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Fanatic Skate 100

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V: 100 L: 235 W: 63.5

The ride: Since this board is used by the world's top pro freestyler one might overlook it as a specialized board just for hucking crazy tricks. This would be a shame as the Skate is a great all-round board as well. It reacts to the smallest gusts planing up early and coasting through hulls with incredible efficiency. Your feet easily find the centred footstraps even if you're just progressing into smaller boards for the first time. Its straight-line speed can easily match the freestyle wave boards so long as you ride with a modern upright hips-in stance and do a bit of trim work. It's smoother through chop than most other freestyle boards but not as smooth as the freestyle waves. If you choose to use the chop for catching some air the Skate will gladly soar. Fanatic supplies the board with a smallish freestyle fin that gives plenty of lift for the inboard freestyle strap placement.

The jibe: Part of the reason this is a great freestyle board is it is well balanced when on its rail. Jibes are easy to initiate and the thick tail supports even the heaviest amount of back foot pressure. Of the small boards, this was the easiest to plane out of jibes on. Steep chop makes carving trickier but its balanced feel allows you to learn the art of driving the rail deeper into your turns to smooth things out. Letting the board carve on its own makes for a wider arc that progressing sailors can easily adapt too, while advanced riders can tighten the turn when needed.

The forte: This is a board that helps you learn your first aerial move, the Vulcan, just as easily as the latest and most difficult switchstance trick. None of the other boards in the test even come close for this facet of the sport.



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FANATIC CONNECTION

Rider: Marcilio Browne

SKATE TE

THE WORLD CHAMPS!

Rider: Gollito Estredo

The Freestyle world gets more twisted by the day. And as fast as 2 times Freestyle World Champion Gollito Estredo and Fanatic's hottest new talent Marcilio "Brawzinho" Browne come up with new tricks, our shaper Sebastian Wenzel matches their skills with design. In fact Sebastian's never pushed his CAD Software to the max like now. Thanks to Gollito, Brawzinho and Andre Paskowski's input, the Skate line's leapt into a new dimension born of generations of global test winners. A big part of the Skates' cutting edge success is its total ease of use. For Freestyle newbies and champions alike it's fast-planing and simple to ride. The three shapes in the all-new line-up include 100 and 110-litre sizes, plus a 90-litre model for high winds and lighter sailors in Team Edition only. The standard 100 and 110 construction is also in a lightweight Biax Glass construction with light finish – for the best value weight, durability and price combo. All three Team Edition styles feature featherweight Carbon Kevlar deck and Biax Carbon bottom construction. Put simply, they're the lightest and stiffest high-performance Freestylers we've ever made!

KEY FEATURES

- Rounder nose and slight increase of outline width
- Thinner rails between the feet for improved carving freestyle manoeuvres
- Fuller and softer rails in the nose for catch-free sliding

2006, 2008 PWA Freestyle World Champion Gollito Estredo:

"The new Skates match the pace of the Freestyle discipline. Developing the new shapes with Sebastian was a major part of my way to the world title. Just having these boards inspires me daily to take Freestyle to the next level."

Rider: Andre Paskowski



Skate TE

Skate BGS

CAD SHARED						
Board	Vol.	Length	Width	Weight	Technology	Fittings
Skate 90 TE	90	232	60	TBA*	CK / LF TE***	Skate Prepreg Fin 20, Power Box; Sailsiz: 4.0–6.6 m²
Skate 100 // Skate 100 TE	100	235	63,5	TBA*	BGS / LF** // CK / LF TE***	Skate Prepreg Fin 22, Power Box; Sailsiz: 4.5–7.0 m²
Skate 110 // Skate 110 TE	110	237	66,5	TBA*	BGS / LF** // CK / LF TE***	Skate Prepreg Fin 24, Power Box; Sailsiz: 5.0–7.5 m²
*Please check www.fanatic.com for final weights!					** Biax Glass Sandwich Light Finish	*** Carbon Kevlar Light Finish/TE