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ALL THE LATEST GEAR, KIT, NUTRITION PRODUCTS AND BOOKS

Welcome to the April kit review. As the summer season edges closer we test out the latest wetsuits, from Arena's carbon technology to the Alpkit Silver Tip Thermal. We also look at what to wear underneath them, with a selection of base layers to keep you toasty until the water temperatures rise.

Goggles are always an individual thing, but there's a taster of what the swim brands have to offer. And in the costumes, new Funkita prints stand out alongside the Speedo Powerform Women's Swimsuit's sporty and supportive design. There's also ear plugs, swim hats and kit bags for it all to go in.

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SWIMMING COSTUMES

Our pick of the latest swimming costumes and trunks



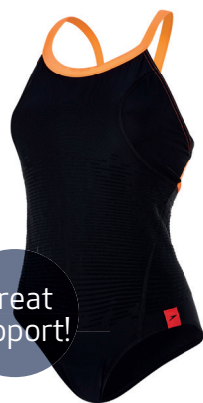
Funkita
Pretty Fly One Piece
£41.95 Size 8-16
A classic Funkita cozzie. Beautiful bold print. Sizing snug compared to other brands. Free shoulder movement; modest rear coverage. Great for pool or open water. funkita.com



Selkie
Bladeback in Lime Green with Selkie Yellow
£35 Size 32-42
Versatile cozzie for pool and open water. Comfortable, soft material with some support. selkieswim.com



Funkita
Hi-Flyer One-Piece Princess Cut
£53.95 Size 8-16
Wider straps means no digging into shoulders; higher neck and not-too-high-cut-leg means minimal movement; flattering panels; zip at back of suit. funkita.com



Speedo
Women's Powerform Pro
£66 Size 30-42
Excellent, thoughtful design. Supportive on bust, and compression support keeps core engaged and supports body position. A velvet feel to some of the detailing. speedo.com

TRUNKS



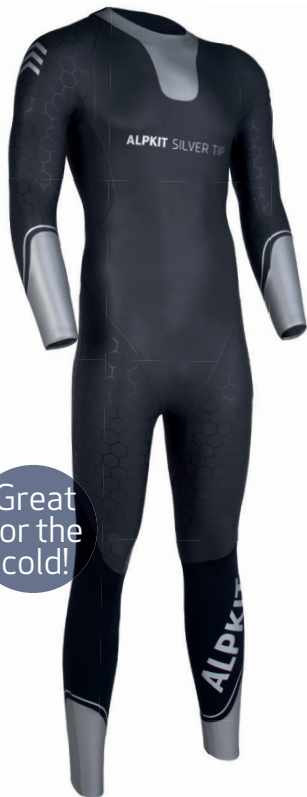
Funky Trunks
Classic Trunks - Split Scene
Plain Front Trunks - Scatter Brain
£25.95 Size XS-XL
Trademark eye-catching patterns; durable and hard-wearing trunks suitable for open water and training. Classic trunks have more of a pouch and a slightly narrower side (16.5cm against 17cm). funkytrunks.com

Selkie
Swim Jammer in Royal Blue Camo Print
£35 Size 32-42
Great for the pool and outdoors, racing and every day training; snug and secure fit around the thighs. selkieswim.com



WETSUITS

Whether you are an experienced swimmer or looking for



Great for the cold!

Alpkit
Silver Tip Thermal Wetsuit (Men's)

£195 S–XL and M Tall and short options
Great in cold water or if you feel the cold more.
Fleece lining; Glideskin (2mm–4mm panels), high buoyancy, low neck collar and pouch for valuables.
alpkit.com



Selkie
Wraith Tekniikka (Men's)

£380 XS–L with S / M tall options
Mid-level wetsuit. Stretch and mesh glideskin for a second skin feel and neutral buoyancy. 3mm–2mm neoprene.
selkieswim.com



Zoot
Wahine 2 Wetsuit (Women's)

£350 XS–XL
Premium Yamamoto #39 combined with GLIDEflex grooved panels provide comfort and flexibility.
Great body position support – speedy and powerful.
zootsports.co.uk

BASELAYERS

A base layer under your wetsuit will help keep you warm at the beginning and end of the season



Super toasty!

Eskeez
Super Thermal Base Layer

£54.99 S–XL
Soft double thickness turtleneck neckline. Brushed fleece on the inside. Tapered sleeves. Long body design.
eskeez.co.uk



Mares
FIRE SKIN Short Sleeve (Men's)

£81 XS–XL
Regulates body heat through the clever Fire Skin textile. For under wetsuits.
mares.com



C-Skins
Short Sleeve HDi Thermal Skin (Men's)

£35 XS–2XL
Excellent insulation with quick-dry properties and rash protection.
c-skins.com

your first wetsuit – our pick of the best wetsuits for open water swimming



Selkie
Spirit Wetsuit (Women's)

£250 XS-L with S/M tall options
Entry level, versatile suit. 3mm-2mm neoprene. Good suppleness in the arm and shoulder area. Nice level of buoyancy.
selkieswim.com



Great price!

