

Skeeter SL190 (2005)

Brief Summary

Test engine -- 1 x 150-hp Yamaha Four-Stroke
Best cruise -- 31.4 mph @ 3,500 RPM

Cruising range -- 207 miles

What is your idea of a perfect weekend? How about heading out early to catch dinner, getting back quickly to pick up some friends or the family, changing into your swimsuit and then heading back out for a day of skiing. You no longer need two boats to do it. Skeeter took some of the best of its fishing features from its rigs and combined the luxury of a ski boat to make a great combination to fit both needs in one hull. This year's redesign of the SL190 is definitely a demonstration of luxury, comfort, and craftsmanship on board.

Price

Base Price

Prices, features, designs, and equipment are subject to change. Please see your local dealer or visit the builder's website for the latest information available on this boat model.

Key Features

- Walk-thru windshield
- AM/FM radio with CD player and 4 speakers
- Full bench seat with center flip seat
- Bow traction mat
- In-floor rod/ski storage
- Livewell control system
- Two stern livewells

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
600	3.5	3	0.3	11.67	10.14	315	274	61
1000	5	4.3	0.7	7.07	6.15	191	166	62

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
1500	6.6	5.7	1.3	5.04	4.38	136	118	74
2000	8	6.9	2.4	3.31	2.88	89	78	71
2500	19.7	17.1	3.1	6.44	5.6	174	151	75
3000	25.9	22.5	3.9	6.73	5.85	182	158	77
3500	31.4	27.3	4.7	6.74	5.86	182	158	78
4000	36.7	31.9	6.6	5.55	4.83	150	130	84
4500	41.7	36.2	7.8	5.34	4.64	144	125	86
5000	46.2	40.2	9.5	4.89	4.25	132	115	89
5500	51.8	45	12.5	4.16	3.61	112	98	93
6000	57.1	49.6	15.9	3.6	3.13	97	85	95

[View the test results in metric units](#)

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Specifications

Length Overall	18' 5"
BEAM	7' 10"
Dry Weight	1,500 lbs.
Tested Weight	

Draft	12"
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	~
Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	~
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	30 gals.
Water Capacity	none
Length on Trailer	
Height on Trailer	
Trailer Weight	
Total Weight	
Aft Deck	
Salon Inside Width	

Salon Fore & Aft	
Salon Height	
Salon Volume	
Galley Volume	
Master SR Width	
Master SR fore & Aft	
Master SR Overhead	
Master SR Volume	
Eng. Room Volume	

Acceleration Times & Conditions

Time to Plane	2.2 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	2.0 : 1
Props	14 1/2 x 21
Load	2 persons, 1/2 fuel, no water, min. gear
Climate	62 deg., 55% humidity., wind: 5 mph; seas: minimal chop

No Compromise Fish and Ski

By Capt. Keith Burton

Test Captain

A flock of ducks surrounded our dock quacking and squawking away. It sounded almost like an audience of football fans at a Friday night game cheering us on as we launched the Skeeter SL190 for a full compliment of tests.

The SL190 is a well thought out fish and ski with emphasis on fishing. Maybe the ducks thought they were going to get a treat. But the treat was on us as the SL190 didn't take long to impress. First off, this is a very attractive boat. The fiberglass finish is top notch and the use of colors and a neat design marked this Skeeter boat as one to get folk's attention.

At 18'5" the engineers and designers packed the SL190 with a host of features that would please the whole family, whether they were into fishing or skiing. Clearly the approach was to make fishing a joy. Deck space is plentiful for this type of boat, and along with numerous storage bins for your fishing gear and skis you can keep the interior clutter free for a fun day on the water.

We particularly liked the way Skeeter design the hatch latches. They are large compared to many other boats, and are designed to last. This is not a boat where compartment covers are going to fly up while underway at high speed.

Feature Laden

Skeeter has thoughtfully equipped this boat with numerous standard features, the type that you want. The cabin comes complete with a full set of instruments nestled in a smartly designed console. A full wraparound windshield with center walkthrough keeps the cabin comfortable at all speeds. There is a CD stereo radio and overpadded seats throughout the SL190 for added comfort underway. The center section of the rear bench seat can be removed for easier access from the stern deck into the cabin.

Skiers will like the standard tow pylon that mounts in the same location as the rear deck fishing seat. It is easy to install and remove with just a few twists. A stern ladder is part of the package as well. We particularly like the anti-skid surface material applied to the corners of the boat and the full stainless steel grab rails along the gunnels port and starboard.

At the bow is another fishing seat mount. But if fishing is not on the day's agenda the bow can be framed with two comfy pads for enjoying the sun. As you would expect, storage compartment can be found throughout the cabin. At the rear are two livewells for your catch. There is below deck storage for your fishing rods and ski equipment and a built-in cooler under the center bench seat.

Performance and Handling

On the water the SL190 offers surprising performance when equipped with a Yamaha 150 horsepower four-stroke outboard and 14 ½ by 21 inch propeller. We found her best cruise just under 26mph at 3000rpm with a range of 182 miles. We achieved a top speed of 57.1 mph with two people onboard and a quick 2.2 seconds to plane, plenty fast for skiing.

The SL190's hull also makes easy work of choppy conditions, slicing through waves and wakes without any pounding or noisy hull slap. The overall feel is one of solid construction.

Skeeter tells us that they use a state-of-the-art CAD-CAM design system to produce their boats with very

tight tolerances. But that is not all. Once the design is set in the computer, it is checked for accuracy, then digitized and sent to a 5-axis CNC milling machine, which creates the design full-scale. You end up with a boat of precise symmetry and form. The on-the-water performance is proof that their design system works. Overall, the Skeeter SL190 is an attractive and well-designed boat with excellent performance and good speed. We especially liked the smooth performance over the water at high speeds and the solid construction underneath us. It is packed with innovative features that we think add a lot of value and fun in a fish and ski.