An underwater scooter for two

The equipment used today for underwater activity may seem very different to that used by pioneers like Jacques Cousteau, but in truth, the basic elements are the same: you dive with a compressed air tank, mask, snorkel and fins. For some years now, accessories and instruments have appeared which make the diving experience safer and more pleasant, as well as more dynamic; we are talking of underwater scooters, also first experimented in their early rudimental versions by Captain Cousteau in his legendary expeditions.

Scooters do away with the need to use your legs and allow you to move quickly underwater. In Cousteau's days they were used only by a few professional cave explorers and divers, given their exorbitant cost and how difficult they were to manoeuvre. In more recent years, however, some mass produced models have appeared on the market. These are less bulky, lighter, easier to control and much cheaper. Made out of technopolymers and shock resistant ABS, and with large side handles on which the controls are placed, underwater scooters are built to withstand depths of 40/50 metres. They are powered by sealed electrical batteries which last between 40 and 60 minutes and have anti-flooding systems for their engines, reaching speeds of 3.5-4 Km per hour.

An underwater scooter for two It's now possible to explore seabeds in tandem By DAN Europe Staff Besides these general characteristics which are common to all the models on the market, each production house excogitates technical particularities to set their product apart. The latest original feature is that of a scooter allowing romantic and exciting underwater strolls: it's built to carry two people. It's an amusing and agile vehicle which can be driven without any particular licence; passengers use a special helmet allowing a vision almost totally free from any distortions. Provided with an autonomy of 70 minutes, the two-seat scooter has engines which allow you move easily vertically and horizontally. It reaches a speed of 5 km per hour and a depth of 12 metres: it may not take you the classic 20,000 leagues under the sea, but certainly it will give you a unique experience and especially a shared one.