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Francis sub has manufactured the Gabbiano fin in the commune of Regalbuto on the Italian island of Sicily since the turn of the new millennium at the very latest. The Gabbiano can be purchased from online retailers Ramabo.com in Russia, Heureka.cz in the Czech Republic, Heureka.sk in Slovakia, Nadador.es in Spain and V10.pl in Poland.

Sizes

Size	EUR			
01	22-24			
02	24-26			
03	27-28			
04	29-30			
05	31-32			
06	33-34			
07	35-36			
08	37-38			
09	39-40			
10	41-42			
11	43-44			
12	45-46			

Dimensions

Size	External length	External width	Internal length	Internal width
01				
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12	485 mm	200 mm	265 mm	

Description

The Gabbiano is a rubber swim fin manufactured by Francis sub of Regalbuto on the Italian island of Sicily.

Features:

- Fin for universal use.
- Natural-rubber fin.
- Durable fin with high latex content.
- Fin will float to the surface.
- Available colours: Black, Orange, Blue.
- Moulded in one piece, hence less likely to fracture.
- Very suitable for swim training and school swimming lessons because the soft blade increases leg-kick speed and frequency.
- First choice in a confined space (e.g. pool) because the softer rubber blade reduces the risk of injury to other bathers.

Antecedents

Francis sub is the sole rubber fin manufacturer still operating in Italy, where such fins used to be made by numerous firms.

The “Linea Francis” underwater swimming range serves the leisure market, offering three models of rubber fin, namely the Nettuno, the Gabbiano and the Falcon, all of which have been available at the very latest since the turn of the new millennium.

Typically, retailers of the Sicilian company’s products stock two of the three rubber fin models in the “Linea Francis.” The Gabbiano, which was once available in Austria, Germany and Switzerland as well, is now confined to online retailers in the Czech Republic, Poland, Russia, Slovakia and Spain.

Francis Gabbiano fins represented the “flexible fin” option in a comparative study of manikin carry performance by lifeguards and lifesavers when using barefoot, flexible and fibre fins. The research reports can be found in articles posted online at:

https://www.iat.uni-leipzig.de/datenbanken/iks/open_archive/bms/11_42-44_Abraldes.pdf

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