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Tiger Woods left a large footprint in 2008. It seems he always does, even if his action was limited this year. The golf world is eagerly awaiting his return, whenever that may be. While the camera lens will be squarely focused on his face and maybe his knee when that day arrives, the last PGA Tour event of 2008 offered a glimpse of what his new look will be.

Nike Golf debut at the Children's Miracle Network the Air Zoom TW 2009 shoe. While Woods wasn't in attendance in Orlando, Florida, Stewart Cink, Bo Van Pelt and Ron Whittaker employed

the latest from Nike, according to the company, which also expected the #1 player to wear the Air Zoom TW 2009 when he returns to competition in next year. The Air Zoom TW 2009, Nike said, is the first shoe that combines leather and the unique Ballistic Mesh technology producing a sophisticated, luxurious and lightweight shoe.

The Ballistic Mesh will not stretch over the life of the shoe, according to the company but it promises more support than what leather offers. It is considered extremely breathable and the mesh is treated with a Repel DuPont Teflon brand finish that offers a lasting stain and water resistance feature, while ensuring dry feet no matter the weather conditions, according to Nike Golf.

The Air Zoom TW 2009 has a lateral stabilizer located above the outsole, which is intended to prevent roll during weight transfer and enhance balance and therefore a more powerful swing.