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This snorkel is manufactured by Beuchat, a French company designing, manufacturing and marketing underwater swimming equipment in the Mediterranean port city of Marseilles. Several online retailers stock the Tubair, e.g. Azzisport.com, Diveinstinct.com, Nootica.com, Palanquee.com, Spearfishingstore.co.uk, Spearfishingworld.com and Vieuxplongeur.com.

Measurements

Size	Outer length	Inner diameter	Inner volume	Mouthpiece size	Weight
	380 mm	28 mm			

Description

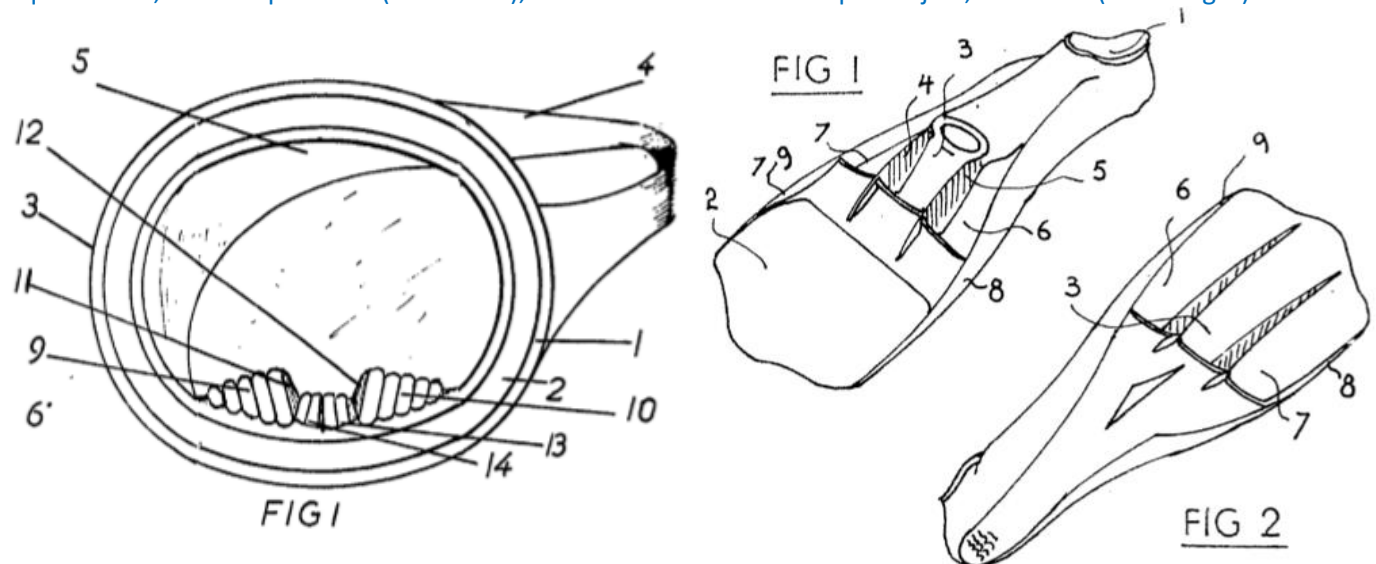
For many years, the Beuchat Tubair snorkel has been the only one of its kind on the market. It has a large bore and an ergonomic shape. It is made entirely of rubber. Originally designed for spearfishing, it has become a popular underwater hockey accessory. It is versatile enough, however, to be deployed in any branch of underwater activity. Key features include:

- Large diameter snorkel for easier breathing.
- Very comfortable ventilation.
- Simple and effective attachment system.

The snorkel's curvature minimises drag when moving underwater. The supply end is made of harder rubber to avoid entanglement with aquatic plants, while the demand end is made of softer rubber and comes with a broad mouthpiece. In comparison with conventional snorkels, the Tubair has a much larger bore, which is designed for ease of breathing. Its matt surface will not reflect the sun's glare.

Antecedents

The Beuchat company, which manufactured this breathing tube, was established in 1934 in the southern French city of Marseilles. Its founder, Georges Beuchat, invented the first mask with an angled window and finger wells for equalisation, the Compensator (below left), and the first dive fin with power jets, the Jetfin (below right).



In the early 1960s, the Beuchat company launched a range of breathing tubes to complement its core spearfishing business. The "simplest" model in the range, which came with a J-shaped barrel and a straight mouthpiece, was an all-rubber snorkel (below).



Beuchat's "205 Tout Caoutchouc" snorkel was the prototype of the French company's modern "Tubair" all-rubber breathing tube, whose contoured barrel and offset mouthpiece were designed to enhance comfort, to ease water removal, to keep the supply end above water at the surface, to reduce resistance when swimming and to prevent water accumulation near the demand end.