

SUITABILITY CHART

Ten common types of dive suit, and where to use them.

SUITABILITY KEY										
L=Least suitable . M= Most suitable . - = Not recommended										
TYPE KEY : DS=Dive skin - 3m =3mm shortie - 5m =5mm full-length wetsuit - 7mL =7mm semi-dry Longjohn only - 7mF =Full 7mm semi-dry - DRL =Trilaminare or rubber drysuit with light undergarment - DRT =Trilaminare or rubber drysuit with thick undergarment - CNL =Compressed or crushed neoprene with light undergarment - CNT =Compressed or crushed neoprene with thick undergarment - 8mN =8mm traditional neoprene.										
Location	DS	3m	5m	7mL	7mF	DRL	DRT	CNL	CNT	8mN
Cold inland waters	-	-	-	-	L	L	M	M	M	M
Britain/N. Europe - winter	-	-	-	-	L	L	M	M	M	M
Britain/N. Europe - summer	-	-	-	L	M	M	M	M	M	M
Mediterranean - winter	-	-	L	L	M	M	M	M	M	M
Mediterranean - summer	-	L	M	M	M	M	L	L	L	L
North Red Sea - winter	-	-	L	L	M	M	M	M	L	L
North Red Sea - summer	L	M	M	M	L	L	-	-	-	-
South Red Sea - winter	L	M	M	M	L	-	-	-	-	-
South Red Sea - summer	M	M	M	M	L	-	-	-	-	-
Caribbean - winter	L	M	M	M	L	-	-	-	-	-
Caribbean - summer	M	M	M	M	L	-	-	-	-	-
Indian Ocean - protected reefs	M	M	L	L	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indian Ocean - open sea	L	L	M	M	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indonesia/Thailand	M	M	M	L	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tropical Pacific - protected reefs	M	M	M	M	L	-	-	-	-	-
Tropical Pacific - open sea	-	-	L	M	M	-	-	-	-	-
Californian Pacific	-	-	-	L	M	M	M	M	M	-
Canadian Pacific - winter	-	-	-	-	L	L	M	M	M	M
Canadian Pacific - summer	-	-	-	-	M	M	M	M	M	M

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