A pontoon customer knows what he or she wants. Chances are, that customer has already owned a pontoon but is ready to trade up. Maybe to gain the new technological advantages of four-stroke outboard engines. Or maybe to be treated to a more upscale interior or a contemporary look. All without sacrificing the traditional aspects of pontoon cruising.

The all-new Admiral 240 RE has those qualities, including clever features that have been motivated by savvy consumers. The adjustable helm seat features lift-up armrests for easy exit, and the instrument panel includes depth and trim gauges. The console has a generous glove box and a hideaway cup holder. The rule in packaging this boat was this: everything you need, but only when you need it.



Ambience fills the 240 RE. We flipped on the optional Clarion marine stereo with CD player and noticed an equal, balanced sound everywhere we sat. It even filled the optional pop-up changing room, which has screen inserts and carpeting. Carpeting, in fact, is a special source of Parti Kraft pride. Kick panels are carpeted under the seats, with rolled and finished edges.

The Admiral has four lift-and-swing-in gates. At the stern, a permanently mounted ladder has nonskid steps, with a customer-requested wider stance.

Our test boat had 25-inch tubes. Atop those tubes are 3-inch saddle brackets and 3-inch trusses to lift the deck an inch or two higher and cut water noise. The deck is bolted, not screwed, to those trusses. The motor is tucked in for a quieter ride, and the front deck, often largely unused, has been shortened so it just offers handy walk-on room. Electrical systems feature rugged 10-gauge wiring with Deutsche connectors to reduce the chance of shorts.

In another customer-driven change, the canopy boot opens at the middle and zips in two directions for easy-on, easy-off access. Keep asking, and Parti Kraft



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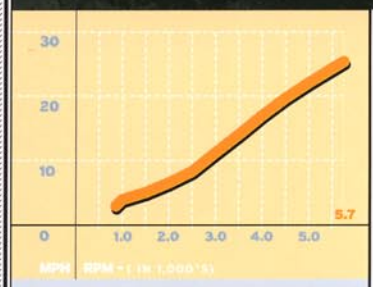

DETAILS

LENGTH OVERALL:
24'

BEAM:
8'6"

DRY WEIGHT:
2,265 LB.

SEATING/WEIGHT CAPACITY:
15/2,310 LB.

FUEL CAPACITY:
24 GAL.

MAX HP:
140

MSRP (TEST BOAT):
$25,710

PERFORMANCE

TEST ENGINE:
YAMAHA F90

TEST PROP:
13.5 X 14, STAINLESS STEEL

TEST LOAD:
FUEL (16 GAL.), PEOPLE (220 LB.)

TOP SPEED:
25.1 MPH @ 5,700 RPM

TIME TO 20 MPH:
6.9 SEC.

NOISE AT IDLE:
51 DB

NOISE AT 20 MPH:
78 DB

CRUISE STATS:
71 DB; 18 MPH @ 4,200 RPM

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An already quiet ride gets even more peaceful in the rounded forward lounge seats.



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WE ALSO LIKE ... 1. Woven acrylic canopy keeps UV rays off the boat and its passengers. 2. Stylish bow deck has radiused lines and conserves space. 3. Standard full skirt prevents drag under the boat. 4. Circuit breakers, backed by auto-style fuses, have master power switch. 5. Wide edges and channels on roto-molded seat bases carry away water. 6. Upholstered sun-deck lounge pampers sunbathers.

FINAL TAKE DESIGN AND INTERIOR FEATURES REFLECT THOUGHTFUL COLLABORATION WITH CUSTOMERS

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