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WHITES FUSION TECH

STORY LINE Slide into Whites' new Fusion Tech and risk looking like a comic-book superhero, but then again, you'll have the moves to match. Sweet! **KEY FEATURES** A radical departure from traditional laminate suits, the Fusion Tech uses Whites' new DryCORE technology. A loose-cut, heavy-duty internal bladder, complete with latex seals, soft sock feet and a dry zipper, provides a waterproof barrier. The super-stretchy and exterior fabric moves independently of the internal bladder and is attached by Velcro at the wrists, ankles and zipper. The result? A super form-fitting drysuit with incredible freedom of movement. Three exterior skins are available (sport, technical and SAR). Also notable:

The Fusion Tech's zipper is placed at the suit's top, running from one shoulder and around the chest to the other, to form a flip-top design. For insulation, we had Whites' MK3 Primaloft Undergarment, which sandwiches Primaloft insulation between a nylon shell and inner fleece lining. Stretch panels add better mobility, and the suit naturally wicks away moisture. Finally, footwear consisted of Whites' EVO3 Boots, with neoprene soft socks for insulation. **DIVER IMPRESSIONS** To put it simply, we're sold. The DryCORE concept works like a champ. The outer skin has incredible stretch, so it's easy to move in, and it also excels at compressing the inner bladder, making the Fusion Tech by far the most streamlined and comfortable suit we've ever used. This really paid off in the water. We were also instant fans of the unique zipper placement, which is great for donning, but also means you can unzip, flick the top back and walk around without half the suit dragging around. The Primaloft Undergarment and EVO3 Boots are both well suited to the Fusion, although the boots take a bit of effort to lace up. Optional leg pockets are available. **MSRP** \$1,598 (suit) \$449 (undergarment) \$158 (boots) **CONTACT** sportdiver.com/whites **Circle #156 on page 99 for manufacturer info**