

MasterCraft X-35 (2009-)

Brief Summary

At 23½ feet, this boat offers both a great ride for cruising, and the layout and equipment to cover the range of watersports. MasterCraft does it again; from the pickle-fork bow to the sturdy swim platform, you'll find everything you expect, and more!

Price

Base Price\$78740.00

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

- Teleflex Xtreme high-performance electronic throttle & shift cable
- Teak boarding platform
- Bow and stern pull-up cleats (stainless, flush-mounted)
- Clarion AM/FM CD stereo
- Cockpit entertainment center
- Removable boarding platform
- Interior courtesy lights
- MasterView bolster driver's seat

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
650	4.5	3.9	0.7	6.37	5.54	344	299	67
1000	6.2	5.4	1.1	5.56	4.84	300	261	68
1500	8	6.9	2.1	3.83	3.33	207	180	72
2000	9.3	8.1	3.9	2.42	2.1	130	113	78

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
2500	13.2	11.5	6.3	2.1	1.83	114	99	81
3000	21.3	18.5	8.3	2.57	2.23	139	120	84
3500	26.6	23.1	10.7	2.49	2.17	134	117	84
4000	31	27	14.2	2.19	1.9	118	103	85
4500	35.1	30.5	18.6	1.89	1.64	102	89	85
5000	38.4	33.4	25.1	1.53	1.33	83	72	86
5521	41.5	36.1	33.7	1.23	1.07	67	58	88

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

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Specifications

Length Overall	23' 5" / 7.14 m
BEAM	102" 2.59 m
Dry Weight	4,900 lbs. 2,223 kg
Tested Weight	
Draft	27" 0.69 m
Draft Up	
Draft Down	

Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	N/A
Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	60 gal. 227 L
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	4.5 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	1.6 : 1
Props	14.75 x 15.5 4 blade OJ
Load	2 persons, 5/8 fuel, 0 water, 0 lbs. of gear
Climate	37 deg., 46% humid.; wind: 10 mph; seas: light chop

‘09 MASTERCRAFT X-35

By Captain John B. Wenz

I don’t think anyone can dispute the ability for MasterCraft to put an excellent sports boat on the water. They were one of the pioneers of competitive wakeboarding, and they’ve got the goods to prove it. They’re good at building boats that can get you on the water to “wakeboard, wakeskate, wakesurf, cruise, or ski.” With the X-35, they challenge you to invent a new sport. Once you’ve done that, the options list on the X-35 will allow you to invent a new boat to go with it.

It starts with a great-looking hull.

The gel-coat is flawless, the graphics are hot, and the color combinations seem to be endless. The hull itself is an updated version of MasterCraft's modified deep-vee that delivers both an awesome riding wake and a nice ride for the peanut gallery on board. And that's just the start- Tweak the wake effortlessly with the standard ballast system. Add an optional attitude adjustment plate if you like a little "change in your attitude" every now and then. The X-35 makes it easy to conjure up the right wake for just about anything you can imagine.

So that takes care of the rider, what about the rest of the crew? Let me first say that there are two schools of thought when it comes to an options list. Some people like to see everything included as standard equipment with little or no optional equipment offered. Other people like a bare-bones approach with lots of options so that you can customize based on your individual preferences. Both approaches have their benefits and shortfalls. I personally subscribed to the second way of thinking. If that's your preference, then the X-35 is definitely something you should see. The range of options is extensive, and it's all quality stuff.

The Engine Package

Standard on the X-35 is the 350 horsepower MCX from Indmar Marine. The options include an available engine package range from 310 hp to 450 hp, so there should be something here for everyone. These V-Drive inboards are all built on a GM Vortec platform, which means that they all feature electronic fuel injection and digital control systems.

Great Layout

You can invite up to 15 of your closest friends to join you on the X-35, and they'll all enjoy a comfortable place to sit, thanks to MasterCraft's fine upholstery. There's a nested cooler under one seat, and you can add an electric fridge and a cockpit table if you choose. If the sport you've invented has you out on the water early, when it may still be a little cool, get a load of this- you can order your X-35 with both a heated helm seat and hot air registers in the cockpit to take the chill out of the air. And speaking of air, the tower also offers a number of accessories to go along with the standard swiveling board racks. How about a bimini and a clear vinyl windscreen or a set of speakers and lights to dress things up aloft? Want to match up a boat and trailer combination? You can do that, too, right from the factory. The options are seemingly endless, and the bottom line is this- you can make this boat everything you want and need in a watersports machine.

The X-35 from MasterCraft is 23 feet, 5 inches long. Add a swim platform, and she's 25' 1". But don't worry about fitting her in your garage, the swim platform is built to tilt down or be removed. She's got a beam dimension of 102", and she draws 27 inches. Speaking of draft, the inboard configuration of the X-35 and the rest of MasterCraft's lineup has a lot to offer over the standard inboard/outboard configuration offered by most of the competitors in this size range. Not only is performance and handling a different animal, but the prop and rudder are beneath the hull, so there are benefits in the area of safety as well.

Test Results

Our test boat was equipped with the optional 400 horsepower Indmar LY-6. When we took her out to check her performance numbers, here's what we observed: We reached a plane 4.5 seconds after we kicked the throttles up. As we accelerated, we reached a speed of thirty miles an hour in 7.4 seconds and we topped

out at 41.5 MPH. For fuel consumption, we calculated a fuel range of 139 miles at 21.3 MPH, given the on-board fuel capacity of 60 gallons.

There are potential competitors out there who, for all practical purposes, have taken a day boat and added a tower and a ballast system and converted a cruiser into a sport boat. For the Mastercraft X-35, the process went the other way. They took a world-class wakeboard boat, with all the essentials as standard equipment, and provided an options list to allow the buyer to customize. The end result is a no-compromise watersports boat, with the potential to offer everything you might need in a cruising day boat, all wrapped up in a well-engineered and beautifully finished package.