

OWNER: The Late Gyro "Archie" Fox (1936-2007), only shaper

FACTORY: La Jolla, Ca. . . . . started 1952. . . . . closed 1960

MODELS: "Stuka" (only) no logo, cross between a pin tail and pig. . . . . s 1957. . . . . x 1960

**BLANKS:**

Recycled stringerless balsa blanks. . . . . 1952. . . . . 1952

Balsa, solid stringerless, new. . . . . 1953. . . . . 1960

Clark foam, only 2 made with 1" to 1-1/2" balsa stringers. . . . . 1960. . . . . 1960

NOSE & TAILS: Extra glass reinforced. No blocks. . . . . 1952. . . . . 1960

RAILS: Full to pinched transitional. . . . . 1952. . . . . 1960

LOGO: 'Custom Surf Boards by Fox - La Jolla, Calif' **Figure 1**. . . . . s 1952. . . . . x 1960

Rubber stamped with black ink only on finished blank, usually one on the nose and one on the tail.

Note: This simulation is from Archies' 1958 production log book.



**Figure 1**

COLOR & ARTWORK: Some abstracts, opaques or tints only in the lamination. . . . . 1952. . . . . 1960

**GLASSING:**

Volan, some 8oz, most 10oz, 1 layer plus deck patch. . . . . 1952. . . . . 1960

Free lap. . . . . 1952. . . . . 1956

Cut lap, narrow. . . . . 1956. . . . . 1960

RESIN: Generic. . . . . 1952. . . . . 1960

**FINS:**

Un-beaded glassed on: **Figure 2** (Simulation). . . . . 1952. . . . . 1958

Beaded glassed on. . . . . 1958. . . . . 1960

Bat fins, **Figure 3** (Simulation) no more than 6 made (on personal boards only). . . . . 1952. . . . . 1953

Note: All fins were made in-house of laminated mahogany & other hardwoods glassed directly on the skin. Brads were driven into the base of the fins, re-sharpened and pushed into the stringer to hold the fin for glassing.



**Figure 2**



**Figure 3**

NUMBERING: None. About 65 made.

We would like to express our thanks to Archie Fox for his contributions to this profile.

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