

Tracker Pro Guide V-175 WT (2015-)

Brief Summary

With a higher windshield and dual consoles, the Tracker Pro Guide V-175 WT offers the protection and comfort to extend the fishing well into the shoulder seasons. She can also stray well outside the protected waters that bass boats are limited to with their low freeboard and shallow V-hulls. The Pro Guide V-175 WT also has the strength needed to tackle choppy conditions while maintaining the lightweight that makes her so easily trailerable.

Price

Base Price \$21995.00

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

- Color scheme and graphics for 2015
- Diamond Coat finish with exclusive powder coat and clear coat
- Port and starboard consoles with walkthrough windshield and stereo
- Wide, stable Deep V hull with 20-degree deadrise and 25" transom
- Exclusive Versatrack accessory-mounting channel in gunnels
- Minn Kota PowerDrive 12V, 55-lb. thrust foot-control trolling motor with foot pedal storage
- Lowrance Elite-3x color fishfinder
- Bow 19-gal. aerated livewell and aft 29-gal. aerated livewell with bait bucket
- 3 lockable rod boxes and in-floor storage throughout
- Easy-to-clean vinyl cockpit floor and carpeted fishing decks and cockpit sides

Specifications

Length Overall	17' 7" / 5.36 m
BEAM	97" 2.46 m
Dry Weight	1,385 lbs. 628 kg

Tested Weight	N/A
Draft	N/A
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	20-deg.
Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	1,600 lbs. 726 kg
Person Capacity	6
Fuel Capacity	25.5 gal. 97 L
Water Capacity	N/A
Length on Trailer	
Height on Trailer	
Trailer Weight	
Total Weight	N/A
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	
0 to 20	
Ratio	
Props	
Load	
Climate	

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Tracker adds 11" (28 cm) over its Pro Guide V-16 WT and tosses in a larger transom that can boost the horsepower from 90 to 135-hp.

Overview

The Tracker Pro Guide V-175 WT is designed, according to Tracker, to provide more brawn, stability, and space. The WT stands for Walk Through, meaning she has dual consoles with high windshields that can be "walked through" to get to the bow and back into the cockpit.

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Even though she's considered a "walk through", the windshield can be closed off for operating on those chilly mornings.

She's not a new boat, but she's been tweaked through the model years for keeping up with the times. What is timeless is her continuing ability to bring the game to the fish when others are sitting at the dock.

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The Tracker Pro Guide V-175 WT has a good fishing layout with elevated casting decks fore and aft.

Aluminum vs. Fiberglass

Tracker boats are all aluminum construction. There are a lot of advantages to this, the most obvious being light weight. This 16'11" (5.16 m) boat weighs in at only 1,385 lbs. (628 kg). Add a trailer and a 90-hp Mercury off the transom and she has an estimated towing weight of 2,794 lbs. (1,267 kg), making her towable by even the lightest tow rated vehicles. Not only can she be easily trailered, but in fact, it can live on a trailer when it's not on the water. This means no marina costs and a reduced maintenance expense, a combination that can save thousands of dollars a year. With her standard trailer that includes a swing-away tongue, her stored length is 19'7" (6.0 m), easily accommodated in most garages. Another direct advantage to aluminum construction is that considerably less power is required to achieve the same speed in a heavier boat. That translates into improved fuel economy, a distinct advantage in today's trend of non-stop rising fuel prices.

Well Built

We've done extensive factory inspections at Tracker and came away well impressed with the quality and level of strength and quality that goes into each Tracker boat. These boats feature all-welded aluminum construction. The two halves of the hull each start out as a single sheet of 0.100 5052 Marine Alloy aluminum that gets bent in various jigs to form the shape of the hull. Each step thereafter serves to add to

its strength. A welded in keel support is added where the two sections are joined. At the stern there's a box beam with all-aluminum transom. A longitudinal stringer system is built outside the boat, and then hydraulically pressed into the hull before being welded into position. At the bow, there are added "chevrons" strategically placed to add strength where the hull takes the most pounding. Traverse bulkheads add support for the decking. Finally, foam is injected into the void areas for stiffening the hull, adding flotation and sound reduction.

