

OWNER: The late Neil Townsend (1918-c 2000's)

FACTORY: San Francisco, California (120 Powell St.) d 1967. c 1981

MODELS:

Powered surfboards:

Prop driven Developmental board: 10'6", 50 lbs, (\$2,000 new) c 1981. c 1981

Powered by two nicad batteries through a shrouded propeller (**Figure 1**). Only one known to exist, designed and made by Neil Townsend as his personal board due to a permanent heart condition. (Re Surfer V22#3P58)

“Power Skeg”™ driven: 10'5", 39.5 lbs, (\$500 new). d 1967. d 1967

Fin with a hinged flap on each side (**Figure 2**) was moved rapidly back and forth via a DC electric motor, causing the flaps to open on the back stroke (**Figure 3**) and close on the forward stroke, driving the board forward. The flaps would lock closed after the rider caught a wave.



Figure 1

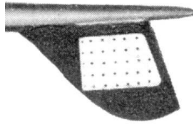


Figure 2

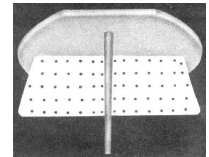


Figure 3

Non-powered surfboards. 1969. 1971

BLANKS:

Rogers. 1969. 1970

Honeycomb. 1969. 1972

SHAPER: Dick Brewer. 1972. 1972

LOGO: ‘Aqua Jet - Honeycomb’ **Figure 4**, designed by Jim L. Phillips. c 1972. c 1981

Some may have the following under the logo: “U.S. Patent 2,314,**0, Model No _____ Serial No_____”



Figure 4

FINS:

Power Skeg: **Figure 4**. 1967. 1967

Twin. 1971. 1971

WAVE Set. 1969. 1969

MISC:

One year guarantee, not to break. 1969. 1972

6 months, not to break. 1972. 1972

NUMBERING: None reported to date.

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