Golf

There is a well-established use of stainless steel for golf heads. AISI 431 Grade (EN 1.4057) is a softer stainless steel commonly used in high quality iron heads. It is said to allow the most forgiving and smoothest feeling iron sets available today. AISI 17-4PH (EN 1.4542) and 15-5PH (UNS15500) grades are harder and found in professional style iron and wood heads. They are less common in iron heads, but popular material for woods. While the harder material will decrease the soft feel found in grade 431, it makes up for it by creating better ball compression and essentially generating better distance.