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Notice the third seat. Not much room for a third person, but using the two port side seats in any of the six seat locations keeps the driver's seat always at the ready for a quick move.

Marine-grade vinyl is added to the cockpit while "fishing-friendly" cut pile carpet is added to the elevated casting decks. Fishing-friendly means that this carpeting isn't the type that will snag hooks. In fact, we've taken hooks and dragged them right across this carpeting in other tests with no snags whatsoever.

Reverse Chine

Below the waterline, the Pro Guide V-175 WT hull is a combination of a traditional deep-V with a 20-degree deadrise, and a reverse chine. As the bottom runs out toward the chine it flattens horizontally and then, at that chine, it hooks down slightly. This brings a number of advantages. The first is that it creates a larger planing surface than the traditional deep-V, and this allows the vessel to come onto plane quicker, with less power.

Tracker Pro Guide V-175 WT Reverse Chines

Reverse chines help with the handling while underway and stability when at rest.

However, the main handling difference is noticed when a reverse-chine boat goes into a sharp corner. With a reverse-chine bottom, the chine bites into the water more and the boat carves through the turn without sliding across the water. Also more of the boat is submerged as the chine is forced down into the water during the turn. This increases buoyancy resulting in a turn that is generally flatter than with a traditional bottom. For fishing, the same physics makes the boat more stable while at rest, since as weight is applied to one side, more of the hull is forced into the water, increasing the buoyancy along the weighted side. So standing on a casting platform will have a reduced inherent hazardous side.

Fishing-Friendly Features

The Pro Guide V-175 WT comes as a complete package, ready to fish. And we do mean ready to fish.

Storage

Tracker Pro Guide V-175 WT Storage Plan

Finding a place to put everything is hardly a concern on the Pro Guide V-175 WT.

A center mounted rod box holds 6' to 8' (1.83 m to 2.44 m) rods. There are two additional lockable top-loading rod boxes in the cockpit that can hold rods up to 8' (2.44 m). Rod hold-down straps are secured to the foredeck. Between the console seats is a huge in deck storage compartment.

Tracker Pro Guide V-175 WT Rod Storage

Here's a clever use of space for 8' rods. Note the reinforced lid and full-length piano hinge.

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Additional rod storage is located in the horizontal compartments to the sides of the cockpit.

Tracker Pro Guide V-175 WT Rod Straps

Rod straps are on top of the side storage compartments.

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Wherever there is space, storage is put to good use.

Tracker Pro Guide V-175 WT Port Console

The port console has an enclosed glove box, open storage and a cooler.

Fishing

There are two aerated livewells, a 19-gallon (71.92 L) aerated bow livewell and a 29-gallon (109.78 L), 50" (1.27 m) aerated stern livewell. Both are compartmentalized and molded to fit a removable bait bucket. Each has an adjustable aerator head and a timed recirculating system and pumpout. And they're connected to dual 500 gph (1892.7 lph) pumps.

Tracker Pro Guide V-175 WT Livewell

Aerated livewells have rounded corners to protect the fish. Each includes a holder for the removable bait bucket.

Tracker Pro Guide V-175 WT Aft Casting Deck

The aft casting deck has a larger livewell and additional storage.

A fishfinder is now included as standard equipment. In this case, it's a Lowrance Elite-3X color fishfinder with an LED display and dual frequency transducer. A far cry from the B&W optional models previously offered.

Tracker Pro Guide V-175 WT Fishfinder

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A Trolling Motor is Also Standard Now.

The Pro Guide V-175 WT comes with a Minn Kota PowerDrive 55-lb. thrust 54" (137 cm) shaft trolling motor with foot control. The wiring for the control box runs through a hatch in the bow to keep from getting underfoot. The motor mounts to a reinforced and through-bolted base at the bow. A separate battery is provided for the trolling motor.