Zoot
Wave 1 Wetsuit (Men's)

£220 XS-XL
Grooved panels give comfort and flexibility around your lungs; SCS hydrodynamic finish reduces friction. Buoyancy panels raise hips to support body position. zootsports.co.uk



Best for racing!

Arena
Tri wetsuit Carbon

£499 Men's S-XL / Women's XXS-L
Neoprene panels are integrated with carbon cage fabric technology providing buoyancy and core stability. Thinner neoprene on shoulders for flexibility. solosports.co.uk



Eskeez
Super Thermal Base Layer

£54.99 S-XL
Smooth surface and brushed fleece on the inside. Long body design to cover below the waistline. 93% polyester, 7% elastane. eskeez.co.uk



Zone 3
Neoprene Warmth Vest (Men's)

£42.50 XS-L
2mm neoprene and snug fit. Great for under a wetsuit or on its own. High neck. zone3.com



Orca
Wetsuit Base Layer Unisex

£49 XS-XXL
0.5mm neoprene with jersey lining. Long body length and gripper hem. Wear by itself or under a wetsuit. orca.com



Mares
Thermo Guard Long Sleeve (Men's)

£68 XS-3XL
0.5mm super elastic neoprene. Metalite coating helps retain heat. Wear under your wetsuit. mares.com



Eskeez
Super Thermal Leggings

£49.99 S-XL
Lightweight and breathable legging. Smooth surface and brush fleece inside. Drawcord waistband. eskeez.co.uk

HATS

Keep your head warm and be visible in the water with a silicone hat



Lomo
Silicone Swim Hat
£1.99

Available in yellow, red or pink to help you stand out in the water. Bargain price.
lomo.co.uk



Selkie
Sky Blue Open Water Athlete
£8

Let everyone know you're an open water athlete with this silicone hat from Selkie.
selkieswim.com



Born To Swim
Classic Hat
£8.95

Because you are born to swim and everyone needs to know it. Available in a whole array of colours.
bornertoswim.eu



Selkie
Pink Camo Print
£8

Be camouflaged and stand out from the crowd at the same time with this brightly coloured hat from Selkie. Available in various colours.
selkieswim.com



Funkita
Girl Squad
£8

Join the girl squad with this black and gold hat from Funkita.
funkita.com



All Pie No Tri Swim Club
Club hat
Club membership £8

The most covetable hat in any body of water. Join the All Pie No Tri Swim Club and get this fab hat.
suzannaswims.co.uk

GOGGLES

Find your fit with our choice of goggles



Aquasphere
Kayenne Ladies Polarised Goggles
£31.99

Great female specific fit; comfortable, durable, versatile; easy buckle strap adjustment; excellent for pool or open water.

aquasphereswim.com/uk



Swim Freak
SilverSlick triathlon goggles
£25.99

Open water-specific goggles with extra-wide curved lens for excellent vision. Innovative clip fastening at the back for easy adjustment. Includes ear plugs and nose clip. swimfreak.co.uk



Lomo
Vector Goggles
£10

High clarity lenses; great for the pool or open water; soft nose bridge and simple strap adjustment for a comfortable fit.

lomo.co.uk



Orca
Killa 180 Goggles
£20

These slimline goggles with anti fog lens are light, rubbery, and stay neatly in place. A little click to the side lets you adjust for a snug fit.

orca.com



Lomo
Vortex Goggles
£11

Great value. Comfortable silicone eyecup; tinted lens; anti fog and UV shield; 3 sizes of nose bridge and easily adjustable strap; free earplugs.

lomo.co.uk



Head
Tiger Goggles
£21

Simple, comfortable and effective. Easy to adjust.

Great in the pool

head.com



Finis
Circuit Racing Goggles
£20

Excellent for open water with great visibility and reduced glare. Sleek, low profile design makes these a top choice for pool racing and training.

Three nose straps for custom fit. finisswim.com



Speedo
Virtue Anti-Fog Goggles
£58

Excellent – very comfortable, don't steam up and no leaking, right from the word go. They look cool too. Post-swim goggle marks kept to a minimum.

speedo.com

EAR PLUGS

1 Finis
SwimEars
£49.98

Block water, dirt and bacteria while allowing you to hear conversations and instructions. Three sizes of buds and stabilisation wings provide a watertight fit. Threaded so hard to lose. finisswim.com

2 Arena
Dome Ear Plugs
£6

Comfortable fit with dome tip in a variety of colours. solosports.co.uk

3 Ultimate Ear
Swim Plug
£65 + £5 p+p

Custom made earplug. Ideal for open water swimmers – protection from water and potential infection but also allow situational awareness.

ultimateear.com



