

Grady-White Freedom 215 (2018-)

Brief Summary

The Grady-White Freedom 215 has Grady-White's iconic sheer line and is ruggedly built for offshore fishing and cruising. The interior offers plenty of plush seating options and is efficiently laid out to take advantage of its dual-console configuration. With plenty of storage, the Freedom 215 is designed for the adventurous family that wants to do more with their fishing boat.

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

- **SeaV2® Hull** with sharp bow entry and progressive deadrise to 19 degrees at the transom
- **Hydraulic Steering** with 316-grade stainless-steel wheel and knob
- **Dual Swim Platforms** port and starboard
- **Innovative Aft Jump Seats** with a backrest that swing open with reversible, self-stowing cushions that form a walkthrough to swim platforms
- **Lockable Head Compartment** inside the port console with standard portable head
- **Comfortable Seating** throughout
- **Dual Insulated Fish/Ice Boxes** 56-quart (53 L) port and starboard with overboard drain

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
600	3	2.6	0.4	7.5	6.5	540	469.6	61
1000	4.4	3.8	0.8	5.8	5	418	363.1	72
1500	6	5.2	1.2	5	4.3	360	313	73

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
2000	7.5	6.5	1.9	3.9	3.4	282	245.5	74
2500	8.5	7.4	3.2	2.7	2.3	191	166.3	77
3000	13.8	12	4.3	3.2	2.8	230	200.2	80
3500	22.6	19.6	5.5	4.1	3.6	298	259.1	85
4000	27.1	23.5	7.1	3.8	3.3	274	238.5	86
4500	31.3	27.2	9	3.5	3	252	219	90
5000	35.2	30.6	12.8	2.7	2.4	198	171.9	89
5500	39.7	34.5	16.9	2.3	2	169	146.9	91
5800	42.1	36.6	19.6	2.1	1.9	154	134.3	91

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

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Specifications

Length Overall	21' 3" 6.5 m
BEAM	8' 6" 2.59 m
Dry Weight	3,150 lbs. 1,429 kg
Tested Weight	4,560 lbs. 2068.4 kg
Draft	16" 40.6 cm

Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	18 deg.
Max Headroom	
Bridge Clearance	5' 4" 1.63 m
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	8
Fuel Capacity	80 gal. 303 L
Water Capacity	10 gal. 37.9 L
Length on Trailer	
Height on Trailer	
Trailer Weight	
Total Weight	4,560 lbs. 2068.4 kg
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	4.2 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	
Props	14 1/2 x 15 Reliance SDS
Load	2 persons, 1/2 fuel, full water, 228 lbs of gear
Climate	80 deg., 70 humid.; wind: 5-10 mph; seas: calm

Grady-White Freedom 215 Running

The sharp bow entry, hard chines and bow flare on the Grady-White Freedom 215 combine to provide a comfortable, dry ride.

Grady-White Freedom 215 Chine and Strakes

The hard chine and running strakes come all the way to the stem. Note the way they work to keep spray out and downward.

Mission

Today, many manufacturers are recognizing that offshore and inshore fish boats serve families that do more than fish. These boat builders have been introducing dual-console layouts to their model line-ups. Grady-White has always offered family-friendly models designed for the rugged North Carolina offshore waters and the Freedom 215 is no exception.

Designed with a sharp bow entry with a wide bow flare forward, the aggressive running strakes and hard chines are taken all the way to the stem. Add a 19-degree deadrise at the transom and the Grady-White Freedom 215 performs gracefully with a solid, smooth and dry ride in most sea conditions.

With standard and optional fishing features that would satisfy the most avid of anglers, Grady-White did not forget the comfort and sporty features that families enjoy when they are not engaged in fishing.

Major Features

- **Adjustable Seating.** Standard helm and companion seats adjust horizontally and vertically. The test boat had the optional port lounge seat with a sliding/tilt backrest and storage drawer.
- **Walkthrough Windshield.** With tempered glass and standard starboard wiper.
- **Captain Grady.** Digital boat systems and operations guide for iPad and iPhone.
- **Composite Stringer System.** Water impervious.
- **High-Grade Deck Hardware.** 316-grade stainless-steel standard, including 7" (17.78 cm) pop-up cleats, rod holders, low-profile bow rail, drink holders and bow and stern eyes.
- **Well Organized Helm Console.**

Performance

The Grady-White Freedom 215 has an LOA of 23'6" (7.16 m) with swim platforms, a beam of 8'6" (2.59 m) and she draws 16" (40.6 cm) of water with her outboard up. She has a SeaV2® Hull designed by Ray Hunt and Associates and has a 19-degree deadrise at the transom. Our test boat was powered by a Yamaha F200 engine turning 14-1/2 x 15 Reliance SDS props.

We tested on an 80-degree day in smooth water and recorded an average top speed of 42.1 mph at 5800 rpm. The best cruise came at 3500 rpm where we traveled at 22.6 mph, burning 5.5 gph for 4.1 miles per gallon, giving us a range of 298 statute miles with a 10% fuel reserve.

