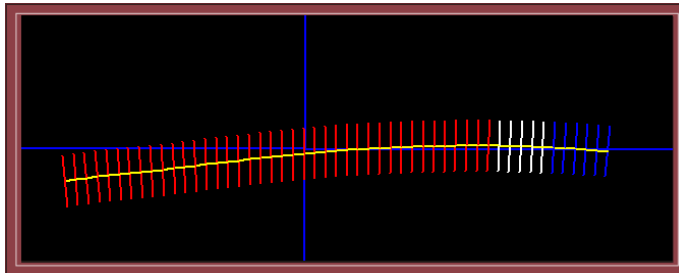
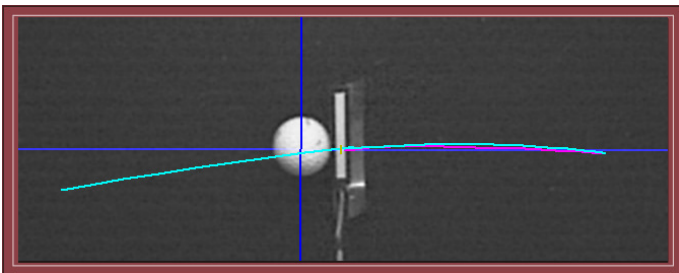


Cure for the Common Cut

So, you're a pretty good putter (well...maybe not) but when you miss you tend to miss to the left (or to the right if you are a lefty). Most likely you have fallen victim to the common cut.

Unlike most professional golfers we have tested using the DVPUTT Video Analysis system, the typical amateur golfer has a strong tendency to cut across the golf ball by moving the putter head slightly outside to inside during the forward stroke. This can be

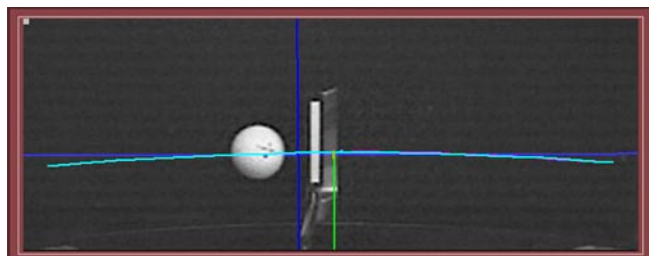


most clearly seen in the putting stroke shown below as captured from above with the DVPUTT system. The putting stroke path (the blue line) is less inside at the start of the stroke and more inside at the follow through. This stroke motion will naturally cause the putter head to be closed relative to the target. To make the put, this requires the golfer to make hand or arm adjustment motions

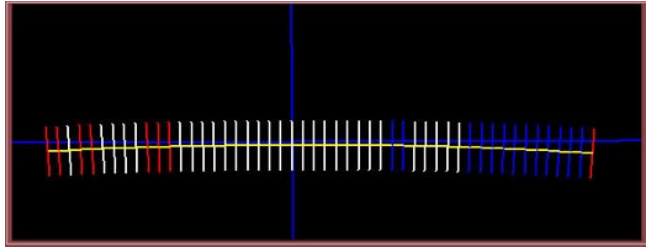
to open the putter face relative to the stroke path in an attempt to square up the putter face just before contacting the ball. The red lines in the DVPUTT Face Check screen above indicate the putter head has been manipulated open relative to the path during the stroke. **This extra adjustment motion has been shown to reduce putting consistency and typically results in pulled putts.**

Now for the cure.

Practice allowing the putter head to come naturally to the inside at the back of the stroke. Try to achieve a balanced stroke path where the putter



head comes inside the same amount at the start and finish of the stroke as shown above. Keep your hands and arms as still as possible through the entire putting stroke. This allows your putter head to remain square with the path without any additional manipulation to square the face before impact. The white lines in the Face Check view (at right) of a balanced stroke path show the putter head is very square to the path through the center portion of the putting stroke.



It will take some practice to learn a balanced putting stroke but removing the “cut” from your putting stroke and keeping the putter face square with the path without additional hand/arm manipulation will lead to better putting consistency.