

Metro-Marine Incorporated Nautilus Skinsuits

Metro-Marine Incorporated, an underwater diving equipment and marine supplies company, traded at 2505 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland 12, California. They published a brochure and price list, selling their products to divers, distributors and dealers.

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scientifically checked for maximum pressure and
temperature changes!

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feet the "**NAUTILUS 177**" gives you
matchless freedom, warmth and comfort.
Full form-fitting design, hand made from
pure liquid latex. Newly designed Italian
scoop-chute provides
fast, easy front
entry. Sizes small, medium and large.
REG. \$59.95. **3988**

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luxe "**NAUTILUS 300**" is two-ply
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- Metro-Marine Incorporated's original **Nautilus front-entry suit** boasted "comfort, freedom and superb quality. Designed by a master diver for cold coastal waters, extreme temperature changes and prolonged submersion. Handcrafted of tough two-ply pure gum rubber. Simple, easy to get into 'NAUTILUS' skinsuit fits perfectly... keeps you warm and dry. Black with white shoulder stripe for added safety." The suit came in three sizes – small, medium and large – and was priced at \$34.88 then \$39.88 (regular \$49.50 value).
- Two new suits, "dive tested (and) scientifically checked for maximum pressure and temperature changes," succeeded the original Nautilus front-entry suit. They came in small, medium and large sizes and featured a fast and easy "newly designed Italian scoop-chute" front entry. They were apparently named after the depth of the water to which they were tested. The **Nautilus 177**, costing \$39.88 (Regular \$59.95), was tested at "depths exceeding 170 feet." It had a "full form-fitting design, hand made from pure liquid latex." The **Nautilus 300**, priced at \$49.88 (Regular \$69.95), was a luxury suit tested at depths up to 300 feet and manufactured in "two-ply pure gum rubber" like the original Nautilus front-entry suit.

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