



G rard Dabbadie shaped his first board in 1972. A surf fanatic, he worked first on his own riding style and technique, then used the experience and his contact with the top surfers of the day to start creating his own highly personalized shapes that quickly found favor with many top European riders. In 1975 while based in Hossegor, France (Surf Capital of Europe) he created his signature board brand “Superfrog”, and went on to become a full-time professional shaper. With his philosophy of “shaping easy, fun-to-ride boards, for all kinds of conditions, with no compromise on strength and performance”, Gerard wasn’t content to follow trends of the day. He was among the first to build boards using epoxy resin and EPS foam, at the time a radical departure from the traditional mix of polyurethane foam and polyester resin that was much heavier and less durable. A small detail perhaps, but one that really made his name among the pro surfers of the period. 40 (!) years on, and Gerard is as attentive as ever to the detail of how his boards are made.

In addition to nuanced details of board shape and design, which he clearly knows inside-out, what’s behind all the wave-riding fun is an understanding of modern, reliable, 100% faithful manufacturing techniques, so he’s fully confident in the quality and performance of every production board he designs. Superfrog boards are first pre-shaped using the AKU shaping tool, then hand-finished before being coated with fiberglass and epoxy resin. Two 6 ounce layers of fiberglass on the bottom and two 6 plus one 4 ounce layer on the deck for shortboards, three 6 ounce layers on the longboards.

There is no other board on the market that has so many fiberglass layers, and therefore such strength. Even so, Superfrog boards are amazingly light, the result of 30 years of experience using this construction technology and best quality raw materials on the market, plus the passion to make it happen. But for Gerard, it’s all about shaping and surfing, rather than dreaming up marketing spiel : NO BLAH BLAH BLAH, as the man himself would and does say.





FIRST BLANK... 1972

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DABBADIE

L'œil rivé sur la lèvre, le bottom qui arrache. Les petits jeunes peuvent encore prendre de



SEVENTIES DESIGNS

le circuit EPSA mais plus pour l'esp
que par volonté de gagner (N'oubli
même les nombreux titres de cham
dans les années 70 et de champion

Dabadie envoie encore.
39 ANS - HOSSEGOR

"Découvrez le mid board :



CONTESTS

compétition avec des planches de 8 pieds
seulement."



INTERVIEW

GERARD DABADIE Champion d'Europe 1975



Propos recueillis par Surf roll-surf

Originaire de Pau, mais tous ses été
d'été, il se trouve dans l'eau, à Hossegor.
Champion d'Europe de Surf en 1975, nous
l'avons rencontré à Bordeaux où il a bien
voulu répondre à nos questions.



