

AS:

'Len Dibben'.....	started 1957.....	2012
'Surf Systems'.....	started 1982....	closed 1984
'Oz'.....	started 1984....	closed 1984
Promotional boards for Len's surf accessories business		
'Jimmy D'.....	started 1990....	closed 1996
A tribute to his dad, Jim Dibben		
'Apocalypse'.....	started 1991....	closed 1996

OWNER: Len Dibben, only shaper and all other functions

FACTORIES: ([Website](#))

Beacons Field, W. Australia (192 Hampton Rd.).....	started 1957.....	x 1960
Alfred Cove, W. Australia (56 Davy Street).....	s 1961.....	x 1961
North Fremantle, W. Australia		
(2 Stirling Hwy).....	s 1962.....	x 1964
(29 Stirling Hwy, in old Methodist church).....	s 1965....	closed 1986
Booragoon, W. Australia.....	re-started 1990.....	2012

MODELS:

"Competitor" Figure 1 , 7'0" to 8'6", most stringerless, single long rake fin, pin tail.....	s 1965.....	x 1969
About 250 made total.		
"Dolphin" Figure 2 About 80 made to date.....	s 2007.....	2012
5'6" to 8'6", twin, tri or quad fins, swallow or crescent tail, optional single or double wings.		
"Fun Gun" Figure 3 , 6'9" to 7'6", thruster fins, squash or round tail, about 175 made to date....	s 1990.....	2012



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

"Fun Gun" Figure 4 , 6'9" to 7'6", thruster fins, squash or round tail, about 90 made to date....	s 2002.....	2012
"Nose Rider" Figure 5 9'1" to 10'0", 2+1 fins, squash tail, about 80 made to date.....	s 1998.....	2012
"Surf Machine" Figure 6 , 6'1" to 6'9", tri fin, squash or round pin tail, about 75 made to date....	s 2002.....	2012



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6

BLANKS:

Wood:

Hollow plywood Okinuees, about 15 made.....	1957.....	1960
Solid balsa, 2 made of virgin wood, 1 re-cycled, source unknown.....	1961.....	2000

Foam:

Gordon Woods.....	1961.....	1960's
Bennett.....	1961.....	1970's
Surfblanks South Shore.....	1980's.....	1980's
Dion.....	1980's.....	2012
EPS.....	2011.....	2012
Vacuum bagging.....	2011.....	2012

STRINGERS:

3/4" to 1" Cedar or Red Maranti.....	1957.....	1960's
Stringerless.....	1965.....	1969
Pigment glue ups & cotton surface stringers.....	1970's.....	1970's
1/8" red or white woods.....	1970's.....	1990's
1/8" to 3/16" plywood or T-bands.....	2000's.....	2012

SHAPES:

Okinuees, no name or logo, 8'0" to 9'0", 18"-24" rib spacing, about 15 made.....	1957.....	1960
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Primarily custom, no outsourcing:

Long, short, guns.	1961.	2012
Fishes.	1970's.	2012
Mini mals.	1980's.	2012
Machine pre-shaping: Only 8 made.	1990's.	1990's

LOGOS, Len Dibben:

'Custom Built Surf Boards by Len Dibben (+ address & phone)' Figure 7	s 1961.	x 1963
'Len Dibben - Surfboards' Figure 8	s 1964.	x 1969
On longboards.	s 1992.	2012
'Hand Crafted by Len Dibben - Western Australia' Figure 9	s 1964.	2012

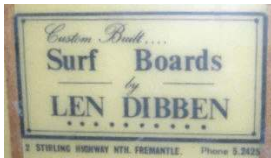


Figure 7



Figure 8



Figure 9

'Len Dibben - Custom' Figure 10	s 1967.	x 1998
'Len's Surf Shoppe' Figure 11 , about 100 were used.	s 1969.	x 1971
'Len Dibben - Surfboards - North Fremantle - Western Australia' Figure 12 , short boards.	s 1971.	x 1980



Figure 10



Figure 11



Figure 12

'Len Dibben - Handcrafted Surfboards - Western Australia - Since 1965' Figure 13	s 1972.	x 1977
Re-started.	s 2001.	2012
'Len Dibben - Surfboards - North Fremantle - Western Australia' Figure 14 , short boards.	s 1972.	x 1980
'Len Dibben - Surfboards - North Fremantle - Western Australia' Figure 15 , short boards.	s 1976.	x 1984
'Len Dibben' over 'Western Australia', text only.	1970's.	1970's



