

One of the largest of this species, which was preserved in the French king's cabinet, was seven inches five lines in length, from the end of the muzzle to the root of the tail, which is three inches eight lines. The skin does not appear to be covered with scales, but it is furnished with a number of excrescences like teats, containing a great many holes, several of which may be very plainly distinguished by the naked eye, and through which a kind of milk oozes, that generally spreads itself in such a manner as to form a transparent coat of varnish above the skin of this oviparous quadruped, which is naturally dry.

The eyes of the salamander are placed in the upper part of the head, which is a little flattened; their orbit projects into the interior part of the palate, and is there almost surrounded by a row of very small teeth, like those in the jaw-bones; these teeth establish a near relation between lizards and fish, many species of which have also several teeth placed in the bottom of the mouth. The colour of this lizard is very dark; upon the belly it has a blueish cast, intermixed with somewhat large irregular yellow spots, that extend over the whole body, and even to the feet and eye-lids; some of these spots are besprinkled with