

## **Umbilia hesitata**

**82 mm ; F+++ , Shallow water form.** Specimens of shallow water, diver-taken, are far rarer than the more common trawled forms, and are scarcely on offer. The reason for this is that there are very few people in the world experienced and hardy enough to explore the treacherous, low-visibility waters of southern Tasmania where they dwell. Consequently, this attractive form is rarely on the market and therefore missing from many collections. The condition is overall very good - the shell bears some dark, elongate dorsal lines (possibly healed stress cracks) and some other minor marks (these diver taken specimens are rarely GEM). What is worth paying special attention to, however, is the superb dorsal pattern which is truly spectacular, particularly in combination with the rich caramel hues only encountered in this seldom seen form

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