

LAB RESULTS

SHERWOOD FUSION

▶ PERFORMANCE: With its blade pattern and beefy side rails, at quick glance the Fusion could be mistaken for a split fin. It's not, of course, but it is one of the longest and heaviest fins in this test group. However, you don't really feel that when it's strapped to your foot. Reasonably maneuverable for its size, it works with a variety of kicking styles at a comfortable pace without stressing ankles or legs, but it tends to lack the level of power offered by some of the others in this group. Testers found the foot pocket to be a bit boxy, which created problems in achieving a snug fit. Some testers attributed the lack of power with the side wobble they experienced due to their fit issues. But they loved the Fusion's heavy-duty spring strap and full-size heel pad.

▶ BOTTOM LINE: The Fusion delivers good kicking action and is easy on the legs. While not as powerful as others, it's a solid performer.

SPECS

MSRP: \$160

WARRANTY: Two years

LENGTH/WEIGHT: 26 inches (size M/L), 3.1 pounds (size M/L)

BUOYANCY (IN FRESH WATER): Negative

SIZES: S/M, M/L, L/XL

INFO: sherwoodscuba.com

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SCUBAPRO SEAWING NOVA

▶ PERFORMANCE: This new, full-foot version of SCUBAPRO's popular Seawing Nova is made of durable Monprene, and features a wing-shaped blade that connects to the foot pocket via a pair of stabilizing ribs that lets the blade pivot and generate thrust. A real speedster, the blade offers a near-perfect balance of stiffness and flex, producing a propulsive snap that will rocket a diver without a hint of leg pain or ankle strain. Stable on the straight-aways and highly maneuverable, the fin delivers effortless acceleration. Test divers found the foot pocket to be a bit stiff and the nonskid marginal, but otherwise, this fin hits its performance notes with near-perfect pitch.

▶ BOTTOM LINE: An across-the-board favorite among test divers, the Seawing Nova earned more favorite votes than any fin in this review, making it a bona fide Testers' Choice in its own category.

SPECS

MSRP: \$139

WARRANTY: One year

LENGTH/WEIGHT: 23.5 inches, 1.6 pounds (size M)

BUOYANCY (IN FRESH WATER): Positive

SIZES: XS, S, M, L, XL

INFO: scubapro.com

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