FIRST SHAPE



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5'8	5'10	6'0	6'2	6'4	6'0	6'4	6'8	7'0	7'4	8'2	9'0	9'2	10'0	5'10	6'0	6'2	6'4	
Length x Width	5'8" x 22"	5'10" x 22"	6'0" x 20.5"	6'2" x 21"	6'4" x 21.5"	6'0" x 20.5"	6'4" x 20.6"	6'8" x 21"	7'0" x 21.5"	7'4" x 22"	8'2" x 22"	9'0" x 22.15"	9'2" x 22.85"	10'0" x 23.75"	5'10" x 18.875"	6'0" x 19"	6'2" x 19.125"	6'4" x 19.5"
Thickness	173cm x 56cm	178cm x 56cm	183cm x 52cm	188cm x 53cm	193cm x 54cm	183cm x 52cm	193cm x 52.5cm	203cm x 53.5cm	213cm x 54.5cm	224cm x 56cm	248cm x 56cm	275cm x 56.5cm	278cm x 58cm	305cm x 60cm	178cm x 46cm	183cm x 48cm	188cm x 48.5cm	194cm x 49.5cm
Volume	2.38" 6.0cm	2.75" 7.0cm	2.38" 6.0cm	2.50" 6.4cm	2.75" 7.0cm	2.68" 6.8cm	2.75" 7.0cm	2.50" 6.4cm	3.00" 7.6cm	2.68" 6.8cm	2.75" 7.0cm	2.68" 6.8cm	3.18" 8.1cm	3.38" 8.6cm	2.25" 5.7cm	2.31" 5.9cm	2.38" 6.0cm	2.50" 6.4cm
Fin Set-Up	39L	43L	34.5L	38L	45L	36L	40L	40L	50L	55L	62L	70L	85L	92L	26L	27L	29L	32L
Fin Supplied	Thruster Tri + Quad	Thruster Tri + Quad	Thruster Tri	Thruster Tri	Thruster Tri	Thruster Tri + Quad	Thruster Tri + Quad	Thruster Tri + Quad	Thruster Tri + Quad	Thruster Tri + Quad	Thruster Tri + Quad	Thruster Tri	US Center Box + Sides	US Center Box	Thruster Tri	Thruster Tri	Thruster Tri	Thruster Tri
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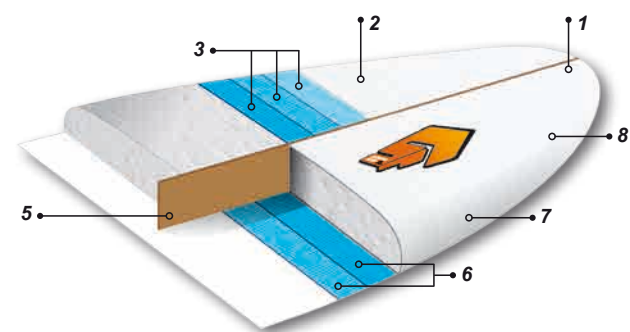


Two Beans in a Pod



The width of a longboard + the length of a shortboard = incredible planning and performance, particularly on small and mushy waves. With a relatively straight rocker line these boards surf just like a skateboard. New 5'10 size fits bigger riders.

All our Bean boards come with 5 fin plugs to run it either as a thruster or a quad.



- 1- Reinforced nose and tail areas
- 2- Transparent polymer «Top Quality» material finish
- 3- Epoxy Resin and Fiberglass – two layers 6oz + 1 4oz (Egg/Fish/Hydro) or three 6 oz. (Longboard)
- 4- Proprietary EPS lightweight blank. Density 26kg
- 5- Wood stringer
- 6- Epoxy Resin and Fiberglass – two layers of 6oz
- 7- Additional reinforcement along rails
- 8- Seamless finished rail



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The Egg Basket



A super popular design that mixes the legendary Wombat shape with an EGG. Ease of paddling, smooth soft turns and versatility are built into these designs. They surf where you want them to and are the perfect all round fun shortboards for anything from knee high to overhead.

This year available as a 6'0, 6'2 and 6'4 for an extended range of rider profiles.

Weggs come with 3 fin plugs for a thruster fin set-up.



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The Fish Bowl



Hydro-Fish boards are designed for easy surfing in all conditions with the high-end performance of a shortboard. Different sizes allow you to fine tune your choice according to desired performance vs. ease of use. The larger 6'8" & 7'0" boards deliver the fun surfing of a mini-mal with the look of a shortboard. The wide pointy nose helps catch waves easily and provides stability for take offs, while the narrow winger swallow tail gives great drive off the bottom turn and control off the top. Super versatile, these boards will surf in anything, from mush to tubes.

Thruster or Quad Fin set-up allows you to adjust the board to your style.

