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Cressi Norge 228 Diving Knife Instruction Manual

Model: RC553010

1. Product Overview

The Cressi Norge 228 is a modern, compact diving knife designed for underwater use. It features a durable, hardened stainless steel blade and an ergonomic, non-slip Softgrip handle for secure handling.
Key features include:

- Specially hardened stainless steel blade.
- One smooth cutting edge and one partially serrated edge.
- Integrated line cutter for emergencies.
- Technopolymer sheath with quick-release spring button.
- Includes two leg straps for secure attachment.



Figure 1: The Cressi Norge 228 Diving Knife, showing the blade and handle, alongside its protective sheath.

2. Package Contents

Upon opening your Cressi Norge 228 Diving Knife package, ensure all the following components are present:

- Cressi Norge 228 Diving Knife
- Technopolymer Sheath
- Two Leg Straps



Figure 2: All components included with the Cressi Norge 228 Diving Knife: the knife, its sheath, and two adjustable leg straps.

3. Setup and Attachment

The Cressi Norge 228 Diving Knife is designed for secure attachment to your leg or hip using the provided straps.

1. **Prepare the Sheath:** The technopolymer sheath has integrated slots. Thread the two leg straps through these slots.
2. **Positioning:** Decide whether you prefer to wear the knife on your leg or hip. For leg attachment, position the sheath on your calf or thigh. For hip attachment, secure it to your BCD or weight belt if suitable attachment points are available.
3. **Secure the Straps:** Wrap the straps around your leg or through the attachment points. Adjust the length of the straps to ensure a snug, comfortable fit that does not restrict circulation or movement. The buckles should be securely fastened.
4. **Insert the Knife:** Carefully insert the knife into the sheath. Ensure the spring-loaded button engages, securing the knife firmly in place. You should hear a click or feel it lock.



Figure 3: The Cressi Norge 228 Diving Knife secured in its sheath with leg straps ready for attachment.

4. Operating Instructions

The Cressi Norge 228 Diving Knife is a tool for specific underwater tasks. Always handle with care.

- **Drawing the Knife:** To draw the knife, press the spring-loaded button on the sheath and pull the knife upwards. Practice this motion on land to ensure smooth operation underwater.
- **Cutting Edge:** The knife features a smooth cutting edge for general cutting tasks and a partially serrated edge for more aggressive cutting, such as through ropes or tough materials.
- **Line Cutter:** An integrated line cutter is present on the blade. This is designed for quickly severing fishing lines, nets, or other entanglement hazards. Position the line into the notch and pull.
- **Re-sheathing:** After use, carefully re-insert the knife into the sheath, ensuring it locks securely with the spring button.

Safety Warning: This knife is extremely sharp. Always exercise extreme caution when handling. Keep away from children. Use only for intended diving purposes.

5. Maintenance

Proper maintenance is crucial to ensure the longevity and performance of your Cressi Norge 228 Diving Knife, especially given its exposure to saltwater.

1. **Rinse After Each Use:** Immediately after each dive, thoroughly rinse the knife and sheath with fresh water. This

helps remove salt, sand, and other debris.

2. **Dry Completely:** After rinsing, dry the knife completely with a soft cloth. Pay particular attention to the blade and any crevices in the handle or sheath.
3. **Lubrication:** To prevent corrosion, especially in areas prone to rust (as noted by some users), apply a thin layer of silicone grease or a marine-grade rust preventative oil to the blade and metal parts after drying.
4. **Storage:** Store the knife in its sheath in a dry, cool place, away from direct sunlight and corrosive chemicals.
5. **Sharpening:** If the blade becomes dull, sharpen it using a suitable knife sharpener. Be careful to maintain the original blade angle.
6. **Sheath Cleaning:** Periodically clean the inside of the sheath to remove any accumulated debris that could scratch the blade or hinder the locking mechanism.

6. Troubleshooting

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your diving knife.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Rust Spots on Blade	Insufficient rinsing or drying after saltwater exposure; lack of lubrication.	Thoroughly rinse with fresh water and dry completely after each use. Apply a marine-grade rust preventative or silicone grease to the blade. Lightly scrub existing rust spots with a non-abrasive pad and then lubricate.
Knife difficult to draw from sheath	Debris inside the sheath; spring button mechanism sticky.	Rinse the sheath thoroughly with fresh water to remove debris. Ensure the spring button moves freely. A small amount of silicone spray can be applied to the mechanism if it feels stiff.
Straps loosening during dive	Straps not tightened sufficiently; buckles not fully engaged.	Ensure straps are adjusted snugly before diving. Double-check that buckles are fully engaged and secure. Consider alternative attachment points if the issue persists.

7. Specifications

Detailed specifications for the Cressi Norge 228 Diving Knife (Model: RC553010).

- **Total Length:** 228 mm (8.98 inches)
- **Blade Length:** 117 mm (4.61 inches)
- **Blade Width:** 26 mm
- **Blade Thickness:** 4.5 mm (0.18 inches)
- **Weight (with sheath and straps):** 250 g
- **Blade Material:** Specially hardened Stainless Steel
- **Handle Material:** Softgrip Rubber
- **Sheath Material:** Technopolymer
- **Blade Edge:** One smooth, one partially serrated, with line cutter
- **Color:** Black (handle and sheath) / Silver (blade)
- **Country of Origin:** Italy

- **Dishwasher Safe:** No



Figure 4: Dimensional diagram of the Cressi Norge 228 Diving Knife, illustrating total length, blade length, and blade thickness.

8. Warranty and Support

Warranty: Cressi provides a 2-year availability for spare parts for the Norge 228 Diving Knife. For specific warranty terms and conditions, please refer to the official Cressi website or contact your authorized dealer.

Support: For further assistance, product inquiries, or to report any issues, please contact Cressi customer service through their official website or your local Cressi distributor. When contacting support, please have your product model

number (RC553010) and purchase information ready.

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