

MASTERCRAFT X-2




SPECIFICATIONS

LOA 20 ft.
BEAM 8 ft.
DEADRISE 11 degrees
CAPACITY 11 people/1,609 lbs.
DRY WEIGHT 3,500 lbs.
FUEL CAPACITY 45 gals.
MAXIMUM HP 382

TEST STATS

	MPH	RPM	DBA
PEAK	41.0	5050	94
CRUISE	28.7	3500	87
TIME TO PLANE			3.3 secs.
0-30 MPH			8.5 secs.

PRICE WITH TEST POWER

Ilmar 5.7L V-8, 320 hp \$75,610

MasterCraft's top-selling, compact, do-it-all X-2 just got better for 2012 with the addition of an all-new helm that gives you a lower profile for better forward visibility. Although only 20 feet in length, the X-2 has a helm that gives you the same feel as MasterCraft's bigger boats. You can get it with the classic look or go BIG (Boat Instrument Gauge) with a 6-inch display screen that allows for customized rider settings. You can even preload settings onto a USB thumbdrive on your home computer and then plug-and-play, saving your valuable on-water time for skiing. With its pickle-fork configuration, the bow is roomy enough for three riders, and the rearward-facing seating now includes sculpted seatbacks to keep riders from sliding during hard turns. Total passenger capacity is 11, so you won't have to unfriend anyone before shoving off.

On Lake Lanier, north of Atlanta, our test boat was powered by the standard 320 hp Ilmar 5.7L V-8 that has a healthy rumble to remind you of its racing heritage. We got on plane in 3.3 seconds without assistance, but we could knock down the time a full sec-

ond by employing the center tab, which also reduces bowrise. Time to 30 mph was 8.5 seconds, and we topped out at 41 mph. Even without tracking fins, the V-drive-propelled X-2 turns crisply without ventilation.

The X-2 can handle any skiing duties, including wake surfing, thanks to the Surf Tabs, which allow you to switch curlers to either side or shape the wake to accommodate long or short boards. And thanks to the swing-in board racks on the standard ZFT1 tower, which clamp down on surfboards rather than relying on a bungee cord, you'll never get thwacked in the face when a cord springs loose at the wrong time. More surfboard storage is accessible by flipping up the backrest on the port-side recliner where there are no bulkheads to segment the extra-long compartment.

The Attitude Adjustment plate is a large center tab that allows the driver to raise and lower the bow. That feature is great not only for helping shape the wakeboard wake but also for knocking the wake down for slalomming and smoothing out the ride across the chop by using the sharper entry of the hull. Ballast can go up to 890 pounds for your launching pleasure. — AJ



3 FAVORITE STANDARDS: Carry-on cooler, ZFT1 wakeboard tower, JL audio system w/Clarion head unit

3 FAVORITE OPTIONS: Amidships cleats, ZFT5 power tower, Surf Tabs and Attitude Adjustment plate

To see video of our boat test, go to BoatingWorld.com and click on Videos.

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