

**Editors of record:**

Noted at the end of each profile. If no notation, that profile was last updated by Andy Anderson

**Verification:**

All reasonable effort are made to verify that a listed brand did or does exist.

- \* Some listings have a statement questioning the verification.
- \* Listings without images generally are not verified.
- \* Listings without images that have credits are generally verified.

**Dates:** Pairs of years for each line of data reflect a known or estimated period. The following formats indicate the accuracy of these dates:

- \* 'started / closed': Documented overall era of each specific brand.
- \* 's 1996': Dates preceded by an 's' are confirmed start dates of factory re-locations, models and logos.
- \* 'x 1996': Dates preceded by an 'x' are confirmed stop dates of factory locations, models and logos.
- \* 'c 1996': Dates preceded by a 'c' (circa) may be outside the overall reliability or needing confirmation on factory locations, models and logos.
- \* d 1996': Dates preceded by a 'd' are documented to the year but may not represent the total time of factory location, models or logos.
- \* '1996': These dates may be within several years, plus or minus.
- \* '1990's': These dates are estimated to decade.
- \* 'start unk' or 'end unk': Unknown dates.

**Factory Location:**

All reasonable efforts are made to indicate where the boards were made. Following are some factors that make this effort less than easy:

- \* Addresses on printed ads may not indicate factory or retail outlet.
- \* "Ghost production": Boards sub-contracted to other factories either of the same country or imported. Legal efforts are underway to require import declarations.
- \* Memory loss.

**Shapers:** Ghost shapers are under the radar and may not show up in some profiles.

**Illustrations:** To be updated as color or better images are available. Some have been digitally enhanced for clarity.

**Model names:** "The" is dropped if it is the first word of the model name.

**Numbering:**

- \* Numbers without qualifiers, ie: 23,571 are actual numbers documented to the year.
- \* Numbers in parentheses, ie: (23,571) are actual numbers estimated to the year.
- \* Numbers in brackets, ie: <23,571> are a mathematical spread of numbers between documented years.
- \* Overall reliability, ie: [Reliability = 1 to 10], ten being the best