









REGULATOR FEATURES																	
NAME	TESTERS' CHOICE					VERY GOOD	TESTERS' CHOICE					VERY GOOD	GOOD	TESTERS' CHOICE	VERY GOOD	FAIR	
	 Mares Dragon www.mares.com	 Oceanic Probe LX www.oceanicworldwide.com	 Aeris Coral www.diveaters.com	 XS Scuba Nekton www.xsscuba.com	Aeris Sport www.diveaters.com	BACK BUOYANCY	 Apeks WTX www.aqualight.com	 Oceanic Excursion www.oceanicworldwide.com	Sherwood Scuba Axis www.sherwoodscuba.com	Oceanic Outrigger www.oceanicworldwide.com	Riptide Rebel www.diveate.com	TRAVEL BC	 Sea Quest Malibu www.aqualight.com	 Cressi-sub Aqualight R www.cressisub.com	Tusa Passage www.tusa.com	XS Scuba Companion www.xsscuba.com	
PRICE	\$500	\$559.95	\$449.95	\$300	\$349.95		\$710	\$559.95	\$450	\$649.95	\$599		\$475	\$398	\$329	\$280	
STYLE	Jacket	Jacket	Jacket	Jacket	Jacket		Back Buoy.	Back Buoy.	Back Buoy.	Back Buoy.	Back Buoy.		Back Buoy.	Jacket	Jacket	Back Buoy.	
MADE IN	Bulgaria	China	China	China	China		Mexico	China	Thailand	China	USA/Mexico		Mexico	Italy	Taiwan	China	
WARRANTY	2-year	2-year	2-year	2-year	2-year		Ltd. lifetime	2-year	2-year	2-year	2-year		Ltd. lifetime	1-year	Ltd. lifetime	2-year	
SIZES	5 XS-XL	5 XS-XL	5 XS-XL	5 XS-XL	5 XS-XL		3 M,L,XL	4 S-XL	4 S-XL	4 S-XL	5 XS-XXL		6 XS-XL	5 XS-XL	4 XS-XL	3 S-XL	
BUOYANT LIFT <small>As stated by manufacturers</small>	36-54 lbs.	26-54 lbs.	21-38 lbs.	19-40 lbs.	21-38 lbs.		34 lbs.	45 lbs.	23-42 lbs.	35-45 plus 15 lbs.	48 lbs.		30-40 lbs.	16.9-36 lbs.	19-38 lbs.	30 lbs.	
POCKETS	2 zipper	4 zipper	2 zipper	2 zipper	2 Velcro		N/A	1 zipper	2 zipper	2 zipper	1 zipper		1 zipper	2 zipper	2 zipper	N/A	
BACKPACK	Hard	Hard	Hard	Semi-Soft	Hard		Soft	Hard	Hard	Hard	Soft		Hard	Soft	Semi-Soft	Semi-Soft	
BANDS	1	1	1	2	1		2	1	1	1	2		1	2	1*	2	
WEIGHT SYSTEM	Mechanical	Mechanical & Velcro	Mechanical	Mechanical & Velcro	Mechanical		Mechanical	Mechanical & Velcro	Mechanical	Mechanical & Velcro	Velcro		Velcro	Mechanical	Velcro	N/A	
DITCHABLE WEIGHTS	26 lbs.	20 lbs.	20 lbs.	20 lbs.	20 lbs.		20 lbs.	20 lbs.	20 lbs.	20 lbs.	24 lbs.		20 lbs.	20 lbs.	16 lbs.	N/A	
NONDITCHABLE WEIGHTS	10 lbs.	10 lbs.	10 lbs.	10 lbs.	No		No	10 lbs.	10 lbs.	10 lbs.	10 lbs.		10 lbs.	No	No	No	
CARRY HANDLE	Yes	Yes (hard)	Yes (hard)	No	Yes (hard)		No	Yes (hard)	No	Yes (soft)	Yes (soft)		No	Yes (soft)	Yes	No	
TANK POSITION STRAP	No**	Yes	No	Yes	No		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		No	No**	Yes	No	
ADDITIONAL EXHAUST VALVES	2	2	2	2	1		1	1	2	2	1		2	2	1	1	
ERGONOMIC TESTS																	
ASCENT CONTROL	4	4	4	4	4	SCORE x3	4	4	4	3	3		4	4	4	3	
ATTITUDE & STABILITY	4	4	4	4	4		5	4	4	4	4	4		4	4	4	3
WEIGHT DITCHING	5	4	4	4	4	SCORE x2	5	4	4	4	3		4	2	2	N/A	
VALVE OPERATION	4	4	4	4	4		3	4	3	4	4	3		3	4	3	3
COMFORT & ADJUSTMENT	4	4	4	4	3	ACTUAL SCORE	4	4	4	4	3		3	3	4	3	
ASSEMBLY	4	5	4	3	4		4	4	4	3	4	4		4	4	3	3
WEIGHT LOADING	3	4	4	3	4		3	3	3	3	3	3		4	2	2	N/A
POCKETS	3	4	4	4	3		N/A	3	3	3	3	2		3	3	4	N/A
TOTAL ERGONOMIC SCORE	65	65	64	62	61		63	62	60	58	51		58	53	53	53	33
OBJECTIVE TESTS																	
INHERENT BUOYANCY <small>Measured in water vs medium BCs</small>	4 (<1 lb.)	4 (<1 lb.)	4 (<1 lb.)	5 (None)	4 (<1 lb.)		5 (None)	4 (<1 lb.)	2 (2-3 lbs.)	3 (1-2 lbs.)	4 (<1 lb.)		3 (1-2 lbs.)	2 (2-3 lbs.)	2 (2-3 lbs.)	2 (2-3 lbs.)	
VALVE FLOW RATE	3	3	2	3	1		1	1	3	2	2		3	3	2	1	
TOTAL SCORE	72	72	70	70	66		69	67	65	63	57		64	58	57	36	