

OWNER: Tim Bessell, shaper

FACTORIES:

La Jolla, California (parents garage on Westmoreland)	started 1971.	x 1973
La Jolla, California: Various locations.	s 1973.	x 1985
Encinitas, California.	s 1973.	x 1977
Hawaii.	s 1977.	x 1979
Escondido, California.	s 1979.	x 1982
San Diego, California.	s 1982.	x 1985
La Jolla, California.	s 1985.	2011

Some boards sub-contracted.

MODELS:

“Basic Beat” no logo, 7'0" to 8'0", flat bottom, 2+1 FCS fins, round pin tail.	s 2001.	2011
“Circa 60s” no logo, 9'0" to 9'6", triple concave, 2+1 FCS fins, squash tail.	s 2001.	2011
“Classic”, no logo, 9'0" to 10'0", concave nose, 50/50 rails, squash tail.	s 2003.	2011
“Competition Longboard”, no logo, 9'0" to 9'6", tri concave, 2+1 fins, squash/pin tail.	s 2000.	2011
“Eliminator” no logo, 6'6" to 7'6", vector channel, swallow tail.	s 2001.	2011
Reflex rail stringers.	s 2006.	2011
“Flying Fish”, no logo, 5'0" to 7'6", twin fin, fish tail.	s 1973.	2011
“G2”, no logo, 9'0" to 10'0", 50/50 rails, single fin, square tail.	s 2005.	2011
“Kissing Fish”, quad fin.	s 2007.	2011
“La Paloma”, no logo, 8'0" to 9'6", concave nose, 2+1, round pin tail.	s 2005.	2011
“Macro Chip”, no logo, 6'0" to 7'0", tri concave, tri fin, squash tail	s 2003.	2011
“Magic Carpet”, no logo, 6'0" to 7'0", 2+1, swallow tail.	s 1995.	2011
“Micro Chip”, no logo, 5'0" to 6'8", tri fin, squash tail.	s 2003.	2011
“Missing Link” no logo, 7'0" to 8'0", concave nose, 50/50 rails, square tail.	s 2001.	x 2004
“Modern Classic” no logo, 9'0" to 9'4", triple concave, 2+1 FCS fins, pin tail.	s 2001.	2011
“Pocket Rocket” no logo, 6'6" to 7'6", full concave bottom, round pin tail.	s 2001.	2011
“Retro” no logo, 6'0" to 7'0", flat bottom, squash tail.	s 2001.	2011
“Rino Chaser”, no logo, 8'0" to 10'0", custom fin(s), pin tail.	s 2000.	2011
“Rocketfish” no logo, 6'0" to 6'6", triple concave, swallow tail.	s 2001.	2011
“V-8 Special”, no logo, 5'0" to 6'8", tri fin, squash tail.	s 2005.	2011

BLANKS:

Balsa: female blond.	1971.	2011
Foam:		
Clark.	1971.	2005
Walker: Occasionally (no colored foam used).	1998.	2011
Phenolic (Australia).	1993.	1996
Epoxy foam, custom only.	1986.	2011

STRINGERS:

3/16" Basswood on high-performance.	1971.	2011
1/4" Spruce.	1971.	1985
Reflex: Figure 1 , (Elliptical carbon composite rail stringers).	2006.	2011

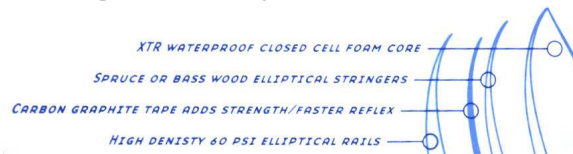


Figure 1

OTHER SHAPERS:

Bob Yinger.	1986.	1990
Ezequiel Macchi.	1997.	2011
Jeff Alexander.	1986.	1990
Martine Jerry.	2004.	2011
Mossy.	2006.	2011
Roger Beal.	1986.	2011
Scotty Flynn.	2007.	2011

SHAPES:

Full range: Long, short, hy-bird, egg.....	1971.....	2011
Shaping machine.....	1985.....	1989

NOSE:

Radical turned up, required added foam.....	1985.....	1989
Hollow ground.....	1974.....	1989

DECK: Concave.....	1996.....	2011
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BOTTOM: Triple concave, mid to tail.....	1996.....	2011
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LOGOS:

Handmade, no more than 200 made.....	1971.....	1972
'Bessell - Surfboards' Figure 2	s 1981.....	x 1984
'Bessell' Figure 3	s 1983.....	x 1984
'Bessell - Surfboards' Figure 4	s 1989.....	x 1989
'B' Figure 5	s 1991.....	x 1994



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5

'B' Figure 6	s 1991.....	x 1994
'B' Figure 7	s 1991.....	x 1994
'B' Figure 8	s 1991.....	x 1994
'Bessell' Figure 9	s 1991.....	x 1994



Figure 6



Figure 7



Figure 8



Figure 9

'B' wood inlay, Figure 10 , few made.....	s 1996.....	2011
'bessell' Figure 11	s 1997.....	x 2000
'Bessell - Surf Boards' Figure 12	s 2000.....	2011
'Bessell' Figure 13	s 2006.....	2011



Figure 10

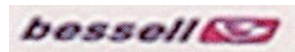


Figure 11



Figure 12



Figure 13

FINS:

Single, twin, tri.....	1971.....	2011
Boxes: FCS, Future, Freestyle & custom requests.....	1971.....	2011

NUMBERING: [Reliability = 0]

NOTE: Numbering changed too many times to be useful in dating Bessell boards.

Some were dated.....	1971.....	1999
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NOTE: Numbering was started in 1999 using a self advancing stamp. No specific data available

PRODUCTION: About 47,000 made to date.

We would like to express our thanks to Tim Bessell for his contributions to this profile.

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