

Source

This underwater breathing tube is manufactured by **Kievguma**, a general rubber goods company in Kiev, Ukraine. The product is sold by several Ukrainian online retailers, including Bars.org.ua, Bigl.ua, Pramarket.com.ua, Prom.ua, Sporthouse.od.ua, Sportrest.com.ua, Start-odessa.com.ua and Zakupka.com.

Measurements

Size	Outer length	Inner diameter	Inner volume	Mouthpiece size	Weight
Adult	43.5 cm	20 mm			

Description

Practical, stylish design. Excellent value. Intended for sea, pool and open-water swimming, this classic tube is mainly used for snorkelling and freediving. The standard straight tube section is made of elastic material. The lower part of the tube is connected with a smooth bend to the mouthpiece, ensuring superior ventilation and easing water removal. The soft rubber mouthpiece can be rotated to adopt a natural and comfortable position. A very popular tube for swimming and breath-hold diving.

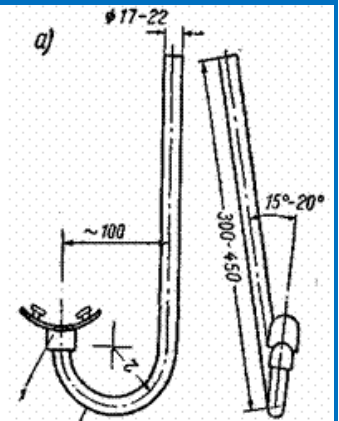
- **Accreditation:** Russian Specification TU 89-023-79 (Breathing tube for sports swimmers).
- **Tube material:** Plastic. **Tube colour:** White.
- **Mouthpiece material:** Rubber. **Mouthpiece colour:** Red, orange.

Antecedents

The first underwater swimming breathing tubes in commercial production in the early 1950s around the world came with a 180-degree U-bend at the bottom. Such snorkels resembled a letter "J" in shape.

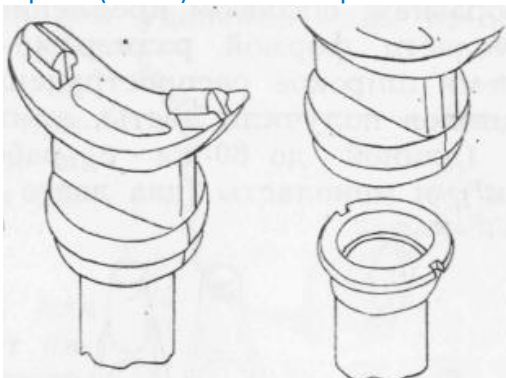
Diving equipment manufacturers in the USSR were early adopters of the "J" design and the Kievguma rubber goods company in the post-Soviet republic of Ukraine has continued to manufacture a model in this style.

Soviet diving books published in the late 1960s show awareness of the disadvantages of the "J" design, particularly the tendency for water to remain in the U-bend even after the tube is purged. They also stress the importance of correct dimensioning and angularity to reduce air resistance and to accommodate facial profiles (right).



One early Soviet J-shaped snorkel model (above) came with a metal barrel.

Its mouthpiece (below) slotted into place.



Earlier versions of the Kievguma snorkel (above) were available in other colours.

The Yaroslavl Plant for Rubber Technical Products also manufactured straight mouthpieces (below).

