

THE UGLY SPECIAL EDITION
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Q: Why is the Special Edition made to the specifications established in 1966?

A: The Ugly is considered one of the most difficult designs to shape. The Ugly became special because when Bob Purvey came up with the composition of The Ugly he did not conform to the standards of longboard design and thought only of what would function to enable him to nose ride for the longest time. “A really wide nose, turned up rails with a long, deep concave underneath, along with a wide, kicked up tail, with turned up rails.” is what Purvey told Con Colburn, his Con Surfboards manufacturer and sponsor when Purvey described his original design. He first displayed its capabilities in front of the audience at the 2nd Morey-Pope Pro Invitational Noseriding Championships that Purvey won and, as a result, Purvey proved that the design worked. The Ugly became the hottest selling board in the world throughout 1967 and the last successful longboard design of the classic longboard era. Nevertheless, The Ugly has since become the standard bearer for nose rider designs and is the measuring stick that most shapers compare their nose-rider design’s capabilities. Since the return of longboards, post the short board era of the 1970’s, noseriding (better known now as “Tipriding”) has also returned and is now being recognized as an art form within an art form. Demand for The Ugly has also become prevalent again and as a result, Purvey and 12th Floor have decided to make the Special Edition of The Ugly for those who wish to become part of the original era that has proven its worth over the true test of time.

Q: What length does the Special Edition come in?

A: We make any length from nine feet (9’) to eleven feet (11’). The first Ugly Bob Purvey rode was 9’ 8”. He was 5’ 11” tall and weighed 165 lbs with an average body frame.

Q: What width is it?

A: The Ugly Special Edition width is between twenty two and a half inches (22 1/2”) to twenty three inches (23”), depending on the length. The width is proportioned to the length and follows the unique Ugly template.

Q: How are the rails shaped?

A: In the 60’s, it was 50-50 rails throughout the middle, 60-40 approaching the tip and tail and then turned up at the tip and tail. The original template had parallel rails throughout the middle and a blunt tip.

Q: How thick is it?

A: It’s generally 2.75” to 3.5” depending on length.

Q: How is the stringer made?

A. There are Cedar 1/4” wood stringers that sandwich a high-density foam center, which spreads apart as it graduates to the tip. The stringer that spreads enables us to get the wide 20” nose that the Ugly is known for and originated.

Q: What kind of fiber glass is used to laminate the the shaped blank?

A: Volan fiberglass is used exclusively on The Ugly SE.

Q: Should I get a glassed on fin or a fin-box?

A: A glassed on laminated fin is included. Nonetheless, we will make a boxed fin and provide the fin (included in the price).

Q: Do I need a tail and nose block?

A: Nose blocks and tail blocks protect the tip and tail from severe damage. Both are optional.

Q: Do I have to be an expert to be able to ride The Ugly?

A: The Ugly makes you want to nose ride and challenges you to stay on the nose longer than you can imagine. It's also great for beginners because of its tremendous stability from side to side, front to tail. The Ugly design is not only extremely stable but it is also very forgiving and keeps you from making mistakes. It helps make you a noserider or even a better noserider.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to to contact 310-457-8306 or uglyboards@theuglysurfboard.com