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Mr. Timothy Winey

Dear Mr. Winey:

Decision: 2007- 31

This is in reference to the **Torpedo** putter shaft, received on January 9, 2007, which you submitted for an evaluation. This is a putter shaft consisting of a three-piece torpedo-shaped brass section, incorporating a polyurethane damping ring, permanently connected to upper and lower circular shaft sections.

Please be advised that the prototype putter shaft, as submitted, has been examined and it's design does not appear contrary to the Rules of Golf. As discussed, this shaft design is limited by the following specifications:

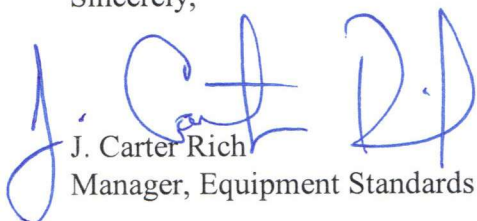
- 1) The maximum diameter of the torpedo must not exceed 0.925";
- 2) The top of the torpedo must be separated by at least 2 inches from the tip end of the lowest grip on the putter;
- 3) The torpedo design is limited to putters only; and,
- 4) The torpedo design is not designed and/or marketed as a gripping aid.

However, if use of the torpedo for gripping becomes commonplace, the USGA reserves the right to review this decision.

To obtain an official ruling regarding the **Torpedo** putter shaft, please submit a finished sample of the shaft to us for further consideration. In your cover letter, please reference the above decision number.

We are retaining the sample as a record of this decision. The USGA reserves the right to change the Rules and interpretations regulating equipment at any time.

Sincerely,


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