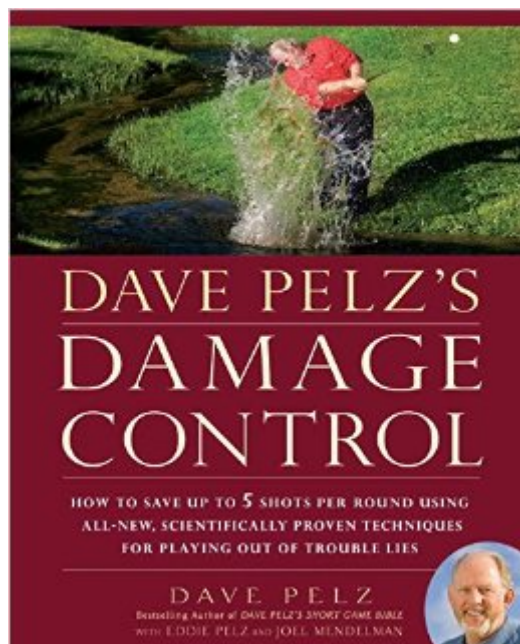


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# Dave Pelz's Damage Control: How To Save Up To 5 Shots Per Round Using All-New, Scientifically Proven Techniques For Playing Out Of Trouble Lies



## Synopsis

A paradigm-smashing instruction book on recovering from trouble and avoiding "disaster shots"—the three or four errant shots in each round that lead to blow up holes and ruin golfers' scores. Over his three decades of working with pro and amateur golfers, Dave Pelz noticed some definite differences between the two, particularly in how pros and amateurs handle trouble shots. Seeking quantitative evidence for his hunch, he used his analytical tools to look at thousands of scorecards from a wide range of amateur players. The data showed that the majority of golfers play at or below their handicap most of the time but are done in by a few "disaster holes"—double bogeys or worse—each round that ruin their score. In *Damage Control*, Dave Pelz teaches all the techniques necessary to recover from trouble and avoid disasters. He explains the golf fact that you will hit errant shots—into deep rough, into sand, into shallow water, or near obstacles that inhibit your swing. The key is being able to recover from these shots and not make a bad situation worse by hitting the ball into deeper trouble. The book is filled with full-color photos and drills on how to make all the shots you might encounter on a golf course using five skills specifically designed to minimize the chances of making your life worse. Revealing methods for shot-making never before seen in an instructional book, *Damage Control* is a groundbreaking new look at the game from a master instructor.

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## Customer Reviews

Only read the first 20 pages and it already saved me AT LEAST TWO strokes during my golf round today. When faced with a difficult lie, blocked by a row of trees, with the ball sitting on a pile of mulch, no matter what shot option I selected, my next shot wasn't going to reach the green. My first

choice would have been to hit a big old looping hook with a 7-iron. After reading only the first 20 pages, the probability of being able to hook a 7-iron off a pile of mulch to get out of a trouble situation with OB to the right looked a lot more like a marginal success shot than before I read the first 20 pages. I asked myself, "can you hit a hook with a 7-iron"? The answer was - YEP almost every time I try. The next question was, "have you EVER practiced hitting a hook with a 7-iron off a pile of mulch"? The answer to that one was - NOPE. The next question was, "how bad is the penalty if you miss this shot" The answer was - INTO THE FIRE! So instead of trying to hook a 7-iron off a pile of mulch, I hit it less than 20 feet forward to open up a less challenging flight path to the green. Next shot was onto the green, and I still had a realistic possibility of saving a par. Walking off the green with a bogey and thinking, had I been successful with hooking a 7-iron around a row of trees and off a pile of mulch, I still would have likely had a bogey. But if I missed that 7-iron off the mulch it would have been OB and a 7 or an 8. Three holes later, with my ball nestled down into the rough with 105 yards to the flagstick. My first reaction would have been to pull out the 105 yard club (SW) and take a rip at it.

Being a great fan of David Peltz and having read the Short Game Bible many times, and it is actually on my bed stand dare I say in no offense to the golf god, like a bible. I preordered Damage Control which I got for the holidays and have read through it with great delight while the weather this winter has made golf a near memory. I am always amazed at the number of golfers I play with that know golf is a game of strategy but do not ever seem to actually use strategy or think through their next play. To read this book and understand it you have to be open to the idea that much of the game involves trouble shots. This is why the golf courses are becoming 7500 yards with endless bunkers, buck grass you could hunt duck in, trickery of the eye, super fast greens and really rough rough. I should mention that I am a passing middle age high handicapper beginner of 3 years playing from the red tees. (Please don't tune me out yet just because I am a female golfer!) I am also an engineer and so is Peltz. His many years at NASA taught him how to problem solve and the golf courses today are an engineer's dream of problem solving. In this book he starts with some basic statistics about how often from the Tee you will end up in trouble, somewhat based on handicap and not being a professional that practices 40 hours a week. Once you embrace this simple truth then you are prepared to evaluate probably more than half of your lies as difficult situations. After he has you convinced to accept this as part of the game he uses the rest of the book to demonstrate how you extricate yourself from these common problem areas.

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