

Scubapro Evertec Breathable

Company: Scubapro

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Scubapro's Evertec Breathable is the very latest in the manufacturer's line of membrane drysuits for 2018. Available in male and female-specific sizing, the Evertec is manufactured from a breathable nylon/PU/nylon trilaminate, the suit's seams are stitched and double-taped.

At under 4kg the front-entry Evertec is perfect for packing away for trips abroad and I found that of all the telescopic-style, self-donning suits on test it was the easiest by far to put on. A pair of highly-visible blue suspenders plus an adjustable elasticated waist hold the drysuit nicely in place when on dry land.

Featuring a diagonal BDM metal dry zip, it also benefits from an additional exterior plastic zipper which offers a good level of protection while also adding to the aesthetics of the suit. The torso is kept compressed when diving by a pinch-clip crotch strap.

The latex wrist and neck seals are user-replaceable thanks to the fitted-as-standard Si-Tech ring system. What I particularly liked about this set-up was the flexible 'give' in the rings themselves, which made donning the suit a breeze.

Diving in the Evertec was as good as it gets with not the slightest ingress of water. My only minor criticism was that while the side-push Si-Tech inflation valve was great to use, the left shoulder-mounted exhaust was considerably less low-profile and prone to catching on my BCD strap during kitting-up.

The 'technical black' colour scheme is tastefully enhanced with silver and white Scubapro detailing. Reinforced at the knees and shoulders, the Evertec also features a neoprene neck warmer and Velcro-fastened wrists to offer extra protection around the seals.

The two cargo-style thigh pockets offer plenty of storage. There are two compartments in the main Velcro-sealed pocket, plus a zipped section on the flap itself along with integrated anchor points for accessories. The soft and flexible neoprene boots have a handy Velcro strap which when tightened help prevent air migration to the feet.

Although very comfortable, the boots themselves were just a little too lightweight for my liking. They are however soft enough to easily slip inside a pair of rock boots if preferred.

SCUBA says

The Evertec offers easy-dressing and excellent all-round flexibility. Thanks to its lightweight nylon/PU material it also makes an excellent choice for regular travellers.

