FATHOM BLUE

APNEA FIN USER'S MANUAL

THANK YOU very much for choosing IST Fathom Blue apnea diving fins. Only materials best suited for diving were used and they were designed and made according to the highest standard in manufacturing so these fins can remain in service for many years to come.

Before assembling, we recommend that you read through the entire manual before proceeding.

Assemble Fathom Blue

1) Please check the content of the fin package and make sure it contains the following parts:

   - 2 fin blades
   - 2 rubber foot pockets
   - 2 bottom plates
   - 2 counter-sunk foot-pocket covers
   - 4 "C" clips
   - 4 screws (you'll need a Philips driver)

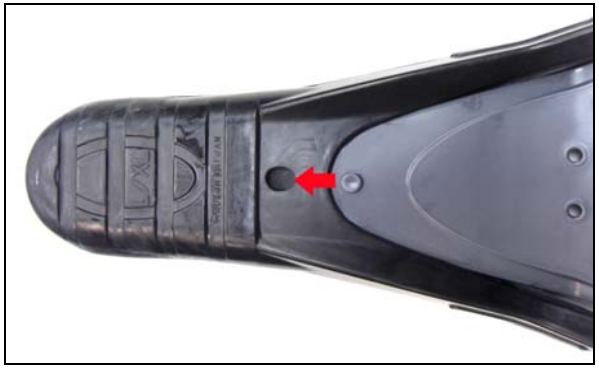
   If there is any question, please contact your nearest authorised IST dealer for assistance.

2) Lubricate the trench (the coloured area indicated in the pictures below) in the sole of the foot pocket and the fin ribs with oil (cooking oil is sufficient) to make assembling easier.





3) Insert the blade into the foot pocket and note the orientation – the knob at the end of the blade (behind the arrow) must end up positioned in the hole on the bottom of the foot pocket…





4) Start from the thick end of a foot pocket rib, push the fin blade's serrated side into the arm's gap. Gradually work towards the thinner end until complete. Repeat the same procedure for the other rib and check if the blade is assembled correctly and securely.





5) Attach "C" clips onto the end of the ribs.



6) Place a foot pocket cover (logo side up) into the toe recess of the foot pocket.



7) Place a bottom plate (note the orientation) onto the bottom side of the blade.



8) Use a Phillips screw driver to fasten (2) screws into the foot pocket's cover. Make sure each screw enters with the counter-sunk holes squarely. DONOT OVER TIGHTEN.



9) The assembly is now complete. Before using your fins each time, please check their general conditions and see if they are firmly connected for trouble free and safe diving.

Using the fin

Wearing the fin:

1) When putting on the fin, DO NOT simply pull it on like a normal shoe as this action could result in irreparable damage to the foot pocket.



Firstly, fold the heel of the rubber foot pocket down as shown:



2) Place your foot into then unfold the foot pocket.



While Diving:

When used properly and like a majority of other fins, Fathom Blue provides good speed and acceleration with conventional flutter kicks. Please pay attention to the following while diving:

- DO NOT stand on the blade AT ANY TIME so it is folded to an extreme angle – by doing so you run the risk of breaking the blade.
- Avoid contact with sharp object as it could cut and damage the foot pocket.

Removal:

1) After the dive, it is easiest and best to fold down the heel of the foot pocket before withdrawing your foot; do not simply pull your foot out.
2) Unfold the foot pocket and return it to its original shape.

Maintenance & storage*

Structurally speaking, there is very little can go wrong with your fins but please kindly follow the instructions below so they can remain in service for years to come:

1) After each dive, thoroughly rinse your fins with clean fresh water and try to remove as much dirt and salt deposit from the foot pocket and blade crevices.
2) Allow the fins to dry in a cool, shaded area. They should NEVER be exposed to direct sunlight for a prolonged period of time when not diving.
3) When completely dried, store them in a clean, cool and dark place away from any heat, sun light, sharp object and electric motors (which can generate ozone that is detrimental to any rubber product).
4) It is best to lay the fins down flat and without any object placed on top of them to prevent (permanent) distortion to the foot pocket and blade.

* It is natural for rubber products to form powdery substance on the surface over time. The formation will not affect the foot pockets' function and performance in any way.

Warranty

The warranty of the fins is valid to the original purchaser only (with proof of purchase) AND it covers any defects in materials and / or workmanship for the period of 2 years from the date of purchase. Proper maintenance as prescribed in this manual is required to uphold the warranty during valid coverage period. Any wear and tear under normal usage, as well as any commercial / rental usage are not covered by this warranty. The following action will void the warranty: incorrect use or misuse (intentional or unintentional) of the fins; the use of non – IST original parts (always obtain the correct parts from an IST authorised dealer); any modification.

If your fins have developed a problem, please contact your nearest IST authorised dealer or IST distributor and arrange return authorisation if needed. Properly package the part(s) / product(s) in question and send with your proof of purchase and postage prepaid. We reserve the right to refuse servicing any non-authorised returns.