

Chaparral 250 OSX (2023-)

Brief Summary

The Chaparral 250 OSX places a premium on passenger capacity and luxurious amenities. Power is a single outboard up to 250 hp. Perhaps most important, Chaparral has a reputation for quality, trouble-free construction.

Price

Base Price\$114393.00

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Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
600	3.7	3.2	0.7	5.1	4.4	276	239.6	56
1000	5.5	4.8	1.4	4	3.4	214	185.8	60
1500	7.4	6.4	2.2	3.4	2.9	181	157.6	63
2000	8.6	7.4	3.9	2.2	1.9	117	102	66
2500	9.7	8.4	5.7	1.7	1.5	92	79.7	68
3000	13.8	12	6.6	2.1	1.8	113	98.1	78
3500	27.1	23.6	8.7	3.1	2.7	168	145.8	80
4000	32.5	28.3	11.5	2.8	2.5	153	132.8	79
4500	37.3	32.4	14.2	2.6	2.3	141	123	81

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
5000	42.3	36.7	19.6	2.2	1.9	116	101.3	82
5500	46.3	40.3	24	1.9	1.7	104	90.6	84
5700	47.3	41.1	24	2	1.7	106	92.4	85

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

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Specifications

Length Overall	24' 6" 7.47 m
BEAM	8' 6" 2.59 m
Dry Weight	4,200 lbs 1,905 kg
Tested Weight	5,721 lbs 2,595 kg
Draft	18" 46 cm
Draft Up	18" 46 cm
Draft Down	37" 94 cm
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	20
Max Headroom	
Bridge Clearance	5' 0" 1.52 m

Weight Capacity	1,765 lbs 800.59 kg
Person Capacity	13 persons
Fuel Capacity	60 gallons 227.12 L
Water Capacity	
Length on Trailer	
Height on Trailer	
Trailer Weight	
Total Weight	5,721 lbs 2,595 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	5.6 seconds
0 to 20	
Ratio	
Props	15.25 x 17 SS
Load	3 persons; 60 gal. fuel; 50 lbs. gear
Climate	89 deg., 69 humid; wind: 0-10 mph; sea: 1

Chaparral SX-250-Run-01-23.jpg

The new 250 OSX measures 24’6” (7.27 m) long with an 8’6” (2.59 m) beam. She’s available with a single outboard up to 250 hp.

Report by Eric Colby

Mission Statement

The Chaparral 250 OSX’s mission is to be a day boat for an active family. She has versatile seating with convertible backrests and deep passenger areas thanks to her “raised beltline” design, which make the boat safer and dryer. A private head can be optioned with an electric toilet, which the family will appreciate.

Chaparral 250 OSX Cockpit

The cockpit and bow are on the same level and there’s space for a crowd in the cockpit and bow.

Chaparral 250 OSX Major Features

- Extended V-Plane Bottom
- Convertible backrests for rear seats.
- Choice of 6 hullside and bottom colors
- Shock mitigation in bucket seats at the helm
- Portside cockpit cooler drains overboard as ice melts
- Enclosed head compartment in port console
- Twin Simrad multifunction displays at the helm
- Twin fuel fills for convenience when using land-based gas stations

Chaparral 250 OSX Features Inspection

It's easiest to board the 250 OSX at the stern by stepping onto the swim platforms that extend past the outboard on each side. We measured them at 34" long and a median width of 22" (86.36 cm x 55.88 cm). The swim platforms and all the walking surfaces on our test boat were covered in optional Seadek matting.

We often say that it's easy to recognize a boat built by people who actually go boating. For example, on the swim platform, Chaparral uses two pull-up cleats and then up on the angled transom on each side are conventional cleats and stainless-steel anti-chafe plating.

On the stern to port are one of two fuel fills, the stereo remote and the pump-out cap. To starboard, the four-step stainless-steel reboarding ladder is in its own locker and the hatch opens on tension hinges that hold it up on their own. There's room to pass forward of the splashwell that contains a freshwater flush and an inspection plate to access equipment below.

It's worth mentioning that there are two fuel fills because the 250 OSX has an 8'6" (2.59 m) beam. That means she doesn't need a permit for trailering so the second fuel fill makes things easier when filling up at a land-based gas station. Just stay away from E-15 fuel.

Captain's Report Chaparral 250 OSX The new 250 OSX measures 24'6" (7.27 m) long with an 8'6" (2.59 m) beam.

The swim platforms offer the most convenient way to board the 250 OSX.

Chaparral 250 OSX 2023 tensionhinges.png

Tension hinges on the hatch mean that a passenger can use two hands to deploy the reboarding ladder, which extends 22" (55.88 cm) below the water's surface.

The Cockpit

It's a 4" (10.16 cm) step up to the 1' (.03 m) wide center passageway to the cockpit. The two back seats have backrests that can be positioned for forward or aft-facing travel. They slide so easily that a child could reposition them without a problem. Forward are two more lounges on each side of the cockpit and the two bucket seats at the helm can also spin around.

