Personal Club-by-Club Carry vs Rollout Gapping Chart

> **Companion Reference Sheet for:** Carry vs Total Distance: Which Number Clears Trouble?
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Key Takeaways

- **Carry distance** ends where the ball first touches the ground. **Total distance** includes the ball's movement after landing.
- For water, bunkers, and other forced carries, plan to clear the far edge with reliable carry plus room for normal variation.
- Use total distance for tee shots, layups, and landing zones where rollout is helpful and there is enough space to accommodate it.
- Firmness, slope, wind, lie, and landing angle can change rollout, so total distance is less consistent across conditions.
- Build a distance chart from representative shots. Use a median and the spread of results, not a personal best.
- Compare equipment by matching its setup requirements to your practice space.

Carry Is the Landing Point, Total Is the Stopping Point

Illustrative option	Far edge	Typical carry	Shorter representative carry	Planning judgment
Club A	Hazard edge	Short of edge	Short of edge	Does not reliably clear the hazard
Club B	Hazard edge	Beyond edge	Near edge	Clears in this example, but with little margin
Club C	Hazard edge	Beyond edge	Beyond edge	Provides more carry room in this example

When Total Distance Helps With Tee Shots and Layups

Launch monitor	Device type	Setup distance behind ball	Ball to net guidance
Garmin Approach R10	Radar	6 to 8 feet	At least 8 feet
Rapsodo MLM2PRO	Radar and two optical cameras	6.5 to 8.5 feet	At least 8 feet

Checklist for Choosing the Right Distance Number

- ☐ Is the ball required to fly over trouble? Use carry.
- ☐ Have you measured the far edge, rather than only the near edge or pin?
- ☐ Does your selected club clear the far edge with your normal carry variation included?
- ☐ Is the landing area firm, soft, sloped, or likely to create an unusual bounce?
- ☐ Could wind, rough, or a change in trajectory shorten carry or alter rollout?
- ☐ Does the target have room for the ball to run if you choose by total distance?

☐ Are your distance chart and launch monitor settings consistent with the conditions you are comparing?

See also: launch monitor buying guides, ball speed vs club speed.

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