various distances for under £100. Its compact size will please many, while the battery life is impressive, going four rounds comfortably in GPS mode. The complimentary clip is sturdy and is the ideal way to attach it to your bag. Twenty contrast modes ensure the display is easily readable.

➖ The buttons can be a little stiff to push.

■ GM VERDICT

A great option for those who want basic, easy-to-read yardages delivered quickly. If you've struggled to justify the investment in a DMD in the past, this may well be the model to make you change your mind. Some may want more detail, but four hazards, lay-up information and three yardages to the green cover everything that most club golfers really need.



GOLFBUDDY

PT4

£299.95

■ KEY TECHNOLOGY

A four-inch LCD screen offers touchscreen control, allowing the use of overhead maps to find distances from anywhere. It's preloaded with over 37,000 courses. A 'pinch and zoom' hole view gives you a closer look at hazards and landing areas, while arcs offer clear reference points.

➕ The largest screen on test allows a great deal of information and clear manoeuvrability of distances. It certainly feels like a smartphone and being able to move the pin, as well as adjusting the front distance for your angle of approach, helps you to be even more precise. Stat collection and scoring is impressive and easy to input.

➖ The level of detail warrants a large screen to a degree, but most will find this too large to keep in a pocket.

■ GM VERDICT

If you play lots of different courses, then there is no doubt that overhead maps will really help you, particularly when they are on such a big, clear screen as the PT4's. The unit is well designed and the interface is easier to operate than you might think. The additional features make it a great choice for those who want lots of information.



GARMIN

APPROACH G8

£369.99

■ KEY TECHNOLOGY

A colour screen displays large, high-contrast maps of each hole with touchscreen that can give distances from any position. It can also offer 'plays like' distances that take into account changes in elevation (not legal for tournament play). Preloaded with 38,000 courses.

➕ The G8 comes with a huge amount of tech. As well as impressive overhead images, it offers stat collection, a digital scorecard – which can be downloaded to the Garmin Community – plus email and text notifications. It can even suggest clubs to hit if you have the time and inclination to record your club distances when you're out playing. The screen is easy to read without the unit being too cumbersome.

➖ The illegality of the device will put many golfers off.

■ GM VERDICT

Possesses some of the best hole graphics on the market. The fact that the one feature that renders it illegal for tournament play can't be disabled is frustrating though. If you don't play in official competitions, there is plenty to impress, particularly if you play lots of different courses. It's well made, easy to navigate and fits easily in your pocket.

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GOLFBUDDY

LR4
£219.95**KEY TECHNOLOGY**

The LR4 laser's outer casing has been reshaped to fit more snugly in the golfer's palm. The top grip section has been flattened slightly and the finger locators redesigned to make it even easier to find and press the power button. The eyepiece is easier to grip and smoother to turn. Finally, the GolfBuddy LR4 is equipped with three operational modes for different on-course scenarios.

➤ A boxier shape seemed to fit just as well in the hand as other, more slimline lasers. While it has three modes, the Scan and Flag modes will be most popular, picking out continuous points and the flag respectively from the background. Overall, it's a joy to use. It's slightly heavier than most other lasers but that doesn't affect the usability, and the grippy texture of the casing helps you keep a firm hold. Switching modes using your thumb is a doddle. It picked out the flag quickly and the focus was easy to adjust. The smart case that's included was the icing on the cake.

➔ The lack of battery meter means you'll need to ensure you have a spare battery in your bag for when the time comes.

GM VERDICT

Offering accuracy, ease of use and a variety of functions at an extremely competitive price, the GolfBuddy LR4 is a serious player in the laser rangefinder market. Add in stylish looks, and its appeal knows no bounds. The boxier shape may not suit golfers with smaller hands, while the absence of a battery meter could catch you out at a crucial moment on the course. Those who play in glasses or sunglasses will be pleased with the user-friendly eyepiece. Overall, the LR4 offers everything a golfer needs at a competitive price.



BUSHNELL

TOUR X
£419**KEY TECHNOLOGY**

Bushnell's newest rangefinder enables you to easily switch between slope-adjusted distances for practice, and traditional yardages for competitions using interchangeable faceplates. Jolt Technology gives you confirmation you have picked out the flag from the background. Its range reaches an impressive 1,300 yards, or 450 yards to a flag, with half-yards within 125 yards.

➤ Having the option of also getting slope-adjusted yardages from a tournament-legal laser makes this a real niche product. It means you can now find out true yardages on deceptive par 3s during practice rounds, before swapping faceplates and playing legally in competitions. The ability to flick between red and black crosshairs using the simple-to-operate Dual Display button makes a real difference when going from sky to a tree-lined background, or when conditions are overcast. The new 'thumb space' on the bottom makes this the most ergonomically designed Bushnell to date.

➔ The manual focus needed to be used much more frequently than on the Tour V3. Some will struggle to justify the cost.

GM VERDICT

Bushnell has once again pushed the envelope with its faceplate technology. The slope-adjusted option provides great insight into how much hills and slopes affect the distance your shots travel without you also having to then shell out for a device you can use in competitions. The reason for the premium price tag is obvious, but the accuracy and versatility on offer do a good job of justifying it. Switching faceplates is simple and the red slope version makes it clear to your playing partners which faceplate you're using.



NIKON

COOLSHOT 40
£269.99**KEY TECHNOLOGY**

The Coolshot 40, with a maximum range of 650 yards, is legal for use in competitions when an appropriate Local Rule is in place. It has a higher quality finder than previous models, which Nikon says will produce bright, clear images. The First Target Priority Mode picks out a flag on a green from the trees behind it. New Hyper Read technology delivers a very quick yardage display (approximately 0.5 seconds).