When conditions permit, most people will probably want to go a bit faster. At 4000 rpm she went 27.1 mph, burning 7.1 gph and getting 3.8 mpg for a range of 274 statute miles with a 10% reserve.

Acceleration Times and Test Conditions

- **Time to Plane:** 4.2 sec.
- **0 to 20:** 5.7 sec.
- **0 to 30:** 8.9 sec.
- **Prop:** 14-1/2 x 15 Reliance SDS
- **Load:** 2 persons, 60% fuel capacity, no water, 228 lbs. (103.4 kg) of gear
- **Conditions:** 80 degrees, light wind (5 mph), light chop

Handling

Grady-White Freedom 215 Deadrise and Chines

The deep variable deadrise of the SeaV2® hull and reversed chines provides a smooth, dry ride and better overall performance. The bottom design and resulting ride are some of the most important attributes of this boat.

Because of our smooth water conditions, it was difficult to really test the hull, but when jumping the photo boat's wake, we found her entry to always be soft and sure-footed. Her SeaV2® hull has a variable deadrise bottom, which is sharp at the bow to easily cut through waves and then melds into the 19-degree deadrise at the transom for stability, efficiency, and speed.

Boat Inspection

Bow

The bow of the Freedom 215 offers traditional forward seating that is well executed.

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Deep Lounge Seating

The bow features deep lounge seating and bow bolsters standard. They are firm and plush. They should prove to be comfortable for a full day of boating.

The lounge seating measures 44" (111.8 cm) from console backrest to bow and 23" (58.4 cm) across. The footwell is 22" (55.9 cm) deep from the top of the seat cushion.

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Sun Platform Insert

Shown here with the optional Sun Platform insert.

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Grab Rail

The low-profile grab rail provides safety without interfering with fishing activities. Note the standard speakers (2 in the bow), stainless-steel cup holders, and 7" (17.78 cm) pop-up cleats (2 bow cleats, 2 mid-ships, 2 in the aft cockpit port and starboard).

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Insulated Storage

Port and starboard insulated storage can double as fish boxes or coolers with overboard drains. With the cushions in place, the lids would not stay open without holding them. Gas-assist struts would add the convenience of hands-free stowing.

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Anchor Locker Latch

The anchor locker has a latch to keep the lid from opening while underway and deep drain gutters to keep water out of the locker.

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Optional Freshwater Tank

The test boat had the optional freshwater tank with the fill located in the forward inboard side of the starboard console.

Walkthrough Windshield

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Walkthrough Windshield

The walkthrough windshield allows for a 24" (61 cm) egress to the bow seating. The windshield is tempered glass and comes with a canvas flap that snaps into place, creating a full windbreak when the windshield is closed.

Port Side Console

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Port Side Console

Shown is the port side console which has a lockable head door. Built-in to the console is a cup holder, speaker, and the standard stereo with AM/FM tuner, MP3 auxiliary connections, Bluetooth® connectivity, and remote control. Note the well-placed handrail along the companion seat and on the top of the console.

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Console Vent Fixture

There is a vent fixture on top of the console that provides ventilation for the head as well as a recessed tray that is self-draining to hold incidentals.

Standard Head

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Console Head

Inside the console is the head with 43" (109.2 cm) of headroom and is 28" (71.1 cm) across and 46" (116.8 cm) deep. The head comes standard with in-direct lighting, a Porta-Potti, mirror (inside of the door), storage, and composite Cherry and Holly sole.

Helm Console

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Helm Console Layout

The helm console is well laid-out with controls logically placed and easy to access.

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Helm Console Space

The helm console has plenty of space in the dash for a good-sized multifunction display and VHF radio. Grady-White does not offer standard or optional electronics on the Freedom 215, but Grady-White dealers are happy to install them in the aftermarket.

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Standard Steering Wheel

The hydraulic steering and tilt wheel are standard features on the Freedom 215. The 316-grade steering wheel comes with a knob standard.

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Compass Positioning

The compass is strategically situated in-line with the steering wheel.

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Yamaha Display

The Yamaha LCD Display is standard along with the switch panel, 12V outlet, and 5V duplex USB port. Note the horn switch is red for easy identification.

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Optional Trim Tabs

The cup holder and ignition switch are standard; the trim tabs are an option from Grady-White. The test boat's trim tab controls are well placed at the top of the throttle throw.

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Lockable Storage Drawer

Grady-White includes a lockable storage drawer for incidentals. Note the well-placed fire extinguisher built into the inboard side of the console -- easy to reach but out of the way.

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Helm Console Storage

Inside the starboard helm console is storage with 39" (99.1 cm) from bottom to the top and is 36" (91.4 cm) deep. Grady-White includes storage for the optional bow filler pad and two Plano-style tackle box trays.

