

Performance Pontoons

Bennington

2275 GLi



NEW FOR
2010

Number of Occupants	Price As Tested With Power	Maximum MPH Speed	Horsepower As Tested	Number of Gates	0-20 MPH
14	42.8^K	53	250	3	4.35

WHY WE LOVE THIS BOAT

We could rave about how well-finished this boat is and how much extra attention went into the details, but we'd rather praise the performance. This is a fun boat to drive that will turn as sharp as you'd like it to.

JUST BEING PICKY

It has plenty of amenities, but it could use a faucet and sink, trash can and a few other features that would make it a little more family-friendly. These are offered as options.

Shootout Score

Value	18/20
Layout/Design	9/10
Craftsmanship	9.5/10
Fit & Finish Work	9/10
Safe Design	8.5/10
Style	9/10
Performance	9/10
Handling	10/10
Fun Factor	10/10
Total Score	92.0

OUR FIRST IMPRESSION

This G series is Bennington's mid-level line, and it continues to do very well for the Indiana-based manufacturer. Simple touches like making sure everything is color-matched is just one example of the extra-mile effort that goes into each design.

CONSUMER TEST

A lot of changes and upgrades have been made for the upcoming model year, including new graphics, a new helm console and soft-touch 31-ounce vinyl on the redesigned seating layout. There are two bow chaise lounges and one rear-facing lounge with good storage compartments below. Below the double three-quarter sundeck is a pop-up changing room that is easy to access. It's a little narrow, but they were able to incorporate a bench seat inside, which is a nice added touch.

The Faria gauges are easy to read and the overall look of the helm console is simple, yet elegant. The Sony CD player with an auxiliary port is just one of the many standards that have been added this year, including a 10-foot bimini top.

INSPECTION TEST

The two outside pontoons are 25 inches in diameter and the center elliptical pontoon is 32 inches wide, but still only 25 inches tall for easier trailing options. The chambered logs have speed strakes on each of the pontoons and the weld quality is excellent. With the elliptical tube you get better displacement so you get more performance using less horsepower.

The cross members are on 16-inch centers and are bolted to the plywood deck. There is a full splash skin, and the weld quality below the deck is excellent. In

fact, the craftsmanship below earned high marks from our test crew.

There is nearly 15 feet of usable deck space from inside the bow gate to the rear bench seat. The single-walled Rotocast seat bases are bolted to the deck as well as the helm console. The wiring craftsmanship under the helm as well as the overall fit and finish work is exceptional.

There are three lift and lock gates and all have great pinch protection for the hinges. The rear-entry three-step boarding ladder is average in width, but the handholds are nice and wide at the top.

Overall we consider this to be a very safe and family-friendly vessel. As far as the construction and quality is concerned, it lives up to the high expectations that Bennington has set for itself.

PERFORMANCE TEST

The combination of the Evinrude 250 H.O. outboard and the ESP (Elliptical Sport Package) design is a match made in heaven. Acceleration out of the hole is amazing as we easily hit speeds over 50 miles per hour at full throttle. With the Sea Star hydraulic steering with power assist, we were able to dive into those sharp turns like we were in a V-hull boat. With this ESP model you can't help but smile as we had a lot of fun testing this one.

WHO SHOULD BUY IT

This is the ideal boat for the family that values performance and really wants to use that ski/tow pylon and is willing to give up the extra amenities and a few bells and whistles to keep the price down. This is a very attractive boat where nothing is an afterthought and the fit and finish work along with the craftsmanship earned high marks at our test.

NOTABLE STANDARDS

High performance palm carpet, premium panel color, privacy enclosure, boarding ladder, Playpen cover, 10-inch bimini, Sony GT CD/stereo and 4 speakers and kidney table.

OPTIONS ON TEST BOAT

Soft touch vinyl, ski/tow pylon, ESP elliptical performance package and power-assist steering.

VITAL STATS

LOA	22' 6"
Beam	8' 6"
Hull Design	..Triple tube ESP performance package
Dry Weight	2,799 lbs.
Fuel Capacity	33 Gallons

TEST DRIVE

Engine	Evinrude 250 HO E-TEC
Cylinder Type	V-6
Cubic-inch Displacement/Horsepower	210 ci/250hp
Lower Unit Gear Ratio	1.71:1
Propeller	18 Viper

RPM	vs. SPEED	vs. DBA
600	2.3 mph	79
1000	3.9 mph	79
1500	6.1 mph	83.5
2000	8.6 mph	91
2500	9.5 mph	93
3000	24.3 mph	92
3500	29.9 mph	100.5
4000	35.7 mph	100.5
4500	40.5 mph	101
5000	45.3 mph	102.5
5500	48.6 mph	107
5800	53.0 mph	107.5

PRICES

Price As Tested..... \$42,846 (Boat and Motor)

Standard Package Price \$24,799 (Boat Only)

Standard Package Price \$33,528 (Boat, Motor, ESP triple tube)

