

Hobie No. 13208 Stock Model

Date

c. 1960

Primary Maker

Hobie Surfboards

Medium

Foam, Balsa

Description

After experimenting with foam for a couple of years, Hobie Alter made a breakthrough in 1958; he finally achieved the right skin hardness for shapeability with the right core density for strength. He decided to set up a separate foam-blowing operation in nearby Laguna Canyon and recruited one of his glassers, Gordon "Grubby" Clark, to make polyurethane surfboard blanks. Almost immediately, Gidget was released, and surfing - and the demand for surfboards - boomed. The new foam boards were called Speedo Sponges and Flexi-Fliers, and Hobie was soon manufacturing 250 a week. Clark eventually took over the foam operation, renaming it Clark Foam. This board is a stock model. It is foam with red panels and a 1-inch balsa stringer. It has a multi-laminated fin with glass bead. It is an ultra-clean never ridden board. It Hobie serial number is #13208.

Dimensions

Board: 9 7/16 ft., 22 x 3 1/2 in., 26 lb. (287.6 x 55.9 x 8.9 cm, 11.8 kg) Nose: 16 in. (40.6 cm) Tail: 15 in. (38.1 cm)