Tracker Pro Guide V-175 WT Trolling Motor

Tracker now supplies a trolling motor with the standard equipment package.

Tracker Pro Guide V-175 WT Foot Control

Notice how the wiring for the foot control runs through the forward hatch to alleviate any tripping hazards.

Comfort

For comfort while fishing, there are no less than six pedestal seat base locations to install two deluxe fishing seats with composite frames. Now the aft positions for the pedestal seat leaves little to no legroom, so they're not much use if a third person comes aboard. However, a solution would be to move the seat to the center position and now three people are good to go. Otherwise, those aft positions simply serve as a place to store the seat while underway.

Tracker Pro Guide V-175 WT Fishing Seat

Tracker uses one of the most comfortable seats in the industry. Notice the Versatrack surrounding the bow at the gunwales.

The two seats feature 360-degree swivel capability and can be locked into position. They also fold down and are mounted to 2 3/8" (6.0 cm) pedestals.

Trailer

Well we did say ready to fish, and that means ready to take to the water too. The Tracker Pro Guide V-175 WT comes complete with a trailer that is custom fit to the boat. It has a powder coated finish with Galvashield protection, comes with a swing-away tongue for easier storage, has a 1200-lb. swivel jack, chrome wheels, super lube hubs, an outboard motor support, load guides, carpeted bunks, winch with nylon straps, nylon tie down straps, retractable safety cables and probably a partridge in a pear tree.

Tracker Pro Guide V-175 WT Trailer

The included custom fitted trailer is loaded with features. Notice the chrome wheels for starters.

Upgrades are still available for the trailer though. Choose a brake upgrade (\$445) if there is to be a lot of travel in hill country. Carrying a lot of weight in the boat? Then consider a tandem upgrade with one brake (\$500) or dual axle brakes (\$700).

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Tracker also offers a tandem axle upgrade to the standard trailer package.

Power Options

The base boat comes with a Mercury 90-hp EXLPT FourStroke as standard. With that engine, Tracker tells us that she should perform in the 37 to 40 mph range. A wise move for those with a lot of gear and heavy friends might be to upgrade to the 115 4-stroke (\$1,000) which should also bring the performance up towards 40 to 42 mph.

Tracker Pro Guide V-175 WT Helm

The fully loaded dash features separate gauges rather than hard to read multi-gauges. The fishfinder is standard.

Pricing and Options

Standard pricing for the Tracker Pro Guide V-175 WT is \$21,995 with the 90-hp engine. That represents a bargain by anyone's standards. Options are pretty straightforward and consist of a number of canvas cover solutions. However, there are some to consider that will make life on the water a bit easier. The gunwales are lined with Versatrack mounting for accepting a multitude of optional accessories. Here are a few that Tracker offers.

- 4 rod holder kit (\$50)
- Cutting board (\$65)
- Downrigger bracket (\$85)
- Drink holder (\$35)
- Tackle tray (\$90)
- Tool holder (\$35)

Warranty

The following items are part of the Tracker Warranty --

- 5-year bow-to-stern warranty

- 3-year warranty on powder coat finish adhesion
- 3-year warranty on factory-installed trolling motor and fishfinder
- Limited lifetime structural and deck warranty
- Provisions for transfer to second owner
- One-stop factory warranty solution
- Full coverage throughout the warranty period -- no pro-rating

Observations

Tracker began in 1978 when Johnny Morris created and sold the Bass Tracker, the industry's first fully accessorized, ready-to-fish boat, motor and trailer package at an unheard-of nationally published price. Little has changed since then and the company continues to crank out a ton of these boats every month. That's because they represent an uncompromised value and that's hard to compete with. They are also among the best built aluminum boats we've seen. All of this serves to give the owner of the Pro Guide V-175 WT a healthy dose of peace of mind when considering the purchase. After the fact, buyer's remorse is simply not a factor.