

Basic Detail Report

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Title

Women's 1976 United States of America Olympic swimsuit

Date

1976

Primary Maker

Speedo International Ltd

Medium

Nylon, elastane (spandex or Lycra), cotton

Dimensions

Overall: 600 x 340 mm, 0.06 kg Clothing size: 12

Name

Swimsuit

History

In 1955 Speedo introduced nylon into its competitive swimwear designs, and the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne saw the widespread use of the new fabric. From 1957 the half skirt was replaced with the quarter skirt, and the introduction of the panel at the front gave more shape to the body and a better fit. By 1972 the Federation Internationale de Natation (FINA) allowed women to swim skirtless.