

“Surfin’ Safari”/“409”

Label 62

Capitol

4777

Orange/yellow swirl label without subsidiary print.

First pressing



01A (Keystone print)

Factories: Scranton



01B (Bert-Co print)

Factories: Los Angeles

Labels printed for distribution on the west coast had large song times through August, 1962. Since this single came out in June, 1962, all original copies from the west coast have this label.

The single was previewed in *Billboard* in the June 9, 1962, issue – in which it earned a four-star rating. The July 14th issue reported the song as a regional breakout – not in Los Angeles but in Detroit. It debuted at #85 on August 11th. By September it was a top-ten hit in Australia and was still climbing its way up the American charts. In the October 13th issue it peaked at #14 in *Billboard* and #10 in *Cash Box*.



BEACH BOYS
★★★★ *Surfin' Safari*—CAPITOL 4777—
The beach scene gets a rolling, rocking
treatment on this side by the boys. Tune
swings along neatly on lead singer's talent
and support of the rest of the group.
(Guild, BMI) (2:05)
★★★ 409—(Sea of Tunes, BMI) (1:58)

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02B (Bert-Co print)

B(i) – The line showing the time is not in bold face. There is no blank line below 4777.

B(ii) – The line showing the time is not in bold face. There is a blank line below 4777.

B(iii) – The line showing the time is in bold face. There is no blank line above BMI.

B(iv) – The line showing the time is in bold face. There is a blank line above BMI on the A-side.

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03B (Bert-Co print)

The line showing the time is in bold face. The B-side publishing credit, which had been given as “Sea of Tunes” on all west-coast copies, now reads “Sea of Tunes Pub. Co.” Copies of the single pressed in Scranton continued to indicate “Sea of Tunes Music.” These copies of the single were pressed from mid-1963 on.

Picture sleeve PS1A(east coast):

The sleeve is cut straight across the top on both sides. The sleeve is semi-glossy. PS1A(a) has a deep blue background behind the titles. "409" is at the top on the open side of the sleeve, but the sleeve is folded in such a way that there is very little overlap from one side to the other.

PS1A(b) has brighter colors than PS1A(a) or PS1B. "409" is at the top on the open side of the sleeve. Some copies have even lighter colors; this is probably a printing variation.

PS1A(c) has dull background colors. "Surfin' Safari" is at the top on the open side of the sleeve. Possibly from the west coast.



Picture sleeve PS1B (west coast):

The sleeve is cut straight across the top on both sides.

The sleeve has a deep blue background behind the titles. "409" is at the top on the open side of the sleeve. The sleeve is textured rather than being semi-glossy.



Capitol's printers were both producing straight-cut sleeves until c. May, 1963. Consequently, picture sleeves from the east and west look very similar to one another. From that later time on, Bert-Co printed sleeves with a tab at the top, allowing for easier removal of the single.

Label SL65

Capitol Star Line 6095

Green/light green swirl label. "The" has been added to the artist's name.

Released October 24, 1966.

Factory: Scranton

The information at the right of the label, including the catalog number, is in the same typeface as the 1962 pressing.

Factory: Los Angeles

The label information is in a shorter, bolder typeface.



Label SL67x

Capitol Star Line 6095
Red/white target label with subsidiary rim print.
Mid-1968, to November, 1971
Factory: Scranton

The catalog number is in a narrow typeface.

Copies SL67x(i) have the title and artist name closer to the center hole.

Copies SL67x(ii) have the title and artist name moved away from the center hole.

Factory: Los Angeles

The typeface is similar to the 1967 pressing, but the information has been moved around.



Label SL72

Capitol Star Line 6095
Dull gold label with "C" logo.
November, 1972, to September, 1975
Factories: Los Angeles; Jacksonville; Winchester



Label SL72r

Capitol Star Line 6095
Dull gold label with "C" logo and rights disclaimer.
September, 1975, to March, 1978
Factories: Los Angeles; Winchester



Label SL78

Capitol Star Line 6095
Dull gold label with dome logo
March, 1978, to November, 1981
Factories: Los Angeles; Winchester



Label SL81A

Capitol Star Line A-6095
Blue Star Line label with A- prefix.
Factories: Los Angeles; Winchester



Label SL81X

Capitol Star Line X-6095
Blue Star Line label with X- prefix.
Factories: Los Angeles?; Jacksonville; Winchester



Label 83

Capitol X-6095
Rainbow label with rim print in color band.
Factories: Specialty



Label 88

Capitol X-6095
Purple label with small logo; rim text starts with "MANUFACTURED."
Factory: Specialty

