

Source

Spine snorkels are manufactured in the Yaroslavl Plant for Rubber Technical Products (Russian: Ярославль – Резинотехника), 250 kilometres northeast of the Russian capital, Moscow, and distributed by its sales arm Spine. Several Russian online retailers, including A-ludi.ru and Гимнастика-танцы.рф, stock the snorkel.

Measurements

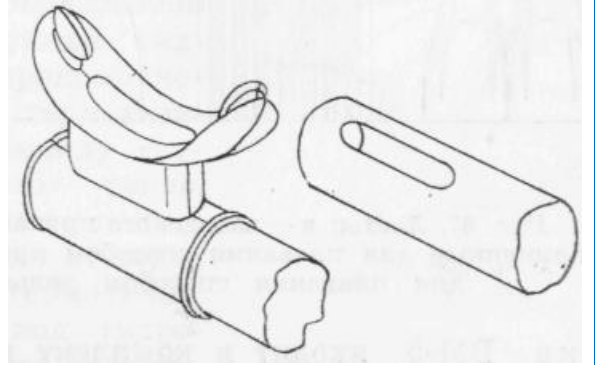
Size	Outer length	Inner diameter	Inner volume	Mouthpiece size	Weight

Description

L-shaped side-mounted snorkel. Straight tube with 90° bend at the bottom. Removable lateral mouthpiece (right).

- **Colour:** Tube — blue or yellow. Mouthpiece — blue.
- **Material:** Tube — plastic. Mouthpiece — food-grade rubber

L-shaped snorkels eliminate the usual depth of tubing below head level. A shallow draft reduces water drag, cuts down resistance to breathing and makes snorkel clearing easier and faster than with traditional J-shaped snorkels.



Antecedents

During the early 1960s, diving equipment manufacturers on both sides of the Atlantic embraced the “L” design, introducing the Beuchat “Tubalux”, Cavalero “Tuba L”, Dacor “Model LST”, Spartan “L” and US Divers “Snork-L”.

East German and Soviet diving equipment manufacturers were also early adopters of the “L” design in the 1960s when developing commercial snorkel models for their recreational markets.



The first Soviet L-shaped snorkels (above) came with metal alloy or plastic barrels.



Soviet Amfibiya (Russian: Амфибия; English: Amphibian) snorkels (above) were made with plastic barrels in a Leningrad rubber factory.



Earlier Yaroslavl snorkels (above) came in a range of different barrel and mouthpiece colours.

The first Soviet mouthpieces (below) could not be easily removed.



Amfibiya mouthpieces (below) were embossed with the brand name.



Yaroslavl mouthpieces (below) were similar in design to Amfibiya's.

