

Balestar

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AS:

'Pocket Rockets' started 1971 closed 1974
'Balestar' started 1974 2011

OWNER: Tom Balestar, shaper

FACTORY: ([Website](#)) Huntington Beach, California. s 1971. 2011

MODELS: None

BLANKS:

Wood:

Pre-chambered redwood. 1971. 2011
Hollow with wood & cork rails. 1971. 2011

Foam:

Clark, Walker. 1971. 2006
South Shore. 1971. 1980's
Rhyno, Surf Foam, US Blanks, in-house. 2006. 2011

SHAPES:

100% custom, no machine pre-shaping or outsourcing. 1971. 2011
Long, short, guns, SUP & 12'-18' paddle. 1971. 2011

TAILS: Square, pin, round pin, swallow. 1971. 2011

LOGOS:

'Balestar Designs' **Figure 1** In-house screening. s 1974. x 1982
Commercially screened. s 1983. 2011
'Balestar' **Figure 2**. s 1982. c 2000's
Revised. c 2000's. c 2011
'Balestar - Classic' **Figure 3** Used on longboards. s 1988. 2011



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

FINS:

Single w/small side bites. 1971. 1970's
Restarted. 2000's. 2011
Thrusters. 1980's. 2011
Other combinations. 2010. 2011
Glass-ons. 1971. 2011
O'Fish'L. 1980's. 1990's
Unlimited. 1980's. 2011
Future. 2000's. 2011
In-house brand. 2000's. 2011

NUMBERING: These boards are not numbered or dated. 1971. 2011

PRODUCTION: Pocket Rockets: About 25 made.

We would like to express our thanks to Tom Balestar for his contributions to this profile.

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