

TAHOE 225



The new-for-2008 Tahoe 225 is designed for families that do it all, from cruising to swimming to fishing to skiing. This beamy single-console deckboat offers lots of deck space and runs smooth and dry on open water. With a seating capacity of 12, a refreshment center, removable table with two locations and a Sony AM/FM/CD with MP3 port and four speakers, it is designed to entertain both friends and family in style.

The 225 features a bow anchor locker that also stows the stepladder. The bow step-up is home for the pedestal mount for a fishing seat. The fore gunwales have padded backrests, as do the seats that face forward. All bow seats remove for storage.

We gave high marks for the refreshment center. There are two separate lids on one side and the other has a strainer and drain. The faucet retracts so that when all the lids are closed, you have a flush food-preparation area or cocktail area with two cupholders and rails to keep things from

falling. There's storage beneath the sink for the tabletop and fishing seat when they're not in use. The door has two compartments for storing non-perishable food and its latches are solid and secure.

A changing room/head is located beneath the console. In-floor ski and wakeboard storage is accessible via two large hatches.

The 225's helm features a full complement of gauges, a bolster seat and courtesy lights. Across the way is another bench seat with reclining backrest. Beneath it is designated storage for a 48-quart cooler and a large drawer. Behind it is another snack station with three cup holders and a trash receptacle. Moving aft, there's L-shaped bench seating with storage beneath and two rod holders. At the transom, there's a ski/tow ring, a swim platform with boarding ladder and a place to rinse your feet.

Priced at \$29,495, which includes all the features we just mentioned, and powered by a 220 hp MerCruiser 5.0L sterndrive, we found the Tahoe 225 to be a very versatile, well-designed and affordable family boat.



PERFORMANCE & PRICING: TAHOE 225

SPECIFICATIONS

LENGTH	22 ft., 5 in.
BEAM	8 ft., 6 in.
CAPACITY	12 people
DRY WEIGHT	3,805 lbs.
FUEL CAPACITY	48 gals.
MAXIMUM POWER	300 hp
DEADRISE (@TRANSOM)	20 degrees

PERFORMANCE

	MPH	RPM	MPG	RANGE (MILES)	DBA
PEAK	43.7	4650	1.95	84	87
CRUISE	29.5	3500	2.76	119	82
TIME TO PLANE					4.8 seconds
0-30 MPH ACCELERATION					10.6 seconds

TEST POWER

MOTOR	220 hp MerCruiser 5.0L/Alpha
PROP	19-inch-pitch aluminum 3-blade

BASE PRICE

WITH TEST POWER	\$29,495*
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*Price can vary depending on options, location and freight — price does not include trailer

FIVE NOTABLE OPTIONS

XM satellite equipment, Sony deluxe stereo package w/Kicker speakers and amp, fishing package, wakeboard tower and rack, 300 hp MerCruiser 350 Mag MPI

FIVE NOTABLE STANDARDS

Tilt rack and pinion steering, interior courtesy lights, refreshment center, fully enclosed changing room, Lowrance digital depth finder w/compass

BUILDER

Tracker Marine, 2500 East Kearney, Springfield, MO 65803; (417) 873-5900; www.trackerboats.com. Tahoe is an NMMA certified builder.

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