

OWNER: Dr. Bruce "Snake" Gabrielson , shaper

FACTORIES: ([Website](#))

Huntington Beach, California (Garfield & Delaware).....	started 1969.	x 1978
Limited production.	s 1979.	x 2004
Chesapeake Beach, Maryland.	s 2005.	2015

MODELS:

"Gray Ghost" 6'6" to 7'8", single fin, round diamond tail, about 40 made.	s 1971.	x 1978
No logo, grey pigment coat		
"John Van Ornum" (VO) 6'0" to 6'8", single fin, diamond tail, about 50 made.	s 1971.	x 1973
No logo, 20 shaped by John, with "JO" initials		
NOTE: Template on display at the International Surfing Museum in Huntington Beach, Ca.		
"Snake Signature", Figure 5 , 9'0" to 9'6", single or tri fins, diamond tail, about 20 made to date. s 2012.	2015	
"Tim Wirick" No logo, 6'7" to 7'6", single fin early, tri fin later, diamond tail, about 50 made... s 1972.	x 1974	
Carried a gray Wave Trek logo, Figure 2 .		

BLANKS:

Wood: Solid San Salvadorian balsa: 4 made to date.....	1970.	2015
Foam:		
Rogers.	1969.	1974
Clark.	1974.	1978
Walker.	2005.	2015
East coast brands.	2005.	2015
Marco (EPS).	2012.	2015

OTHER SHAPERS:

Dave Sobel.	2005.	2010
LaRoy Dennis.	1973.	1978
Steve Rehl.	1975.	1976
Vallen Krimbow.	1974.	1976
NOTE: All Wave Trek boards, except for those signed by Rehl, were shaped using	1969.	1978
Dale Velzy's original planer, the one used for his balsas and first foam board.		

SHAPES:

Hawaiian guns, about 300 made.	1969.	1976
High Performance, about 2,400 made.....	1969.	1978
Produced for ranked surfers. The surfer and shapers names were written on the stringer followed by special serial numbers.		
Pocket rocket guns.	1970.	1972
Transitional.	1969.	1976
Fishes & longboards.	2005.	2015

NOSE:

Pointed & kicked.....	1969.	1960's
Turned down rails.	1970's.	1978

TAIL:

Pin	1969.	2015
All types.	1970.	2015

RAILS: Turned down, hard. 1971. 1973

LOGOS:

'Wave Trek' Figure 1	s 1969.	x 1969
Less than 10 boards were made with this logo. Too much black in the artwork caused lifting from sun exposure.		
'Wave Trek' Figure 2	s 1969.	x 2004
'Wave Trek - Surfboards' Figure 3	s 2002.	2015



Figure 1

Wave Trek

Figure 2



Figure 3

'Wave Trek - Surfboards' **Figure 4**. s 2005. 2015
 SIGNATURES:
 'Snake - Gabrielson' **Figure 5**, laminate. s 2007. 2015



Figure 4



Figure 5

COLOR:

Air brushing by Bob Milfield ('69-'76). 1969. 1980
 Opaque pigment & other colors. 1969. 1980's

GLASSING:

Short boards: 6 oz, deck & bottom. 1969. 2015
 Longboards: 6 oz & 4 oz deck patch (some), 6 oz bottom. 1969. 2015
 Cut lap volan, few after 2005. 1969. 2015
 Free lap silene. 1974. 2015

RESINS: Typical for period. 1969. 2015

FINS:

Own glassed on glass fins. 1969. 1978
 Fins Unlimited (longboards). 1969. 2015
 O'Fish'L (short boards). 2005. 2015
 Single. 1969. 2015
 Tri 1990's. 2015

FINISH:

Glossed & polished. 1969. 2015
 Sanded. 2005. 2015

NUMBERING: [Reliability = 9.5] Note: Numbering started at 100.

<100> to <423>. 1969. 1970
 <424> to <1,311>. 1971. 1975
 <1,312> to <1,560>. 1976. 1978
 Dated with the year. 2005. 2015

NOTE: Some team riders shaped their own boards and may have initialed them.

PRODUCTION: Volume data not available.

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