➤ The Coolshot 40 is compact, looks smart and up-to-date and feels solid and well built. The fact that the closest distance will always be displayed during the automatic eight-second scan means you've got no issue with picking out the wrong target, as long as you don't accidentally catch the lip of a bunker. It fits perfectly in your hand, and has everything you need to receive quick, accurate distances during a competitive round. The built-in battery meter is a welcome addition.

➔ Such long distances displayed to the nearest half a yard seems unnecessary for the club golfer's needs. A little more thought and investment could have gone into the carry case, which is basic.

GM VERDICT

Good value for money here when you consider the range and level of detail. There's little need to adjust the eyepiece to focus on shots of different lengths and the speed at which distances are displayed via the Hyper Read technology means there are no pace of play issues. The Coolshot 40 is a worthy rival to the Bushnell Tour V3 (see page 103), and is perfectly suited to both practice and competitive rounds. If you're looking for a less expensive alternative, the Nikon Coolshot 20 is a superb option for just £179.99.



NIKON

COOLSHOT 40i
£299.99**KEY TECHNOLOGY**

The Coolshot 40i incorporates Angle Compensation technology, which calculates and displays the slope-adjusted distance. Nikon says this makes it ideal for hilly courses, but it does render the device illegal for competition use, so can only be used for friendly rounds.

➤ A compact, lightweight, nifty piece of kit that fits perfectly in the hand. Ideal for practice rounds and for finding out exactly what difference the slopes on your home course make to the yardages. The scan feature is useful off the tee when switching from hazard to the fairway beyond. The battery indicator is a welcome addition so you know when it needs replacing.

➔ It's so lightweight it can be tricky to keep it steady in windy conditions at times.

GM VERDICT

A slope laser that could be a useful companion for practice and non-competitive rounds. It takes a little mental arithmetic when measuring steep slopes as the difference is displayed rather than the adjusted distance. The styling is modern and fit for purpose, while the speed at which the distances appear can't be faulted, nor can its accuracy.



BUSHNELL

TOUR V3 JOLT
£269**KEY TECHNOLOGY**

Jolt Technology causes the unit to vibrate when the nearest target (usually the flag) is located. It magnifies up to five times, picks out distances up to 1,000 yards away and recognises a flag from 300 yards and in. A new design improves the fit in the hand and is waterproof.

➤ The Jolt Technology offers reassurance that you have found the yardage to the flag. As with previous Tour V models, this fits comfortably in the hand and is excellent at picking up the desired target. It is undoubtedly a very solid all-round performer, and it is still easy to see why this model has received special mentions in previous tests.

➔ If you can afford to pay the extra money, the Tour X or Z6 models offer all of the above and more.

GM VERDICT

It may have been superseded by the impressive Tour X, but with Jolt Technology, the Tour V3 is still a reliable, competition-friendly laser with very strong credentials. It's easy to use out of the box and that extra feedback when the flag has been picked out from the background offers golfers the reassurance they crave, and helps speed up play.



VOICE CADDIE

VC300
£109**KEY TECHNOLOGY**

This light and compact GPS comes preloaded with 30,000 courses. When the unit is clicked once it calls out the yardage to the middle. Sliding a finger across the front of the unit one way gives the front distance; sliding it the other way gives the back distance.

➤ Comfortably the smallest and lightest unit on test, it can be clipped to a hat or belt, or kept in a pocket. It comes in at an impressive price and will appeal to those into their gadgets who don't want to faff around getting distances. If you don't enjoy wearing a watch when you play, the VC300 is an ideal alternative.

➔ The voice feature won't be everyone's cup of tea. Clip it to your belt and you can set it off inadvertently when crouching to line-up putts.

GM VERDICT

Voice GPS devices can be distracting to your playing partners, but on the whole, our experience of using the VC300 was positive. It is very compact and lightweight and is easy to charge and use. It has the versatility to be worn a number of different ways and distances were accurate. Future generations of the device may hopefully have a display screen too.



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GM picks

The following devices proved the standout models in their categories...

PREMIUM LASER

► **BUSHNELL TOUR X**
It's a lot of money, but you're essentially getting two quality lasers in one device.



PREMIUM GPS

► **SKYCADDIE TOUCH**
Incredible accuracy combined with detailed, colour maps and a user-friendly display screen.



VALUE LASER

► **GOLFBUDDY LR4**
A quality, feature-packed device that easily picks out the flag for under £220.



COMPACT GPS

► **BUSHNELL NEO GHOST**
So small and light, yet with hazard information and an impressive battery life.



GPS WATCH

► **GOLFBUDDY WT5**
With a slimmer, sleeker look, the WT5 is the complete package, yet won't break the bank.



SUMMARY

Traditionally, as a laser user, you had to make a choice between a standard laser to use in competitions (when permitted!) or a slope-adjusted laser to use in practice rounds. But with Bushnell's Tour X, you now no longer need to make that choice. It's an innovative product that cements the company's reputation as 'best in class' when it comes to laser rangefinder innovation.

But lasers aren't for everyone. Higher handicappers may not need such precise information, and some golfers will find them tricky and time-consuming to master. A basic GPS device may be better suited to their needs, while also saving them a few pounds

in the process. Premium GPS handheld devices packed with features will be useful

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if you tend to play lots of different courses, on account of the detailed, overhead hole

maps on offer, while watches provide a quicker, more easily accessible alternative. There is now much more focus on aesthetics, especially in the wearable category, with nothing demonstrating this more than GolfBuddy's new BB5. This stylish device takes the GPS watch category to a slimmer, lighter place than ever before.

As always, a device that might be right for one golfer may not be suitable for another and it's worth saying that there really isn't a weak product out there. All DMDs featured here will serve you well on the course by providing accurate distance information that could help save you shots.

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