

Baja 245 Performance (2004-)

Brief Summary

The 245 offers a combination of great looks, performance, and value. She's new for 2004 and features improved hull manufacturing techniques like a full fiberglass stringer system and the elimination of plywood from the cockpit upholstery. Baja has also improved the cockpit area on this model.

Price

Base Price\$57446.00

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Key Features

- Comfortable cockpit seating
- Drop down bolster seats
- Large sun pad
- Clarion stereo with CD player
- Custom textured surface on forward deck
- Large V-berth area
- Recessed bench with grab handles
- Electrically operated engine hatch

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
600	4.3	3.7	1.5	2.83	2.46	204	177	64
1000	6.6	5.7	2.2	3.07	2.67	221	192	67
1500	7.9	6.8	3.6	2.18	1.9	157	137	76
2000	9.6	8.3	6.7	1.43	1.24	103	89	84

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
2500	27.4	23.8	8.8	3.13	2.72	225	196	85
3000	35.5	30.8	11.6	3.07	2.67	221	192	87
3500	42.6	37	15	2.85	2.47	205	178	89
4000	50.3	43.7	16.9	2.98	2.59	214	186	92
4500	58.9	51.2	28.3	2.08	1.81	150	130	95
4850	62.5	54.3	29.6	2.11	1.83	152	132	97

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Specifications

Length Overall	24' 5"
BEAM	8' 6"
Dry Weight	4,000 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	34"
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	

Deadrise/Transom	23 deg.
Max Headroom	4' 4"
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	80 gal.
Water Capacity	9 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	5.0 sec
0 to 20	
Ratio	1.5: 1
Props	23" 3-blade stainless steel
Load	Load: 2 persons; Fuel: full; Water: none; Gear: minimal
Climate	Temp: 84 deg.; Humid: 88%; Wind: calm; Seas: 1-2 ft.

A Combination of Just The Right Stuff

Tested by Capt. Ron Svoboda

If you’re into performance boating, then you know the name Baja. What you may not be aware of is how many different boats Baja manufactures to suit your individual boating needs. For instance, the 245 Performance Series that we recently tested is positioned between the hardcore offshore lineup, the Outlaw, and the open bow layout known as the Islander Series.

New Features

The 245 is brand new for 2004 and features improved hull manufacturing techniques like a full fiberglass stringer system and the elimination of plywood from the cockpit upholstery. This boat will most likely be the replacement for the popular 232- model as she provides over a foot of extra length plus a much improved

cockpit area.

Helm

Baja is notorious for designing sporty boats, and that styling is carried down to the details at the helm. The captain is treated to a functional and simple to use layout, with engine gauges centered above a tilt steering wheel. Mounted to starboard are the Zero-effort controls, drive and tab switches, along with a switch panel that handles the control of all the powered accessories.

Layout

Cockpit seating is comfortable and has room for five adults. The drop-bottom bolster seats can be manually adjusted for standing or seated positions, and supply forward seating for the skipper and companion. Friends and family can stretch out on the aft bench seat or the roomy engine hatch, which also doubles as the sun pad. The cockpit also features 6 cup holders and several grab handles, all within easy reach.

Cabin

Under the foredeck of the 245 is a small cabin that's perfect for overnight trips, or just getting out of the weather. The styling of the cabin is a minimalist's dream with little to no effort exerted by the Baja designers for aesthetics. On the other hand, the basic V-berth offers a comfortable place to take a nap and conceals a storage compartment below the cushions. An optional porta-potti is available and stows conveniently under the berth.

Engine Access

At the stern of the boat, you'll find an electrically operated engine hatch that fully exposes the engine compartment. Inside the roomy compartment, I found plenty of room to check fluids and perform routine maintenance. In addition, Baja has taken full advantage of this space to provide an anchor holder on the port side of the compartment. The 245 is also presented with an optional swim platform for water activities. Besides adding over two feet of length to the boat, the platform incorporates a folding swim ladder, ski tow eye, and a stereo remote for the Clarion CD player.

Specs

With a dry weight of 4,100 pounds the 24 foot, 5 inch long boat has a roomy beam of 8 feet 6 inches. Draft works out to be 34 inches with the Bravo sterndrive in the down position. Overall, handling and ride quality are very good with the 23- degree deadrise running surface. This is one reason Baja continues to produce boats without stepped-bottom hulls.

Performance

Our test boat was equipped with an upgraded power package, which delivered 375 horsepower. All that power accelerated the boat to a top speed of 62.5 miles per hour at 4,850 rpm. On our test run cruise speed was also brisk at 35.5 miles per hour at 3,000 rpm, resulting in just over 3 miles per gallon, giving us a range of 221 miles. Considering everything that is involved, the 245 combines performance, handling, and great looks into one package that won't scare you off when you see the sticker price.