

Tiger Woods PGA Tour 2005

INSPIRING GOLF GAME



Play as one of 15 PGA Tour players, including a certain Mr. Eldrick Woods.

Tiger Woods PGA Tour 2005 is the best golf game available for your Mac. Sure, it's not like playing golf in real life, but it may be the only opportunity most golfers get to play Pebble Beach, St. Andrews, and other famous courses. It might also be the only chance for some of us hackers to actually shoot a round under par.

The first thing that you notice about Tiger Woods 2005 is that there's a whole lotta game. You have 11 courses to play (including those mentioned above), 15 pros to play as or with (including the titular Tiger, Vijay Singh, and John Daly), practice and tournament modes, lessons, and a scenario mode that lets you rehearse particular shots.

Tiger Woods 2005 includes Game Face II, a collection of fun tools to create your own player. You can customize just

about every aspect of your character—hairstyle, neck length, how big (or small) your gut is, the type of clubs in your bag, and so on. You can literally spend hours in Game Face II, fine-tuning your own likeness (or modeling your ideal likeness), forgetting that there's still a



Create your own likeness with the included Game Face II character generator.

whole game of virtual golf to be played.

Instead of using timed mouse clicks to swing your clubs, Tiger Woods 2005 uses what it calls the TrueSwing method—you basically pull the mouse back and then push it forward to swing. The speed at which you pull and push the mouse corresponds to the speed of your golf swing, and the straightness of your mouse path influences the flight of your ball; for example, if your mouse travels in a straight path, your ball goes straight—but if you're off to the right, your ball goes to the right. The method takes only a little practice to master.

The game's Tiger Proof feature is an excellent way to extend gameplay. It lets you easily modify golf courses to make them tougher to play. You can make fairways narrower, widen hazards, add subtle bumps and dips to greens, and more. In essence, you end up giving the course a new personality that forces you to change the way you play.

The game's graphics are terrific, and while there isn't a whole lot of sound (golf's a particularly quiet game), the effects that are there are realistic. If we have one niggler, it's that the announcer's commentary gets old.

The bottom line. Tiger Woods PGA Tour 2005 is a game every golfer should have. It will even inspire you to go outside and play an actual round of golf.

—Roman Loyola



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REQUIREMENTS: 1.2GHz G4, Mac OS
10.3.8 or later, 256MB RAM, 2.5GB disk space,
32MB ATI Radeon 9000 or nVidia GeForce
FX5200 video card or better

GOOD NEWS: Tons of features. Easy controls. Can play as one of several PGA pros.
BAD NEWS: Our real-life game still sucks.

