

Setting the pace

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While trolleys continue to become lighter, more compact and easier to fold, Powakaddy has surged ahead in 2010 by introducing a trolley with 'intuitive' speed control

There is a new set of wheels arriving at the golf course this summer that is rolling golf bag transport into new territory. Powakaddy is launching a new electric trolley, the Touch, which can intuitively gauge the pace at which its golfer is walking, and therefore roll along without the need for pre-setting the speed via a roller. While there are a number of advances in trolley technology for 2010, none so far can match the innovation of this new Powakaddy.

"Traditional electric golf trolleys use a roller to control the speed," starts Lee Manvell, Powakaddy's group product manager, "but the new Powakaddy Touch has an intuitive but simple mechanism. It has no roller; instead the handle is touch-sensitive and slides forwards and backwards with ease. To use, simply rest your hand on the handle, start walking and the trolley will respond to your speed. As you slow, so will the trolley. Take your hand off and it will maintain that speed."

Credit where credit is due: this is genuinely innovative, and the beauty is in the simplicity of use. It takes the issue of trolley pace out of the mind of the golfer - one less factor to consider as you walk down the fairway. Whether you are competing in a club match, or enjoying a relaxed round with friends, this will be a welcome advance.

There are several great trolleys on the market and here is a selection.

