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The Clarinette snorkel is made by **Sommap** (Société Méditerranéenne de Matériels de Pêche sous-marine), a diving, swimming, spearfishing and nautical equipment manufacturer and wholesaler located in Roquefort la Bédoule near the southern French port of Marseilles. This breathing tube (Sommap Reference Number 1513) is stocked by a number of European online retailers, including Amazon.co.uk, Marine-corail.nc, Mikes-diving.co.uk, Palanquee.com and Vieuxplongeur.com. Spare mouthpieces for this L-shaped snorkel (Sommap Reference Number 1614) can be bought separately at Vieuxplongeur.com.

### Measurements

Size	Outer length	Inner diameter	Inner volume	Mouthpiece size	Weight
	400 mm	22 mm			

## Description

The Sommap Clarinette (English: Clarinet) snorkel resembles a letter “L” in shape and consists of a straight barrel with a right-angle bend at its lower end connected to a rubber mouthpiece. The barrel is 40 cm long with an internal diameter of 2.2 cm. The 90°-angle offset mouthpiece (right) enables the supply end to be connected to the barrel and the demand end to be retained comfortably in the mouth.



An L-shaped snorkel “eliminates the usual depth of tubing below head level. The shallow draft reduces water drag – aids in expelling water – and reduces resistance to breathing.” An offset mouthpiece may rotate, facilitating adjustment to the most comfortable position.

The Clarinette has a high-visibility top and a durable connector for fastening the snorkel to a mask strap.

## Antecedents

L-shaped snorkels have been around since the early 1960s. The design remains popular with underwater hunters who prefer traditional equipment.



The earliest commercial L-shaped breathing tube may have been the “Scuba Snorkel” (left), listed in the 1960 catalogue of the International Divers Corporation of Canada.

During the 1960s, many diving equipment manufacturers on both sides of the Atlantic embraced the “L” design, developing and marketing such models as the Beuchat “Tubalux”, the Cavalero “Tuba L”, the Dacor “Model LST”, the Spartan “EEL F” and the US Divers “Snork-L” (right)

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