

Princecraft Super Pro 188 DLX SE (Not in Production)

Brief Summary

A durable fishing boat that will get you out front and serve up advantages for catching the trophy fish. Her reverse chines help deliver a dryer ride.

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

- Built with H36 marine grade alloy sheet aluminum
- Two large storage compartments
- Lighted livewell
- Four stations for pedestal chairs in the cockpit
- Handles well while taking tight turns
- Tilt wheel and hydraulic steering

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
550	3.3	2.9	0.3	13.2	11.48	416	362	65
1000	5	4.3	0.6	8.25	7.17	260	226	68
1500	6.2	5.3	1.2	5.35	4.65	168	146	72
2000	7.6	6.6	2	3.78	3.28	119	103	75
2500	8.3	7.2	3	2.8	2.43	88	77	79
3000	20	17.3	3.6	5.62	4.89	177	154	86

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
3500	31.4	27.3	5.4	5.86	5.1	185	161	84
4000	35.2	30.6	7.1	4.95	4.3	156	136	87
4500	39.3	34.1	10.1	3.89	3.38	122	106	84
5000	43.9	38.2	14.9	2.95	2.56	93	81	88

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

Length Overall	18' 4"
BEAM	7'10"
Dry Weight	1,237 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	N/A
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	N/A
Max Headroom	N/A

Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	60 gal.
Water Capacity	none
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	2.9 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	N/A
Props	3 blade stainless steel 19
Load	2 persons, 3/8 fuel, no water, min. gear
Climate	67 deg., 98% humid., wind: 0-5 knots; seas: calm

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I couldn't think of a better place to test out Princecraft's new Super Pro 188 DLX Special Edition fish boat than on the Tennessee River in Knoxville, TN. Even the cool air and cold rain couldn't put a damper on the excitement they have over this new contender for the trophy fishing. I couldn't help but appreciate the fall coming when looking at the fall colors in the trees, when the fog lifted.

The 188 is built with H36 marine grade alloy sheet aluminum, not rolled aluminum like most. She has a beautiful high gloss finish with reverse chines for a dryer ride. Cleats are recessed to keep the sides clean when fighting a fish from front to back.

The bow raised fishing platform is pre-rigged for a 36V deluxe bow trolling motor and includes a battery power level gauge, Marincos plug, tilt switch and wiring harness for the optional motor. There are two compartments for storage up front for the anchor and other lines. Cargo netting is fitted under the gunnels up front to keep loose items in control. A lighted live well with minnow bucket is up here for your bow fishing partners and a space for one of the pedestal mount seats in the center. At the back edge of the bow platform is a large in-floor locker. In the lower compartment of this locker is space for the three 12 volt

batteries and above them is space for eight seven and a half foot rods in the locking rod locker.

My test boat had a handy companion pod for the fishing partner so they can stay out of the wind and rain underway like the helmsman. This included a cup holder for coffee in the morning and a glove box for loose items. At their feet is a four-drawer tackle station mounted in the front of the raised platform. The helm was outfitted with Mercury SmartCraft 11 function Tachometer and 11 function Speedometer. Very sweet! Tilt wheel and hydraulic steering made getting to the fishing hole much more comfortable. Separate throttle controls are at the helm for the main and kicker engines so you don't have to worry about adding the cables when you add the kicker. There are four stations for pedestal chairs in the cockpit and another on the stern raised fishing platform. Side compartments on both sides are lockable with toe kick space below for fighting the big ones. The wide gunnel tops have even got pads for the trolling gear built right in so you don't have to poke any holes in the gunnels after you buy the boat! In the floor in the center of the cockpit is a shallow storage bin for items like life jacket storage. There is another livewell and bait bucket in the back and up on the stern platform is access to the cranking battery and oil well.

She handled like a dream and didn't kick any water up in the boat when taking tight turns or doing hole shots. She is quiet for an aluminum hull. I would like to have seen stainless locker pulls rather than plastic since the carpeted covers are pretty tight and may make breaking the pulls easier. I didn't have a chance to load the live wells up and see if having them both to the port side would be a problem, but the boat rode pretty stable with them empty.

This 188 is 18 feet 4 inches long and 94 inches in the beam. She comes with a graphics matched trailer.

Her weight is approximately 1,244 lbs as was easy to get on the trailer when we pulled her out with a Ford Explorer. Her transom has plenty of room for the main and kicker engines and has 20 inches of height.

The Super Pro 188 DLX SE was out of the hole in just 2.9 seconds and was past 30 mph in just 8.1 seconds going upstream in a rainsquall. She cruised quiet comfortably at 31.4 mph and 3500 rpms burning 5.4 gph for a range of 185 miles. At top speed we were flying along at 43.9 mph burning 14.9 gph for a range of 93 miles.

If you are looking for a durable fishing boat that will get you out front and serve up advantages for catching the trophy fish, take a closer look at the Super Pro 188 DLX SE from Princecraft.

By Capt. Bob Smith

Test Captain