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Francis sub has manufactured the Falcon fin in the commune of Regalbuto on the Italian island of Sicily since the turn of the new millennium at the very latest. The Falcon can be purchased from online retailers Badekappe.de in Germany and H2Oshop.pl and Wodny-sklep.pl in Poland.

Sizes

Size	EUR	US		
01	27-28			
02	29-30			
03	31-32			
04	33-34			
05	35-36			
06	37-38			
07	39-40			
08	41-42			
09	43-44	10-11		
10	45-46	12-13		

Dimensions

Size	External length	External width	Internal length	Internal width
01				
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10	490 mm	195 mm	270 mm	

Description

The Falcon is a rubber swim fin manufactured by Francis sub of Regalbuto on the Italian island of Sicily. It is a traditional good-quality long-bladed fin designed for training or recreation. The foot pocket provides good comfort, while the stable side rails of the blade provide power when kicking. The fins come in double sizes from 27/28 to 45/46.

Features:

- Natural-rubber fin for universal use.
- Made from 100% new rubber cooled for 10 minutes in the mould.
- Durable fin for long and intensive use.
- Soft, lightweight, flexible, durable design with a long blade.
- Increases effectiveness of leg kick, building confidence when moving in the water and improving coordination while learning to swim or during training workouts.
- Fin floats in seawater.
- Angled blade, reinforced throughout, doubly at the heel.
- Available colours: Black, Orange, Blue.
- Moulded in one piece, hence less likely to fracture.
- Recommended for diving, finswimming, swim training and recreational swimming with or without a snorkel.

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 Falcon is now confined to online retailers in Germany and Poland.



At one time, the Falcon was distributed as far afield as New Zealand and Australia. The 2001-2002 product list at Prodiver.co.nz included two rubber fins from the Francis stable: the Nettuno and the Falcon. Prodiver’s then website highlighted the “solid rubber construction for added durability”, “comfortable foot pocket with toe vent”, “attractive black/yellow colours” and wide range of kids’ and adult sizes of the Falcon (left), claiming it to be “great for swim schools or hire applications.”

The same two-tone Falcon with its black foot pocket and yellow blade used to be sold by Land & Sea Sports of Australia as well. This company lauded the durability and comfort of the fin and highlighted its huge size range, suitable for snorkelling and learning to swim.