Release the latch on the aft-seat bottom cushion and the entire assembly lifts up to reveal 31" (78.74 cm) by 17 ½" (44.45 cm) by 15" (38.1 cm) storage tubs. Each one is light and easy to remove to access items in the bilge like the power-steering pumps, the fuel tank and hoses and other equipment.

These seat structures are not light, so Chaparral makes sure that they can't accidentally fall down. The strut that supports the seat assembly has two parts that act like a kickstand when fully extended. The two pieces need to be aligned for the seat to be lowered.

Chaparral 250 OSX 2023 backrests.png

We can't think of convertible backrests that are easier to move than those on the 250 OSX.

Chaparral 250 OSX 2023 backseat.png

The back seats are hinged so when a latch in the base is released, they raise to access voluminous storage.

Chaparral 250 OSX 2023 stanchion.png

The support stanchion has a built-in safety feature that keeps the seat from bouncing. Think of it as a kickstand.

From the aft passageway, it's a 1' (.03 m) step down to the cockpit that measures 88" (223.52 cm) from the step to the base of the helm console and 42" (106.68 cm) wide. In each gunwale, there are stainless-steel grabrails, courtesy lights and two of six JL audio speakers that are part of an upgrade that also includes a subwoofer. There's a side-mount bracket for the cockpit table in the base of the seat, which we prefer over a hole in the deck. Two more bench seats are on each side.

The base of the port seat contains the battery switch, circuit breakers and an air pump for water toys. Padded bolsters extend the length of the cockpit and Chaparral uses "Envision" upholstery that is made from a Silicone Oxide material designed to stay cooler in direct sunlight and be easier to clean.

Two hatches in the deck open to access under-deck lockers. The aft compartment measured 30" (76.2 cm) by 16" (40.64 cm) by 16" (40.64 cm), while the forward one has the same width and depth (the last two measurements) but is 80" (203.3 cm) long. Each hatch opens on a stainless-steel gas strut and has a thick

rubber gasket to keep it from rattling. Additionally, each opening has drainage channels to keep water from soaking the contents of the compartment.

Chapparral 2500SX 2023 lockers.png

The under-deck lockers in the center of the cockpit offer cavernous storage.

Chapparral 2500SX 2023 aft seats.png

With the aft seats in the forward-facing position, the passenger in the port bucket seat can spin around and stretch out on the lounge.

Chapparral 2500SX 2023 battery switch.png

The battery switch, circuit breakers and an optional air pump for toys are in the base of the port seat in the cockpit.

Chapparral 2500SX 2023 table

The optional table clips are in place so passengers on the aft and port side seats can use it.

The Tower

Our test boat was equipped with the optional patented EFX II Arch for water sports. It folds down with the push of a button and the driver can stay at the helm and operate the boat. We liked how the matte finish countered the shinier finish of the upholstery and the padded headrest at the base.

Chapparral 2500SX 2023 optional tower

The optional tower lowers electrically and the driver can stay at the helm.

Chapparral 2500SX 2023 tower

The tower's matte finish contrasts well with the shinier upholstery.

Chapparral 2500SX 2023 tower base

On each side, the tower base has an integrated headrest so passengers won't be head-butting aluminum.

The Port Console

The captain and a companion travel in bucket seats that have internal springs and lumbar support to improve comfort. Instead of having to reach under the seat to spin or adjust the fore and aft position, lift the armrests. The left lever adjusts the seat fore or aft and the right side spins the seat.

~~Chaparral 250OSX-2023~~bucketseats

The twin bucket seats include integrated shock-dampening springs, fold-up bolsters and lumbar support.

The port console has a glove box in the top. The hatch opens on a tension hinge but doesn't lock. Inside, there's a mat to cushion the ride for items like smartphones, but no charging ports. The console door opens into the bow passageway, providing easy passage into the private head compartment. Inside, there's 44" (111.76 cm) of headroom with 32" (81.28 cm) above the toilet seat. Our test boat was upgraded with a porcelain Tecma flush toilet plus a sink with a pull-up shower and opening port.

~~Chaparral 250OSX-2023~~sinkcabinet

Dark wood finish on the sink cabinet base gives the head a premium feel.

~~Chaparral 250OSX-2023~~headdoor

The large door for the head makes it easier to enter and exit.

The Helm

Cockpit depth at the helm is 31" (78.74 cm) amidships and 30" (76.2 cm) alongside the tower.

To starboard, the 250 OSX's helm is finished in dark upholstery and comes standard with two 7" (17.78 cm) Simrad multifunction displays. Accessory switches are in twin columns on each side of the displays. To the left of the tilt steering wheel is the key switch. To the right are the stereo control just ahead of a beverage holder and the digital engine control. Down low are a JBL speaker and sub-woofer.

