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'Oahu' See also Surfboards Oahu. started 1963. closed 1964
 'Leedy'. started 1964. closed 1968
 'Surfboards California'. started 1964. closed 1967

OWNER: Dave C. Leedy, only shaper

FACTORIES:

Costa Mesa, California (685 Paularino). s 1963. x 1965
 Santa Ana, California (1919 Sherry Lane). s 1965. x 1968

MODELS: None reported to date.

BLANKS:

Foss, no balsa or other wood boards. 1963. 1968
 Foss, seconds on Surfboards California (Sold for \$69.95). 1964. 1967

STRINGERS:

Redwood, balsa up to 4", T-bands or multiple. 1963. 1968
 Routed: Some on SB Cal line. 1964. 1967
 These were routed up to 3" using a jig. Shallower cuts resulted in a stringer that did not connect in the middle of the board.

NOSE & TAIL BLOCKS: Hardwood or high impact glass blocks. 1963. 1968

SHAPES, Leedy: 'Surf Foil': Only 3 made. 1964. 1968

These high-end boards had 1/16" redwood wedge stringers from the sides of a square tail block of balsa, black walnut and high impact glass, tapering to the middle of the board. These were flanked by 1/16" black walnut stringers that continued to the nose. The high-density foam rails sandwiched a thin rail stringer, all of which was configured to pull water on top of the tail resulting in a trim closer to the nose. Fin had the logo in **Figure 2** laminated in a hole.

LOGOS, Oahu: Black & gold outline with bamboo letters. s 1963. x 1964

Inside the outline was an image of the Diamond Head and a grass shack from a phone book.

LOGOS, Leedy:

'L - Custom by Leedy (Costa Mesa)' **Figure 1**. s 1964. x 1968

'L' **Figure 2**. s 1964. x 1968

LOGOS, Surfboards California:

'Surfboards California - Newport Beach' **Figure 3**. s 1964. x 1967

Note: While these were made in Costa Mesa and Santa Ana, 'Newport Beach' was added to the logo as surfers of the day related to little east of P.C.H. (Hwy 1 or 101).



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

GLASSING:

2 x 10 oz (or custom) silene with deck patch, few of Volan. 1963. 1965
 8 oz, various layers. 1966. 1968

GLASSING, SB California: Single 10 oz or 11 oz silene scraps at different angles. 1964. 1967

RESIN: By Chevron. 1963. 1968

FINS: Beaded glass (clear or colored), wood or inlaid of walnut and ash by Richard Deese. 1963. 1968

Note: Most were surface mounted, some routed. Some wood fins had a hole with a logo similar to **Figure 2** in clear resin.

COLOR: Pigment panels, tints, pin lines. 1963. 1968

FINISH: Gloss & polished. 1963. 1968

NUMBERING: These boards were not numbered, dated or signed.

PRODUCTION:

Oahu: About 20 made.

Leedy: About 1,200 made.

Surfboards California: About 10 made.

MISCELLANEOUS: Financing 1964. 1964

We would like to express our thanks to Dave Leedy for his contributions to this profile.

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