

AS:

'Inspiration'	started 1967.	2012
'Sebastian Inlet'	started 1975.	closed 1980

OWNER: George Panton, shaper

FACTORIES: (E-mail)

Mission Beach, S.D., California (At George's Surf Shoppe factory)	s 1967.	x 1972
Cocoa Beach, Florida (1908 S. Orlando Ave.)	s 1972.	x 1978
Sebastian Inlet, Florida	s 1975.	x 1980
Melbourne Beach, Florida (8510-B., S.A1A Hwy.)	s 1977.	c 2000's
Thailand.	c 2000's.	2012

MODELS: Names are hand written on hot coat with repidograph pens.

"Classic"	s 1968.	c 1969
"Flying Saucer" 6'0" to 7'0", single 8" fin, round pin tail. About 16 made	s 1973.	x 1993
"Little" 7'11", single fin, square tail.	s 1967.	c 1968
"Sluggo"	s 1968.	c 1969
"Soap on a Rope" 6'8", square nose, 2+1 fins, square tail, 3 made to date	s 2007.	2012
"Watermelon"	s 1968.	c 1969

BLANKS:

Balsa: Chambered, only one reported to date.	1970's.	1970's
Foam:		
Clark.	1970.	2000
East Coast foam.	1970.	1995
Greg Loehr EPS	1995.	2012

STRINGERS:

Single, multiple, 3/4 length wedges & regular or reverse T-bands.	1970.	2012
Redwood, basswood, balsa or paper glue ups	1970.	2012

SHAPES: 6'2"-6'8", winger, guns, transitional

SHAPING: 80% custom, no machine pre-shaping or outsourcing

RAILS: Chimed.

LOGOS:

'Inspiration - Surfboards - Florida' Figure 1	s 1970.	2012
'Inspiration' Figure 2	s 1970.	2012

Note: Also some with the image in **Figure 1**



Figure 1



Figure 2

'Inspiration - Surfboards - Cocoa Beach Florida' **Figure 3**

'Inspiration - Surfboards - Cocoa Beach Florida' **Figure 4**



Figure 3



Figure 4

COLOR & ART:

Air brushed foam	1970.	2012
Oil based paint, glassed 'upside down', few done	1973.	1973
With the art work facing down, it is pre-coated with a thin coat of fast curing laminating resin. This allows any escaping air bubbles to rise into the board.		

Rail pin lines.

Full length murals.

GLASSING: Cut lap.

FINS:

Single, twin, tri, quad, quint, butterfly.....	1967.....	2012
24" fin box, made in-house.....	1970's.....	1970's
Rout a 24" long x 3/4" wide x 1" deep slot. Glass to 1/2" wide. Set fin by covering slot with sheet of newsprint, jam the in the fin, tear off excess paper and wet with water to expand paper and set the fin.		
Bonzer.....	1980's.....	2012
Unlimited removable.....	1967.....	2012
F.C.S., few.....	1990's.....	2012

NUMBERING: These boards are sequentially numbered.

1 to <584>.....	1970.....	1975
<585> to <1,128>.....	1976.....	1980
<1,129> to <1,752>.....	1981.....	1985
<1,753> to <2,336>.....	1986.....	1990
<2,337> to <2,920>.....	1991.....	1995
<2,921> to <3,504>.....	1996.....	2000
<3,505> to <4,088>.....	2001.....	2005
<4,089> to 4,671.....	2006.....	2010
4,671 and up.....	2011.....	2011

PRODUCTION:

Inspiration: See last serial number.
 Sebastian Inlet: About 1,500 made total.

We would like to express our thanks to George Panton for his contributions to this profile.
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