

SWING SEQUENCE

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121.2
Clubhead speed (mph)

315
Average driving distance (yards)

57.0%
Driving accuracy

69.5%
Greens in regulation

ANALYSIS BY BARNEY PUTTICK



Excellent angles at address



A powerful coil against the lower half



Incredible extension through the ball



A wide takeaway hints at huge power



Dustin Johnson is a real athlete and a poster boy for the modern golf swing. He establishes excellent angles at address bending from the hips, and at 6ft 4in with a powerful frame, things can take quite a bit of assembling as there's more to put together! His classic wide takeaway gives the first hint of the huge power

being stored up. Just look at his steady lower half as the club moves into the backswing – there's not an ounce of movement. There's then a terrific coil all the way to the top, with photo three probably illustrating a powerful coil of the upper body against the lower half better than any picture I've seen.

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But the big talking point is the shut clubface at the top, which really stems from Dustin's very strong grip. This closes the clubface all the way through the backswing, and his swing style is definitely shut to open. On the backswing, he keeps coiling and lets the grip do what it wants to do. On the way down, he then

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makes the really aggressive body turn you need in this shut-to-open style, while still retaining incredible lag (photo four). His lower half is a little more active than some coming in to impact. Many players would still have their right heel fairly close to the ground here, but his is quite well up because his lower half is

turning aggressively. You have to be unbelievably strong to play this way – most club golfers could never get the face back to square. His extension through the ball is incredible, too. His hips have cleared amazingly, and he almost keeps the back of his left hand towards the target through impact and holds the clubface off.

His driving stats are very impressive and he's renowned for his distance. Obviously, with the clubhead speed he generates, if he's a little bit out of sync it'll lead to a big miss, but those days are pretty much gone and driving is now a real strength of his game. You don't win the US Open without real ability off the tee.

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