



How to take a good photo for skate ID

- Take the photograph from directly above and as high as you can so you capture the whole of the body of the skate, the end of the tail is less important
- Try to avoid strong shadow or sunlight on the skate (we realise this is difficult to do on rare sunny days in Scotland – dull days are best for skate photos!) as this will make spot patterns difficult to distinguish
- Try not to include people in your photos, at least not their faces so that they can't be recognised
- Please also record the following:
 1. The position where the skate was photographed (this will only be described in general terms [e.g. "the central Firth of Lorn"] to anyone other than the project partners)
 2. The date and time the photo was taken
 3. Width and length of the skate (if available)
 4. Port of embarkation/disembarkation (if available)
 5. Angling platform (charter boat, private boat, caught from shore – if available)
 6. The name of the photographer
- Please email the photo to skates@sams.ac.uk or upload at skates.sams.ac.uk



Photo should be taken from directly above and high enough to fit the whole body of the skate in the frame of the photo.



The glare makes the patterns on this skate more difficult to distinguish, try and shade the skate if possible on very sunny days.



The skate is flat on the deck and the whole body is contained in the photo with no glare or shadows.

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THANK YOU!