Helm Seat

Grady-White Freedom 215 Helm Seat Features

The Pompanette-style helm seat has deep, comfortable cushions and fixed arm rests.

Grady-White Freedom 215 Helm Seat Positioning

The helm seat can be raised and lowered, slides and locks forward and back, and rotates with a lock.

Companion Seat

Grady-White Freedom 215 Optional Companion Seat

The multi-position companion seating on the test boat is optional. The Freedom 215 comes standard with a companion seat that matches the helm seat or a sleeper seat option can be equipped at no cost.

Grady-White Freedom 215 Port Side Seating

The optional multi-position port side seating adjusts to create a lounge seat that is 38" (96.5 cm) long and 24" (61 cm) wide. Shown is the seat in a forward-facing lounge position.

Grady-White Freedom 215 Aft-Facing Lounge

Shown here is the optional portside seating in the aft-facing lounge position. The backrest can be adjusted to any position along the seat and tilts to fit the position desired.

Grady-White Freedom 215 Leaning Post Configuration

By adjusting the backrest in the most forward position, the seat forms a leaning post.

Cockpit

Grady-White Freedom 215 Cockpit Setup

The cockpit is well set up for both cruising and fishing. It measures 83" (210.8 cm) from the aft forward to the consoles and 78" (198.1 cm) wide. The coaming bolsters shown are optional.

The cockpit mid-way is 25" (63.5 cm) deep from the deck to the top of the coaming and has 28" (71.1 cm) of freeboard on the outside. Further forward, the freeboard increases to 36" (91.4 cm) and at the forward seating the freeboard is 37" (94 cm).

Grady-White Freedom 215 Various Standard Equipment

The Freedom 215 comes standard with an insulated, 64-quart cooler built into the area between the two aft seats with a 20.5" (52.1 cm) wide by 12" (30.5 cm) deep cutting board, two cup holders, built-in grab rails, and space for the optional pop-up tow pylon.

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Aft Seat Cushion

The aft seat cushion which measures 16" (40.6 cm) deep by 22" (55.9 cm) wide, can be flipped over and placed facedown into the base to form a platform. The seatback lifts and rotates to the inboard position to provide egress to the swim platform and the four-step boarding ladder.

ABYC standards call for all boats to have a re-boarding ladder that can be reached by someone in the water. It is also to reach 22" (55.9 cm) below the waterline, as this standard ladder clearly does. This feature makes it so that the boat is able to be used for towing sports.

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Raw Water Livewell

The test boat came with the optional 16-gallon (60.56 L) raw water livewell with light. The livewell is insulated and can be used as a cooler as well. Note the gas-assist strut that allows the angler to use both hands when retrieving bait. Note the raw water washdown hose under the coaming. The test boat came with this option installed.

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Gunnel Features

Under the gunnel is standard rod storage and a fixed toe rail for fighting fish.

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Optional Shower Wand

Shown here is the optional freshwater shower wand which is well positioned near the boarding platform.

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Removable Storage

A removable storage box is inside each of the two aft seats

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Battery Access

Under the starboard side, removable storage box is the battery access.

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Easy Access Switch

The battery switch is recessed into the starboard side aft seat for easy access.

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Optional Tow Pylon

The optional tow pylon pops up and is great for families that enjoy tow-sports.

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Navigation Light Receptacle

The all-around navigation light receptacle is placed on the port side aft gunnel.

Transom

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Dual Swim Platforms

The dual swim platforms are 28" (71.1 cm) deep by 25" (63.5 cm) wide. The starboard side houses the four-step boarding ladder in a recessed cutout.

~~Grady-White Freedom~~ 215 Engine Flush System

The test boat came with the optional engine flush system. The hose attachment is on the outboard side of the transom.

Grady-White Freedom 215 Outboard Engine Well

The self-draining outboard engine well keeps the outboard rigging underfoot and easily accessible.

Options to Consider

- Boat covers
- Cockpit bolsters
- Cockpit freshwater shower with 10-gallon tanks and filler port
- Engine flush system
- 16-gallon livewell
- Portside lounge seat with storage drawer
- Forward Sun Platform insert
- Raw water washdown system with hose

Price

Prices vary, as each dealer can set its own prices. However, every dealer pays the same price to the factory for each boat no matter what the dealer's volume. This helps small dealers stay competitive with large ones, and also means that on the used boat market there will not be give-away deals that lower prices for an entire model. Grady-White was one of the first builders to institute such a policy and it is one of the reasons the boats have such a good reputation.

Observations

The Grady-White Freedom 215 continues the legacy of Grady-White's reputation for solid, well-thought-out boat design, intelligent engineering, and attention to detail. Every inch of the Freedom 215 shows that Grady-White understands its customers and how they use their boats.

Families that love to fish but still like to use their boat for everything else on the water will find that the Freedom 215 can meet their expectations. With the Freedom 215 properly optioned, the whole family can enjoy this boat.