

Doral Elite 265 BR (-2007)

Brief Summary

The 265 BR Elite is the queen of this series and delivers opulence and performance for the young maturing family. This model is just as comfortable with the kids skiing behind her as she is hosting an upper management sunset cruise. Convenience items like the changing room and head as well as a cockpit wet bar are not shoe-horned in, there is lots of room to spread out.

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

- 316 grade stainless steel marine hardware
- Integrated extended swim platform
- Fiberglass structural hull liner with gel coat finish
- Diamond textured antiskid
- Full fiberglass self draining cockpit
- Aft expendable sun deck
- Enclosed head with pump out toilet
- Curved walk thru safety glass windshield

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
800	4.1	3.5	0.9	4.5	3.91	352	306	66
1000	6	5.2	1.5	4.1	3.57	321	279	72
1500	8.1	7	2.8	2.88	2.5	225	196	69
2000	11.8	10.2	5.7	2.06	1.79	161	140	76

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
2500	23.4	20.3	7.5	3.14	2.73	246	214	80
3000	30.4	26.4	10.3	2.96	2.57	232	202	83
3500	35.4	30.7	12.9	2.75	2.39	215	187	87
4000	41.5	36	17.5	2.37	2.06	185	161	89
4500	47.4	41.2	22.9	2.07	1.8	162	141	90

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

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Specifications

Length Overall	26' 6"
BEAM	8' 6"
Dry Weight	4,700 lbs (with engine)
Tested Weight	
Draft	N/A
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	20 deg.

Max Headroom	N/A
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	87 gal.
Water Capacity	13 gal.
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	4.9 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	1.95 : 1
Props	F4
Load	2 persons, 7/16 fuel, no water, min. gear
Climate	75 deg., 49% humid.; wind: 11 mph; seas: minimal chop

European Elegance, Hot Rod Styling and Performance

By Capt. Rob Smith

The Elite Series delivers elegance, European styling and performance for the maturing family. This eye-catching design will make the water sports enthusiast happy while still maintaining the looks and feel of a high-class cruiser. It has room for everyone yet still has amenities like an oversized stand-up changing room with head and vanity and an engine box that has room to get to nearly every component with ease.

Forward Layout

Beginning with the spacious bow, the 265BR has plush seating with dual forward facing loungers that become spacious bench seats. The loungers have soft, thick cushions with wraparound lumbar support that you will not be able to resist relaxing in. In the nose is a concealed four-step beach boarding ladder, flip-over anchor roller, freshwater wash down and plenty of room for anchor line. Bow rails are super duty and our test boat had wood accents on top of the gunwales under the rails. Two stainless steel drink holders are

inset in the seat cushions up front, but you can add a thick, highly polished table for serving small snacks when needed. The storage in the seats is fully finished for easy cleaning and the snap-in carpet protects your feet and makes cleanup a snap.

Comfort While Driving

Moving back, storage under the helm is large enough to stow the table tops and has room to mount amplifiers and other electronics. The bucket seats for the driver and navigator look like they were pulled from a high-end two seater sports car. A super-duty stainless grab loop circles out of the top of the seat, plush upholstered back and seat have an open space at the base of the back for ventilation and a bolster allows you to easily see over the bow when getting under way. On the gunnel next to the navigator's seat is a pull-out drink holder, Sirius satellite-ready stereo with a 12volt outlet, and MP3 jack just underneath for added entertainment.

In front of the navigator's seat is the changing room. This, to me is a huge item for the family as it has stand-up room inside, light, vanity and toilet for on the water convenience. The helm station has a tilt wheel with wood, stainless steel and leather accents that compliment the wood accents all around this model. Toggle power control switches are aircraft style paddles with lights in the end to make finding the switch at night easier. A Clarion remote is mounted in the next wood panel up from the wheel and the Faria gauges are in the top panel, and include a digital depth gauge to stand watch on the bottom in shallow waters. The fire extinguisher is right where it should be, next to the helm inset on the side so the person in charge can quickly respond to any fire emergency on board.

A full-framed windshield will help protect you from most of the air underway, and it has a flip over walkthrough filler. I can imagine Doral will get requests for some kind of lower protection in the colder climates, but there doesn't appear to be anything on the model now.

Cockpit and Entertaining

Just aft of the driver's seat is the wet bar that could practically resemble a bar in someone's home. Thick, highly polished wood countertop, stainless steel sink and combination refrigerator/freezer, and dry storage are the key features here. Between the driver and navigator seat is a huge, long locker in the floor to store the filler cushions and includes dedicated clips for the table posts and lights.

The aft seating wraps around from just behind the navigator seat to the starboard side walkthrough. Finished storage compartments and a triangular matching wood table continue the top-shelf elegance in the stern. The sunpad and aft bench lift up on silent twin rams to reveal an engine compartment that is open all around the power plant for easy pre-launch checks, and preventative maintenance. The sunpad has an electric slide to expand it further, and a filler cushion to create a huge bed to relax in the sun.

Swim Platform

The starboard walkthrough has a solid door leading to the swim platform. A panel in the walkthrough conceals the battery switches and main breakers and is easy to get to prior to launch and on recovery on the trailer. Another water connection is also in the walkthrough for quick rinses after a swim. The swim platform has stainless corner guards that improve sure footing even if your shoes are wet. A stainless

handle across the back will add to the ease of reboarding from the water when using the concealed four-step telescoping swim ladder, located on the starboard corner of the integrated swim platform.

Specifications and Ride

The 265BR Elite measures 26'6" length overall with an 8'6" beam. She needs only 36" of water for the outdrive when fully extended. The 265 weighs approximately 4,700 lbs. dry and carries 87 gallons of fuel and 13 gallons of water.

The 265BR handled like the sporty bowrider she is, but felt as comfortable as some express cruisers. Our test boat cut turns easily and handled large waves and wakes well. Cutting through the wakes resulted in softer landings and sure handling. The 265 was up on plane in 4.7 seconds and up to 30mph in 8.9 seconds. I found her best cruise speed to be around 23.4mph for a cruise range of 246 miles on a full tank of gas.

For executive styling and comfort with all-around water sports capability, the 265BR from Doral has a package you have to see and feel to really appreciate.