

Sun Tracker Bass Buggy 18 (2008-)

Brief Summary

Sun Tracker completely redesigned the Bass Buggy 18 to feature much more fishability. Now the console is a fiberglass console centered for better fishing and now you can work a fish from the port side gate all the way around the bow to the stern gate and have room for your buddy to follow with the catch net. The side panels are corrugated with radiused top rails for better looks and durability. The motor pod is extended off the stern so you have lots of aft casting space.

Price

Base Price\$12995.00

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

- All new center console design with storage and trash receptacle
- Corrugated fence material for an all new look and added strength
- Open floor plan with plenty of casting room fore and aft
- Flip-flop helm seat with cooler and padded seat
- 3 deluxe fishing seats with pinchless hinges, integrated vertical rod holders, aerated livewell with padded cushion
- Pre-wired for trolling motor
- Bow and aft rail mounted drink, rod and accessory holder
- New radiused top rail for added strength
- Aft boarding platform with folding boarding ladder
- Dual latched gates that open inward
- Sirius-capable AM/FM/CD with integrated MP3 jack
- 9' Bimini top with protective boot & easy-snap support arms
- High-buoyancy all-welded oversized 24" multichambered pontoons
- Mercury® OB power to 75HP

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
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800	2.1	1.8	0.5	4.13	3.59	112	97	60
1000	2.7	2.3	0.8	3.39	2.95	92	80	64
1500	4.4	3.9	0.8	5.29	4.6	143	124	68
2000	5.5	4.8	1	5.65	4.91	153	133	69
2500	7.1	6.2	1.4	5.1	4.43	138	120	68
3000	9.1	7.9	1.8	4.95	4.31	134	116	73
3500	12.3	10.7	2.2	5.64	4.9	152	132	74
4000	14.8	12.9	2.7	5.47	4.75	148	128	77
4500	16.8	14.6	3.3	5.15	4.47	139	121	79
5000	19.1	16.6	4.1	4.64	4.04	125	109	78
5400	20.7	18	5	4.1	3.56	111	96	83

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

Length Overall	19' 8"
BEAM	8' 1"
Dry Weight	1,390 lbs.
Tested Weight	

Draft	N/A
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	N/A
Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	30 gal.
Water Capacity	N/A
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	N/A
0 to 20	
Ratio	1.83 : 1
Props	10" Pitch Aluminum
Load	1 persons, 5/8 fuel, no water, min. gear
Climate	79 deg., 60% humid, wind: 5 knots, seas: calm

Lake Boating Fun for the Active Family

By Capt. Rob Smith

Probably one of the most comfortable ways to fish a lake is from the spacious deck of a pontoon boat. Sun Tracker's Bass Buggy 18 is destined to be popular with the fishing family and anglers who like to chase the elusive big boys hiding in the shallow ledges around the lake.

Foredeck Casting Space

Side panels are corrugated for durability and support and I like how they curved the railings rather than the simple square tubes you see on most. Sun Tracker has pre-rigged this model for a trolling motor that folds up and passes below the gate on the front when stowed. The rod holder and drink holder is the heavy duty durable plastic style that they designed and are mounted into the top rail. This is so popular that they have added it as options on their other models. Two casting chairs are up front and have thick enough cushioning to be comfortable all day long.

Helm Features

The console is now in the center, like a typical center console fish boat, so you can work fish around either side and have your buddy right behind you with the fish net for your prize fish. On the front of the center console is a handy livewell and bench seat. On the port side is a wide entry gate so you can get a wheelchair on board or other wide gear. Although I doubt you would ever need them, there are stainless grab handles on either side of the center console. Three rods store vertically along the sides so you can have your favorite rigs already set up with the perfect lures. The helm seat base is a cooler and the seat back is a flip-up backrest so you can use it when driving and flip it forward to use for fishing off the back when trolling. At the helm, you have basic gauges, a three spoke wheel and aircraft style lighted switches. The stereo is Sirius Satellite coverage ready and has an iPod/MP3 input. Under the helm is room for a soft side cooler.

Aft Seating and Bimini

The standard bimini offers good coverage from sun and summer showers. A bench seat wraps around from the port side entry gate to the stern walkthrough so when the family just wants to cruise for the day, you have room for everyone to join you. Aft of this seat is the real difference on the Bass Buggy 18. Here you have another large casting space for someone to enjoy. One of the casting chairs can set up here. Three rods store vertically along the port wall and you have your own drink and tackle organizer like the pair up front. The only recommendation I had was to move the cranking battery so that it isn't setting exposed on the aft deck. Moving through the aft gate you have a small swim platform and flip-over swim ladder. Rather than have the engine cut into the aft deck eating up casting space, the engine juts out saving room.

Handling

I found the Bass Buggy handled well and should be easy for even the grandchildren to enjoy helping with the driving. When I tried to trim the engine up to find the sweet spot, I found it almost immediately began to pull air into the prop, so the engine must be mounted about as high as it can be.

Measurements

The Bass Buggy 18 measures 19'8" length overall with a beam width of 8'1". She weighs about 1390 lbs. and is rated for engines up to 75-hp. Pontoons are multi-chambered 24" tubes of .080 aluminum. The deck

is seven ply marine grade pressure treated wood with 30 oz. carpet covering.