

OWNER: Dave Sweet , shaper

See also 'Sweet'.

**FACTORIES:**

On Malibu beach, California..... started 1949..... 1956  
 Santa Monica, California (1402-04-06-08 Olympic Blvd.)..... 1956.....closed 1977  
 Pacific Palisades, California: Signature models, occasional shaping. .... started 1998..... 2011

**MODELS:**

“Duo-10” (Has laminate)..... d 1960..... d 1960  
 “Eastcoast Aggressor” 9'0" to 10'0" no logo, ..... s 1966..... x 1966  
     With and without concave nose, single glassed custom fin, custom tail  
 “Flexer” 9'0" to 10'0", fiberglass stringer, no logo, ..... 1967..... 1967  
     With and without concave nose, single glassed custom fin, custom tail  
 “OPUS” (Hawaiian for bellyboard) no logo. .... 1968..... 1968  
 “Signature” matched specs of previous models. .... s 1998..... c 2001  
 “Speedster” 9'0" to 10'0" gun, no logo. .... s 1960..... x 1977  
     15" nose, 21-1/2" wide, single glassed on fin, pin tail

**BLANKS:**

Balsa..... 1949..... 1956  
     Custom only. .... 2006..... 2011  
 Clark foam. .... 1998..... 2006  
 Own polyester. .... 1956..... 1977  
 Own “Hardshell” foam. .... 1956..... 1977  
 One size mold (10'x4.5")..... 1956..... 1957  
 Adjustable mold..... 1957..... 1977  
 Own lightweight. .... 1969..... 1969

**STRINGERS:**

½” to 3" T-band balsa. .... 1956..... 1977  
 Glue line..... 1955..... 1977  
 3 lam..... 1963..... 1977  
 Pine or redwood available..... 1960..... 1964  
 Reverse T-band. .... 1965..... 1977  
 Fiberglass..... 1967..... 1977  
 Wedge. .... 1968..... 1977

**OTHER SHAPERS:**

Bruce Grant. .... 1995..... 2007  
 Dave Rocklin. .... 1956..... 1957  
 Donald Takayama, special orders ..... 1960..... 1960  
 Larry Felker. .... 1963..... 1963  
 Mike Doyle. .... 1958..... 1959

**SHAPES:**

Concave, nose. .... 1965..... 1967  
 Concave, tail. .... 1956..... 1977  
 Hydro step tail:..... 1960's..... 1960's  
 Speed. .... 1949..... 1977  
 Step deck. .... 1967..... 1977  
 Tapered rails nose & tail. .... 1967..... 1977  
 50/50, mid board. .... 1967..... 1977

**NOSE:**

“Pop” (kicked), custom order ..... 1967..... 1977  
 Blunt (nosetider), custom order. .... 1967..... 1977  
 Customer specified. .... 1956..... 1977

**TAIL:**

Blocks..... 1965..... 1977  
     Redwood & balsa  
 Colored foam. .... 1967..... 1967  
 Pin 1949. .... 1977  
 Customer specified. .... 1956..... 1977

RAILS: 5/50, heavy taper at nose/tail..... 1967..... 1977

LOGOS:

- Figure 1**, Surfer & dog on a surfboard riding a wave. . . . . s 1955. . . . . x 1955  
 Designed by Corny Cole, printed on lightweight, white paper, not rice paper
- 'Dave Sweet - Since 1949 - Custom Boards - Santa Monica California' **Figure 2**. . . . . s 1956. . . . . x 1977
- 'Dave Sweet - Since 1949 - Custom Boards - Santa Monica California' **Figure 3**. . . . . s 1998. . . . . 2011



**Figure 1**



**Figure 2**



**Figure 3**

GLASSING:

- 2 x 10 oz, double lap rails. . . . . 1956. . . . . 1977
- 1 x 20 oz. . . . . 1960. . . . . 1960
- Lightweight models: 1 x 6 oz bottom, 2 x 6 oz deck. . . . . 1998. . . . . 2011
- Midweight models: 1 x 8 oz bottom, 2 x 8 oz deck. . . . . 1998. . . . . 2011
- Retro models: 1 x 10 oz bottom, 1 x 10 oz + 8 oz patch deck. . . . . 1998. . . . . 2011
- Signature models: Volan 1 x 10 oz bottom, 1 x 8 oz + patch deck. . . . . 1998. . . . . 2011

RESINS: polyester. . . . . 1956. . . . . 1977

FINS:

- Bat 1960. . . . . 1960
- Box, 2 bolt WAVE Set. . . . . 1968. . . . . 1970
- Fiberglass. . . . . 1956. . . . . 1977
- High density foam core. . . . . c1956. . . . . 1977
- Laminated wood. . . . . 1956. . . . . 1977
- Twin. . . . . 1968. . . . . 1698

COLOR:

- Air brushed hot coat. . . . . 1998. . . . . 2011
- Pigment panels. . . . . 1956. . . . . 1977
- Pigment panels, filled and leveled. . . . . 1998. . . . . 2011
- Oblique competition stripe. . . . . 1965. . . . . 1977
- Unpolished hot coat, with rail bead. . . . . 1949. . . . . 1965
- Unpolished hot coat, without rail bead. . . . . 1965. . . . . 1977

FINISH:

Gloss and polished. . . . . 1998. . . . . 2011

MISCELLANEOUS: Guaranteed against yellowing. . . . . 1967. . . . . 1967

NUMBERING: [Reliability = 2]

NOTE: All boards were numbered on the stringer. New numbering sequence was started every third year.

- 1 to 1,000. . . . . 1956. . . . . 1958
- 1 to 5,441. . . . . 1959. . . . . 1961
- 1 to 4,379. . . . . 1962. . . . . 1964
- 1 to 5,000. . . . . 1965. . . . . 1967
- 1 to 2,000. . . . . 1968. . . . . 1970
- 1 to 500. . . . . 1971. . . . . 1973
- 1 to 50. . . . . 1974. . . . . 1977
- Signature models: (limited to 250) production number / 250. . . . . 1998. . . . . 2011

Note: Customers could request a specific production number if available. All other boards are not numbered.

WEIGHTS:

NOTE: boards were average weight for 1960's, but much stronger.

- 24 lbs. . . . . 1956. . . . . 1956

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Other sources: [Dave Sweet History](#)

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