

Tec Gear

IN MARCH/APRIL, WE TESTED GEAR THAT MAKES TAKING THE LEAP FROM REC TO TEC MORE ENJOYABLE

1 Apeks Tek 3 Regulator Set

Designed for double tanks, this rig includes a pair of overbalanced diaphragm, environmentally sealed first stages that face inboard with all ports pointed downward. This efficient design minimizes drag and allows for tangle-free routing of your hoses. The two pneumatically balanced XTX50 second stages let you mount LP hoses on the right or left side of the casings — again, perfect for a double-tank setup. PRICE: \$1,195; \$895 FOR FIRST STAGES ONLY AQUALUNG.COM



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2 Dive Rite Nomad EXP

Back-mount or side-mount, singles or doubles, you can dive them all with the Nomad EXP — this integrated harness/wing system is completely customizable. The semirigid backpack extends downward to include a tail, or butt plate, which offers attachment points for side-mount cylinders and a crotch strap. Grommets in the center of the backpack offer easy, bolt-on mounting of doubles, or a single cylinder can be worn with optional dual soft tank bands. PRICE: \$699 DIVERITE.COM

3 OMS Primary Reel

The electro-polished stainless-steel frame of the OMS Primary Reel incorporates a TIG-welded stainless-steel 5/16-inch spool bolt for strength, and the spool itself is made out of glass-reinforced nylon. The reel is really compact yet can be loaded with up to 330 feet of super-strong, 300-pound-test nylon line (which is included). To prevent line jams, the frame features a removable anti-fouling nest. PRICE: \$188 OMSDIVE.COM



4 OMS Titanium Knife

The OMS Titanium Knife is one of those tools you attach to your rig and then forget about — until you need it. It's compact, lightweight and nearly bulletproof with a blade that will never rust. It has three inches of combined serrated and plain cutting edges plus a blunted tip to prevent punctures. The locking sheath is secure and allows easy one-handed access, plus it has slots for threading onto webbing or straps. PRICE: \$61 OMSDIVE.COM



Accessories

IN OUR JANUARY/FEBRUARY ISSUE, WE LOOKED AT GEAR DESIGNED TO MAKE DIVING EASIER, SAFER AND MORE FUN

1 Submersible Systems Spare Air 300 w/ Travel Pack

The Travel Pack lets you take Spare Air along on your dive vacation. The system includes a 3-cubic-foot bottle, regulator, nylon carry pouch, a mouthpiece cover and lanyard, plus a tank fill adapter for recharging from a scuba tank. The Travel Pack comes with protective caps for bottle and regulator, spare O-rings and silicone grease, all packed in a clear plastic bag to make TSA happy. PRICE: SPARE AIR SYSTEM \$299; TRAVEL PACK \$16 SPAREAIR.COM



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2 Ideations Dive Alert Plus

With the Dive Alert Plus, you can be heard both on the surface and underwater. Powered by the compressed air in your tank, this potent air horn ties into your BC's low-pressure hose via a quick-connect fitting. When switched to the "Air" position, a push of the button unleashes a piercing screech that can be heard a mile away. When underwater, switch it to "H₂O" and you get a loud percussive blast. PRICE: \$80 (STANDARD POWER INFLATOR) DIVEALERT.COM

3 Seasoft Flashlight Pocket w/ Retractor & SL4 light

Seasoft's Flashlight Pocket is made of rugged Cordura nylon with a stiffener band around the mouth to maintain its shape. It can be mounted on any 2-inch belt as well as on many cummerbunds. A retractor with quick-release buckle is set deep inside the pocket and attaches to an Underwater Kinetics SL4 dive light. When you're done, the retractor guides your hand and light back into its pocket. PRICE: \$90; \$50 WITHOUT A LIGHT SEASOFTSCUBA.COM



4 Spyderco SpyderHawk

Made from a special process that uses nitrogen instead of carbon in its matrix, the Spyderco SpyderHawk's H1 stainless-steel blade holds an edge yet won't rust. Measuring 3.5 inches, the blade sports a wicked curve with either a smooth or a serrated edge; the blade's shape lends itself to highly efficient downward pulling cuts. The handle is almost 5 inches long for good gripping and ripping. PRICE: \$120 SPYDERCO.COM

