

NEW BUT UNTESTED

The latest kit to hit the dive shops



Bigblue AL-1200NP Light

With an XML LED light source and four output levels from 120-1200 lumens and an 8° spot beam, this dive-light has a claimed burntime of two hours on full brightness (and up to 20 hours on the lowest output). It has a double O-ring seal, battery-level indicator and a 100m depth-rating, and costs £125.

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Aquaprop Scooter

Sea & Sea is now UK distributor for the compact and lightweight Aquaprop underwater scooter, which is 56cm long and weighs in at 6kg. It has two speeds and can be controlled with one or two hands, says Sea & Sea, adding that the low weight and ni-mh batteries make it easy to take on a flight. Runtimes are 75 or 50min depending on speed with a nine-hour recharging time, but there is also a li-ion battery-powered Aquaprop L that gives longer runtimes of 200 and 120min and a six-hour recharge. Max operating depth is 80m, and the scooter with charger costs £1700 – or £2300 for the L version.

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Bigblue VL 15000P Pro Mini Tri Colour

Liquid Sports says of the VL 15000P video light: "Never in the history of underwater photography has a light this size and weight produced such amount of light without external battery-pack". That sounds Churchillian enough, but now we're offered a Pro Mini Tri Colour version, with light provided by 32 XML LEDs and eight XPE red LEDs. There are four output levels from 3750 to 15000 lumens (red light 1000 lumens) and a 160° spot beam. Colour temperature is 6500K (cool light) and 5500K (warm). With a claimed burntime of 2-8 hours, the double O-ring-sealed light has a battery-level indicator and comes with a rechargeable li-ion battery and charger. Price is £1100.

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Divesangha DS Dry Garments

How do you get dry quickly and comfortably after leaving the water? Divesangha addresses this "pain-point" with three new microfibre products to add to the Poncho (£50), its existing lightweight changing robe. Yoga-mat-sized DS Dry Towels (£30) come with a bag and are lightweight and useful for photographers too, says the maker. The other two items are meant for females – a Kaftan (£45) designed to be worn over dry or wet swimwear, and a Hair Towel (£22). All use Divesangha's Hung Dry system of easy attachment to allow them to dry quickly in the breeze on a boat. A free dry-bag comes with your first order.

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Christopher Ward C60 Trident Limited Edition Watches



Reassuringly designed for depths down to 600m, Christopher Ward has introduced limited-edition models of its C60 Trident Pro COSC and C60 Trident Day Date COSC diver watches. Characterised by a monochrome look with touches of red, both timepieces have white wave-pattern dials with luminous hands and indices, red highlights and a red second hand with signature Trident counterbalance. The shatterproof zirconia black bezel has a full-detail minute marker ring, and a luminous pip in a red triangle at 12 o'clock. Prices start at £860.

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Typhoon Vision Mask

This twin-lens, low-volume mask with silicon skirt is designed for female faces and those of junior divers. A simple strap-adjustment system makes it easy to don, adjust and take off even under water, says Typhoon. It costs £35.

►► typhoon-int.co.uk



Suex XJ VR Scooter

The Submarine Exploration Co was founded in 1999 with the goal, it says, of building "a high-performance technical-diving vehicle for all diving professionals and applications, long-range exploration diving, technical and deep diving, as well as the Navy's many applications". Quite a mission statement, and today Suex claims to be "undisputed leader" of the DPV market. Its new XJ VR model is rated to 100m and has a runtime of 2.5 hours, and it reckons the £1995 price-tag opens the market to a new level of performance and accessibility "for 99% of divers' budgets". Does that include you?

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Scubapro UPF Collection Rash-Guards & Steamer

All of Scubapro's UPF rash-guard collection is rated UPF 50 or above, which means "Excellent" category protection from the sun. The T-Flex rashguards go beyond 50 and are rated UPF 80, which is about as protective as it gets. They cost from £44. The suits are made of polyester or a nylon/Spandex blend for its stretch qualities, with details including non-abrasive seams and high necklines. UPF 50 Rash Guards cost from £31, the Channel Flow quick-drying rash-guard from £49 and the Steamer from £79.

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