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Indeed, flawless fabrication and expensive materials mean strength, a great ride, beautiful looks and the highest resale value in the industry. Sight down the glossy hull sides and you'll see nothing but beautiful, smooth, flawlessly finished fiberglass. Consider the crisply molded deck and cockpit detailing. Clean lines, beautifully radiused corners, and consideration to every detail of construction and engineering give the CABO a look and feel you will not find on any other boat. You'll be drawn to run your hands over the beautifully finished surfaces – all a pleasure to touch. It's yet another element of the pride of ownership that comes only with a CABO.

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