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Closer to the Nose

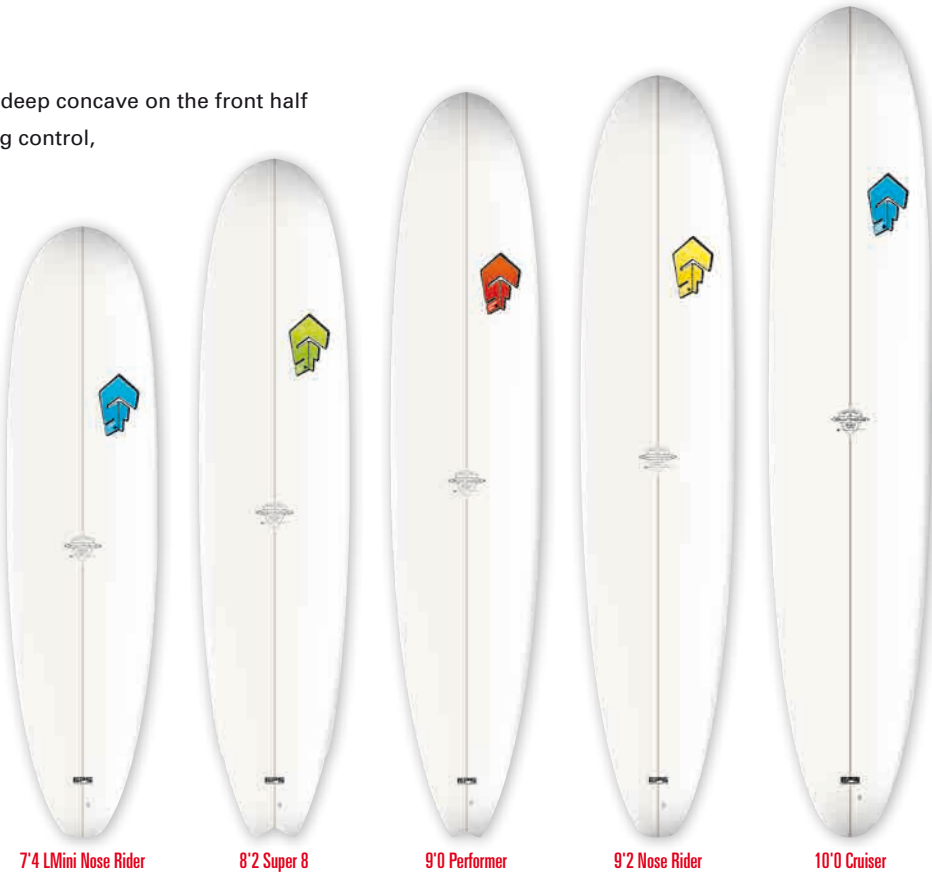


7'4" Mini Nose Rider & 8'2" Super 8 As wide as a 9'0 Longboard, but only 7'4" or 8'2" long, these boards offer maximum glide and still turn like an Egg. A winger swallow tail on the 8'2" gives extra bite during tight turns. Boards also come with thruster or quad fin set-up.

9'0" Performer An all-round longboard made for modern performance in more powerful waves. Good rocker at the front combined with a subtle concave and progressive lift in the tail make this board extra loose and maneuverable, yet you can still ride it on the nose. A favorite among Hossegor's longboard locals!

9'2" Nose Rider A traditional shape with a deep concave on the front half of the board for maximum glide and nose riding control, combined with a subtle vee in the tail for solid rail-to-rail transitions. Lots of volume positioned evenly throughout the board for a well-balanced ride.

10'0" Cruiser One of the easiest boards to ride, a real cruiser when paddling out, catching waves and while surfing. Precise volume placement means that this board is perfect for the heaviest of riders, as well as those wanting to get the most out of small or soft waves. Surprisingly maneuverable for its length, the Cruiser is a true longboard that will also work great if you end up riding some famous tidal bores.



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Ready to Rumble



Superfrog Misfit boards are designed as everyday easy riding shortboards without limits in performance. Colorful boards for colorful surfers looking for performance without compromising stability and control.

- Three main ingredients have been included in the shape:
- The rocker has been specifically designed for fast and easy entry into waves and to carry speed across flat sections.
 - The rails are soft and forgiving through the front section of the board to eliminate catching, but transition to hard edges through the tail which releases water easily and reduces drag.
 - The outline compliments the rocker by being slightly wider through the nose and tail; these are subtle differences to the eye but make the board very user friendly without detracting from performance.

Misfit shortboards come in 5'10, 6'0, 6'2 or 6'4 sizes to match a wide range of rider weights and skill levels.



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