

Rinker 342 Fiesta Vee (Not in Production)

Brief Summary

This express cruiser from Rinker delivers maximum space below and many features you'd find on a 40-footer.

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

- Radar arch with spreader lights
- Transom shower and swim platform with ladder
- Wet bar with sink
- Complete instrumentation with lighting and nighttime operation
- Complete galley with refrigerator/freezer, 2-burner cooktop, microwave
- V-berth with separate lounge and dining table
- Head with separate shower stall

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
600	3.6	3.1	1.9	1.86	1.61	392	341	66
1000	6.2	5.4	3.5	1.77	1.54	374	325	65
1500	7.7	6.7	5.9	1.31	1.14	278	242	70
2000	9.2	8	9.5	0.97	0.84	204	178	75
2500	11.5	10	14.8	0.77	0.67	164	142	78

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
3000	17.9	15.6	21.4	0.84	0.73	177	154	84
3500	23.4	20.3	24.5	0.96	0.83	202	176	82
4000	28.1	24.4	31.5	0.89	0.77	188	164	87
4500	32.9	28.6	39.3	0.84	0.73	177	154	89
5000	35.3	30.7	46.7	0.75	0.66	160	139	93
5025	35.8	31.1	47.9	0.75	0.65	158	137	94

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

Specifications

Length Overall	37' 0"
BEAM	12' 0"
Dry Weight	14, 280 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	2' 11"
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	18 deg.

Max Headroom	6' 10"
Bridge Clearance	9' 8"
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	235 gal.
Water Capacity	51 gal.
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	6.5 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	2.2:1
Props	18 x18
Load	2 persons, 1/2 fuel, full water, min. gear
Climate	90 deg., 85% humid.; wind: 5 mph; seas: minimal chop

Thanks to overwhelming customer demands, Rinker is introducing a new bottom design for their flagship cruiser. The new boat features two inboard power plants coupled to v-drive transmissions. If your seeking an affordable, salt water pleasure palace, then the inboard boat may be a better choice than the original 342’s sterndrive configuration. There are some trade-offs between the two vessels, like top speed and draft clearance. But, like all boats, you should know what you really need before you buy.

My first impressions from the helm were that the 342 is big. The view over the foredeck is that of a yacht much longer than Fiesta Vee’s 37 feet overall. Her 12-foot beam supplies all the width needed for entertaining in style. The cockpit is nicely equipped with lots of seating and one of the best equipped wet-bars I’ve seen. The triangular wet-bar has generous counter space, a large refrigerator, an icemaker, and a concealed, flip out blender to keep that icemaker busy.

The helm is ergonomically designed with everything in easy reach of the driver. Molded contours and pods provide extra space to mount your favorite electronic navigation displays. While wood grain panels give a luxurious look to the helm station. The only thing I didn't like about the 342's helm was the glare produced off the dash and windshield. Besides that, the Captain and first mate can enjoy the ride from the fully adjustable helm seating with flip up bolster. Like all the other Rinker cruisers we tested, the molded steps at the helm made foredeck access a breeze. For safety, I would add a handrail to the windshield's folding door. Through the sliding acrylic door and down a few steps, you'll find a super spacious cabin. The forward berth is almost beam width, but is shallow, so you're going to have sleep perpendicular to the boats centerline if you are over 4 feet tall. A little strange if the water gets bumpy when you're on the hook.

The galley is well equipped for the gourmet cook aboard to prepare the feast of the day. The galley's appliances include a large refrigerator, electric cook top, microwave oven and coffee maker. The polished stainless steel sink is very deep and great for soaking whatever. In the galley and throughout the whole boat, are a countless number of drawers, cabinets and storage nooks for just about anything you could possibly need to bring along on your extended adventures.

The U-shaped dinning settee is long and comfortable. A table can be lowered to provide an additional berth for almost two people. A curtain at the forward birth can be closed to supply some privacy when guests are aboard. And again there is more storage above and below the settee.

The port side head is large and comfortable. The head boasts a separate shower stall that is divided by an acrylic door. A great idea if two people need to get cleaned up in a hurry. The vanity and sink join the flush toilet in the forward section of the head.

Finally, completing the accommodations below decks is the super wide aft cabin. Plenty of room here for the kids to play or for several guests to bunk for the evening. You will also find more storage nooks here, just in case you run out of space in the salon.

Lets talk power. With a pair of MerCruiser 6.2 liter Horizons pushing the 342's girthy 14,000-pound hull, we achieved a top speed of 35.8 mph. Now this was the standard power package, and Rinker does offer a good selection of MerCruiser gasoline engines to suit your wallet. So if speed is what you need, you'll have to opt for the bigger engines. Or you can spring for the efficiency of Yanmar diesels to propel you through the ocean blue.

After spending considerable time with the 342 and the entire Rinker line up, I was pleased to find a manufacturer that offers good quality and surprising performance at a price that you almost feel guilty about paying. There is no doubt that all the awards that Rinker has received for outstanding value have been respectively earned.

By Capt. Ron Svoboda

Test Captain