

Shapes by French

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'Shapes by French'	started 1989.	2012
'French'	started 2005.	2012

OWNER: Gordon French, shaper

FACTORY: Aloha, Oregon. s 1989. 2012

MODELS: None reported to date.

BLANKS:

Wood:

Ecuadorian pre-chambered balsa, 1 made to date.....	1998.	1998
Composite: EPS/balsa.....	2007.	2012

Foam:

Clark.....	1989.	2012
Point blanks.	1998.	1999
Shuler: EPS	2002.	2012

NOSE BLOCKS: Balsa or western red cedar. 1994. 2012

STRINGERS:

Basswood:.....	1989.	2012
Wedges: Balsa or western red cedar.....	1994.	2012
Western red cedar.....	1993.	2012
Plywood: 1/8".....	2003.	2012
T-bands.....	1995.	2012
XPS: 1-1/2"	2005.	2012

TAIL BLOCKS: Mahogany, balsa, western red cedar, some combinations. 1994. 2012

OTHER SHAPERS:

Jason French.....	2000.	2000
Jessica French.....	2000.	2000

SHAPES: Custom..... 1989. 2012

LOGOS:

'Shapes by French' Figure 1	s 1985.	x 1995
'Shapes by French' Figure 2 , all dated & signed.....	s 1997.	x 2001
'Shapes by French - Gun' Figure 3 , only two made.....	s 1999.	x 2000



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

'Shapes by French - Epoxy' **Figure 4**. s 2002. 2012

'French' **Figure 5**, used on long boards only. s 2005. 2012

'Chambered - Shapes By French - Balsa' **Figure 6**. s 1998. x 1998



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6

GLASSING:

4 & 6 oz S glass.	1989.	2000
4 & 6 oz E glass.	1995.	2012
4 to 10 oz Volan glass.	1995.	2012
Vacuum bagged EPS.	1989.	1997
Re-started.	2007.	2012

RESIN: Polyester or epoxy. 1989. 2012

FINS:

Chinook strong boxes.....	1989.....	2012
Glassed on or Rainbow.....	1989.....	2012
Hand shaped divinity cell foam core with glass bead.....	2002.....	2012
Hand shaped wood by French or One World or fiberglass.....	1997.....	2012
COLOR: All art work by Gordon French		
Pigmented resin panels.....	1995.....	2012
Pin lines: Acrylic of pigment.	1990.....	2012
FINISH:		
Polyester boards: Glossed & polished.	1989.....	2012
Epoxy:		
Sanded to matt finish:.....	1989.....	1995
Glossed & polished.....	1996.....	2012
NUMBERING: [Reliability = 10] All boards are dated, no numbers.	1989.....	2012

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