

Hull Weight By Builder

According To The Sales Literature

This list is intended to provide owners with a basis for comparison so they can determine if their hull is becoming waterlogged. Since the Sunfish fiberglass hull is laid-up by hand weight can vary some, but it's generally accepted that a hull weighing in excess of the published weight by 10 lbs or more warrants further investigation and possible corrective action.

See the [Sunfish Serial Number Look-up](#) for more historical information

From the member supported files at Sunfish_Sailor
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sunfish_sailor

Alcort, Inc. (originator of the brand-name Sunfish)

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| 1952 to 1969+ | Wood hull | 142 lbs |
| 1960 to 1969 | Fiberglass Hull | 139 lbs |

AMF / Alcort Division

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| 1969 to 1985 | Fiberglass Hull | 139 lbs |
| | | 129 lbs in the later years |

An impromptu weigh-in at a race revealed dry hull weight's to vary by +/- 10% ⁽¹⁾

Alcort Sailboats, Inc. (no relation to the original Alcort, Inc.)

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| 1985 to 1988 | Fiberglass Hull | 129 lbs (unverified) |
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Pearson Yachts

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| 1988 to 1991 | Fiberglass Hull | 129 lbs |
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Purported to vary greatly in weight due to inconsistent manufacturing practices. ⁽²⁾

Sunfish / Laser

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| 1991 to 1997 | Fiberglass Hull | 129 lbs |
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Vanguard

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| 1997 to 2007 | Fiberglass Hull | 120 lbs |
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LaserPerformance

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| 2007 to Present | Fiberglass Hull | 120 lbs |
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(1) [The Sunfish Bible](#), Will White, Omega³ Press

(2) No citable evidence, but it's a general consensus at Sunfish_Sailor and The Sunfish Forum a portion of the production built while Sunfish was under the short-lived Pearson stewardship were so light as to be considered flimsy. Since Sunfish performance and hull integrity depends much on the hull retaining rigidity it's doubtful many of these have survived this long if they were sailed regularly.