

PowaKaddy Freeway trolleys

→ **PowaKaddy made big waves in the trolley market last year and they've made an even bigger splash with the new trio of Freeway models. They benefit from,**

among many other things, a new Plug 'N' Play battery system, which does away with fiddly wire connectors. We visited a TG fourball based at the beautiful Essendon

Country Club, Herts (www.essendoncc.co.uk) to test them out. They each played six holes with all three of the models using both lithium and lead acid battery options.



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Initial thoughts on the looks?

DB: The wheels look sleeker and so do the colours while the frame appears more modern and slimline. **DS:** Visually it looks much nicer. The handle is better shaped. **NK:** Love the black gloss and carbon fibre finishes and the colour screen is really stylish. **RF:** Similar to previous versions but looks and feels sturdier.

Easy to assemble?

DB: Very. Done in two clicks. **DS:** There's only two parts to unfold and the clicks are loud so you know you've done it right. **NK:** Probably the easiest trolley to assemble out there. Plus it still fits in the boot with a bag in my medium-sized car. **RF:** Same as the old one, quick and simple. An idiot could do it.

Verdict on the range?

DB: They all look similar. The FW3 is very basic while the FW7 has loads of features that don't appeal to me. My favourite is the FW5 – simple to control and not bombarded with redundant tech.

DS: The FW3 is good for those just wanting to get from A to B. I liked using the pre-set distances the FW5 has and being able to see your speed is a must for any electric trolley. I liked measuring my drives with the FW7. They're all really light and sturdy. **NK:** I'm a gadget man so I like the FW7 plus you get additional pre-set yardages which I use all the time. I play a lot of golf so the lithium makes the most sense, especially with the new five-year warranty. They're all really well made. **RF:** The FW3 is fine for beginners and new trolley users, you can see your speed on the FW5 while the FW7 has a cool display and clear battery meter.

Like the Plug 'N' Play battery?

DB: Brilliant compared to the old

method. No fiddling around or catching the cables on branches walking through the trees. **DS:** It's great how you can change from lead acid to lithium battery on the same trolley, that's a real plus for those who don't want to fork out initially. **NK:** The lithium battery is so compact plus being able to fold the trolley with it still in position is an added bonus. **RF:** So much easier to secure than the old T-Bar system, you literally just drop it in.

Favourite feature?

DB: The sleek look and lightweight frame and batteries. **DS:** The lightness. You notice it going up hills and lifting it out of your car. **NK:** The distance-measuring function as it tells me how far I hit my clubs, vital info

when you go and play other courses. **RF:** Stability and manoeuvrability, even with the lead acid battery.

Which offers the most value?

DB: The FW7 because the price increase from the FW5 is pretty minimal and you get a lot more. **DS:** The FW5 has everything you really need for under £600. **NK:** The FW7 is worth the extra cash because of the features you get, the colour display and the warranty offering peace of mind on your investment. **RF:** The FW5 will meet your needs but in the FW7 you get so much more for an extra £55.

Anything you dislike?

DB: Shame you can't see your speed on the FW3 but that's it. **DS:** The main dial in the middle is very sensitive, I tended to knock it a lot accidentally. **NK:** The handle height is not adjustable so you may find the pushing point annoying initially. **RF:** The display lights on the FW3 and 5 are too bright.

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FW3: £335-£555; FW5: £390-£610; FW7: £445-£670. Available in black, white or titanium silver (FW7). www.powakaddy.com