~~Chaparral 250OSX-2023~~Simradnavigation

Use one Simrad display for navigation and the other for engine data.

The Bow

The 21" (53.34 cm)-wide passageway forward can be closed off with an air dam and the center section of the stainless-steel-framed windshield.

Seatbacks in the bow are 17" (43.18 cm) tall and we measured overall cockpit depth in this area at 33" (83.82 cm). There was room for our 5'8" (1.73 m) tall test captain to extend his legs on the starboard lounge in the bow and the stainless-steel rail was comfortably positioned. A bolster encircles the forward-most passenger area and there's a removable cushion on the nonskid step that is front and center.

Bow storage includes a cooler under that forward nonskid step and a locker beneath the port-side cushion that raises on, you guessed it, tension hinges. Inside that locker is the short leg for the bow filler cushion. To starboard, a pull loop on the back half of the bottom cushion lets a crew member raise the cushion and the entire starboard backrest that is hinged. Inside are the bow table and leg and the filler cushion. On that cushion, Chaparral takes the extra step of making sure the legs lock in the desired position.

Forward, the bow has two pull-up cleats in the nonskid on each side of the anchor locker. It has clips for a Danforth-style anchor and space for the rode.

~~Chaparral 250OSX-2023~~bow

The large bow has space for adults to stretch out and relax.

~~Chaparral 250OSX-2023~~playpen

Fill in the bow to create a playpen where the kids can hang out and a place for sunbathing.

~~Chaparral 250OSX-2023~~bowbackrests

Bow backrests extend up to an adult's shoulder and are set at a comfortable angle.

~~Chaparral 250OSX-2023~~bowfillerlegs

The legs for the bow filler cushion click and lock in place.

~~Chaparral 250OSX-2023~~storage

Chaparral offers spacious storage in the starboard bow console and makes it easy to access with a lift-up lid.

~~Chaparral 250OSX-2023~~anchorlocker

The anchor locker is in its standard configuration with clips for a Danforth-style anchor.

Performance

The 250 OSX measures 24'6" (7.27 m) long with an 8'6" (2.59 m) beam and a draft of 18" (45.72 cm). Our test boat weighed 4,200 lbs. (1,905.09 kg) dry without an engine and related gear. With three people aboard, full fuel, no fresh water and 50 lbs. (22.68 kg) of gear, we had an as-tested weight of 5,721 pounds (2,595.01 kg).

Powered by a single 250-hp Yamaha outboard spinning a 15.25" x 17" (38.75 cm x 43.18 cm) Saltwater Series propeller, the 250 OSX hit a top speed of 47.3 mph at 5700 rpm.

We recorded best cruise at 3500 rpm where she ran 27.1 mph and burned 8.7 gph. This translates to 3.1 mpg and a range of 168 statute miles with 10% of her 60-gallon (227.12 L) fuel capacity held in reserve.

In acceleration tests, our test boat planed in 5.6 seconds, hit 20 mph in 7.2 and ran through 30 in 10.4 seconds. The 250 OSX held minimum plane at 24.2 mph.

It should be noted that we tested in winds that were building from 10 mph and causing some chop. Further, we tested with full fuel.

Consumer caveat: Chaparral told us that when they tested the boat, they were able to get her to plane time in four seconds and she had a top speed of 51 mph with two adults and 50% fuel aboard. That means she was roughly 350 lbs. (154 kg) lighter in the Chaparral test. All boats are weight sensitive.

~~Chaparral 250OSX-2023outboard~~

The 250-hp outboard is plenty of power for cruising and pulling a tube.

With Chaparral's Extended V-plane bottom, the running surface is actually taken past the transom and beneath the swim platforms. This creates an effect that's similar to having trim tabs — only better because the V-plane bottom adds buoyancy and tabs provide drag. This added stern buoyancy helps keep the bow down when making a hole shot. It enables the boat to accelerate more quickly and not drop the stern in turns.

~~Chaparral 250OSX-2023extendedvplane~~

Chaparral's Extended V-Plane bottom helps with the boat's impeccable handling.

Options to Consider

- Tandem-Axle Trailer
- Black Edition Package: includes EFX II Tower, JL Audio system upgrade, underwater lights, black gelcoat scheme on the hull, silicone fabric upholstery in Cayenne base color with black accent, black

dash panels and special edition badging.

- Premium Package: includes bow scuff plate, transom stereo and air pump
- Dual battery charger
- Trim tabs with an indicator in the switch

Observations

The 250 OSX is a boat that epitomizes the outboard-powered bowrider class. Chaparral takes full advantage of the open space that would have been occupied by a sterndrive engine by placing the aft seats lower in the boat and by creating spacious storage and access to mechanical equipment.

The boat has a quality feel throughout and is thoughtfully laid out with an emphasis on openness and being uncluttered. We would imagine that most people will upgrade to some version of a tower for watersports.