Figure 13



Figure 14



Figure 15

'Len Dibben - Handcrafted Surfboards - Booragoon, Perth - Western Australia' Figure 16	s 1990.	x 1997
Variety of colors.		
'LAD Shapes - Len Dibben' Figure 17	s 1990.	x 2000
'Len Dibben - Handcrafted Surfboards - Booragoon, Perth - Western Australia' Figure 18	s 1990.	2012
Some had damaged diamonds removed		



Figure 16



Figure 17



Figure 18

'Len Dibben - Handcrafted Surfboards' Figure 19	s 1992.	x 2000
'Len Dibben - Surf Designs' Figure 20	s 1998.	2012
'Len Dibben - Longboards - Western Australia' Figure 21	s 1999.	x 2000

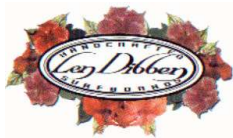


Figure 19



Figure 20



Figure 21

'Len Dibben - Longboards - Western Australia - since 1957' Figure 22	s 2000.	2012
'Len Dibben - Handcrafted Surfboards - Western Australia' Figure 23	s 2010.	2012
LOGO, Surf Systems: 'Surf Systems - Western Australia' Figure 24	s 1982.	x 1984



Figure 22



Figure 23



Figure 24

LOGO, Oz: 'Oz - Surfboards' Figure 25	s 1984.	x 1984
LOGO, JD: 'Jimmy 'D'' Figure 26	s 1990.	x 1996



Figure 25



Figure 26

LOGOS, Apocalypse:

'Apocalypse' Figure 27 Red, yellow or blue.	s 1991.	x 1996
'Handcrafted by Len Dibben' Figure 28 On the nose.	s 1991.	x 1996



Figure 27



Figure 28

OTHER LAMINATES:

'Gone Surfin' Figure 29 , on longboards..	s 1998.	2012
'Dolphin' Figure 30 , on swallow tail fishes.	s 2002.	2012
Various 'Made in Australia' Figure 31	s 2010.	2012



Figure 29



Figure 30



Figure 31

COLOR & ART:

Clear, stripes.	1961.	2012
Pigment panels.	1961.	1960's
Tints.	1961.	1970's
Air brush fades, pin lines, murals.	1961.	2012

GLASSING:

2 x 10 oz deck & bottom, cut lap.	1961.	1966
10 oz deck & bottom + deck patch, cut lap.....	1966.	1970's
8 oz deck & bottom or 2 x 6 oz bottom or 2 x 6 oz deck, 6 oz bottom + tail patch.	1970's.	1980's
Longboards: 6oz + 4oz + 4oz patch deck, 2 x 4oz bottom.	1990's.	2012

Short boards: 6oz + 4oz deck, 5oz bottom.	1990's.	2012
Cloth:		
Volan.	1961.	1990's
Silene.	1966.	2012
Resin:		
Isophthalic resin.	1965.	1969
Polyester.	1966.	2012
Epoxy.	2011.	2012

FINS:

Single.	1957.	2012
Twin.	1970's.	2012
Thrusters, quads.	1980's.	2012
Glued on wood (hollow boards).	1957.	1960
Fiber & resin beaded of: Marinti, Nyarta, Jarrah, pine & Oregon woods.	1961.	1963
Glass, glassed into in-house boxes, some Wave Set or Safe Set.	1964.	1970's
Glass & foam.	1970's.	1970's
Plywood.	2007.	2012
F.C.S..	1994.	2012
Swivel.	1998.	2012
Finz System (Soar).	1990's.	2012

FINISH:

Wood:		
Hollow: Varnished.	1957.	1960
Solid balsa: Polyester or epoxy resin.	1961.	2009
Foam:		
Glossed with polished rails.	1961.	1960's
Glossed & polished.	1970's.	2012
Wet/dry sanded to 600d.	1990's.	2012
Acrylic spray.	1990's.	1990's

NUMBERING: These boards are sequentially numbered. Custom boards are also dated.

1 to 4,745.	1961.	2010
4,746 and up.	2011.	2011

PRODUCTION:

- Len Dibben: See last serial number.
- Surf Systems: About 150 made total.
- Oz promos: About 5 made total.
- Jimmy D: About 150 made total.
- Apocalypse: About 150 made total.

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