



QUICK LOOKS



Sea Ray 250 Select EX

Sea Ray's new series of Select runabouts have been immediate hits, and the 250 could prove to be one of the most popular boats in the company's entire lineup.

This model exudes a style that told us right away on test day that Sea Ray had stepped it up from a standard that's already high. Gone are the plastic louvers feeding air to the engine compartment. Instead, we found perforated-dot, stainless-steel grates with molded trimmings that looked sharp and let the big dog 496 Mag HO eat all the air it wanted. After all, that's the limiting factor on most engines — the amount of air available to generate horsepower. We also found an exhaust diverter on board that opened up the pipes and added 1.5 mph to our top speed, letting us touch an exciting 60 miles per hour with 50 gallons of fuel.

But Sea Ray didn't have to bone up much for this design because the 270 that we tested one year ago was right on the money. We found the same sharp helm setup with toggle switches protected by stainless-steel rings. We found Smartcraft gauges that were accurate and easy to read, and we found a fuel-flow

meter in the system that lets the driver optimize his trim and rpm settings for the best economy when cruising.

Luxury splashes this hull in the form of double-stitched vinyl with three-color accents, stainless fittings, and ear-splitting Ferrari Momo tweeters and midrange speakers. Call the 250 Select EX a line extension if you want, or call it 25 feet of

VITALSTATS

Length Overall: **26'6"**

Beam: **8'6"**

Dry Weight: **5,050 lb.**

Fuel Capacity: **75 gal.**

Maximum HP: **425**

NMMA Certified: **Yes**

MSRP (base boat): **\$61,336**

MSRP (test boat): **\$85,210**

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pure pleasure. It's on target for the business of having fun. — *Randy Vance*

Stingray 220DR

Whenever we discuss performance runabouts around the office, Stingray is among the first brands mentioned. Narrow the discussion to performance deck boats and the 220DR is the first or second off our lips.

This is the only deck boat Stingray builds. The engineers have found a



niche with this size and weight because it works so well with the company's patented Z-plane hull. You can get more speed with less power. This model tops 50 mph with a 300-hp motor.

That added oomph is a huge benefit on the 220DR, which can hold 62 gallons of fuel, 17 gallons of fresh water and 11 passengers. There's a portside head, too, so load up the boat and use the power to disappear. — *Robert Stephens*

VITALSTATS

Length Overall: **22'3"**

Beam: **8'3"**

Dry Weight: **3,811 lb.**

Maximum HP: **320**

NMMA Certified: **Yes**

MSRP (w/ Merc 5.7L 300 MPI

Bravo 1): **\$39,982**

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