

AS:

'Hot V Machines' . . . . .	started 1968. . . . .	closed 1969
'Natural Expression' . . . . .	started 1969. . . . .	closed 1972
'Larmont' . . . . .	started 1973. . . . .	2011

OWNER: Mike Larmont, shaper

FACTORY: ([E-mail](#)) Durban, South Africa. . . . . s 1968. . . . . 2011

Subcontracted for: Lightning Bolt & Rip Curl

MODELS: None made to date, all brands.

BLANKS:

Wood: Ecuadorian balsa: (Larmont) 2 made to date. . . . . 1973. . . . . 2011

Foam:

Bennet. . . . . 1968. . . . . 1975

Midget Farrelly. . . . . 1975. . . . . 2011

OTHER SHAPERS:

Dean Cleary. . . . . 1977. . . . . 1979

Rod Davey. . . . . 2009. . . . . 2011

Selwyn Van Wyk. . . . . 1999. . . . . 1999

SHAPES:

50% custom, rest for walk-ins, display and R&D, no outsourcing . . . . . 1968. . . . . 2011

Guns & short boards. . . . . 1968. . . . . 2011

Bonzers & stingers. . . . . 1968. . . . . 1970's

Longboards. . . . . 1990's. . . . . 2011

Machine pre-shaping. . . . . 2000's. . . . . 2011

Pro Class boards outsourced. . . . . 1986. . . . . 2011

TAILS: Winged. . . . . 1968. . . . . 1970's

LOGO, Hot V Machines: 'The Hot V Machine' **Figure 1**. . . . . s 1968. . . . . x 1969

LOGO, Natural Expression: 'Natural Expression' **Figure 2**. . . . . s 1969. . . . . x 1972

LOGOS, Larmont:

'Larmont - Surfboards - Durban, South Africa' **Figure 3**. . . . . s 1973. . . . . x 1986



**Figure 1**



**Figure 2**



**Figure 3**

'Larmont - Surfboards' **Figure 4**. . . . . s 1974. . . . . x 1975

'Larmont' **Figure 5**. . . . . s 1975. . . . . 2011

'Larmont - Durban South Africa' **Figure 6**. . . . . s 1985. . . . . x 1989



**Figure 4**



**Figure 5**



**Figure 6**

'Larmont - Surfboards' **Figure 7**, seasonal. . . . . s 1995. . . . . x 1998

'Larmont - Surf- Durban, South Africa' **Figure 8**, seasonal. . . . . s 1999. . . . . x 2001

'LS - Durban, South Africa' **Figure 9**. . . . . s 2000. . . . . 2011



Figure 7



Figure 8



Figure 9

OTHER LOGOS:

'Pro Class Accessories' accessories promotional, **Figure 10**. . . . . s 1986. . . . . x 1990  
 'Pro Class' accessories promotional, **Figure 11**. . . . . s 2006. . . . . 2011



Figure 10



Figure 11

COLOR & ART:

Pigment panels, tints, air brushed murals. . . . . 1968. . . . . 1970's  
 Air brushing. . . . . 1968. . . . . 2011  
 Resin art. . . . . 1980's. . . . . 1980's  
 Pin lines. . . . . 1990's. . . . . 2011

GLASSING:

2 x 6 oz deck, 6 oz bottom. . . . . 1968. . . . . 1970's  
 6 oz deck, 6 oz bottom. . . . . 1980's. . . . . 2011  
 2 x 4 oz deck, 4 oz bottom. . . . . 2000's. . . . . 2011

Cloth:

Hexel. . . . . 1968. . . . . 2011  
 Canadian silene. . . . . 1980's. . . . . 1990's  
 JP Stevens. . . . . 2000's. . . . . 2011

Resin:

Natal Chemicals polyester. . . . . 1968. . . . . 2011  
 Silmar. . . . . 1990's. . . . . 2011

FINS:

Twin. . . . . 1968. . . . . 1970's  
 Glass-on. . . . . 1968. . . . . 1990's  
 Unlimited boxes. . . . . 1968. . . . . 1970's  
 F.C.S.. . . . . 1990's. . . . . 2011  
 Hand laid glass, some wood. . . . . 1968. . . . . 1990's

FINISH:

Glossed & polished. . . . . 1968. . . . . 1980's  
 Acrylic spray. . . . . 1990's. . . . . 2011  
 Glossed & polished. . . . . 2000's. . . . . 2011

NUMBERING:

None. . . . . 1968. . . . . 1972  
 Sequential: Specific data not available. . . . . 1973. . . . . 2011

PRODUCTION:

Hot V Machines: About 20 made total.  
 Natural Expression: About 140 made total.  
 Larmont: About 3,500 made to date.

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