

Sun Tracker Bass Buggy 18

Brief Summary

If you're looking for interior space for the whole family, Sun Tracker's Bass Buggy offers just that. She combines cruising comfort and fishing features into an affordable package.

Price

Base Price \$12995.00

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

- Anodized Deck Rails and Trim
- Access Gate Opens Inward with Double Lock System
- Multi-Chambered Tubes
- Sound and Vibration Deadening Fence Insulation
- 4 Seat Base Locations
- 3 Deluxe Fishing Seats with Composite Frames
- Aft Entry with Boarding Platform and Ladder
- Bow Aerated Livewell
- Wheelchair Access Gate
- Custom Steering Wheel
- AM/FM CD Stereo
- Tinted Plexiglass Windshield
- Livewell Systems

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
750	2.6	2.2	0.9	3	2.61	62	54	62
1000	2.7	2.3	1	2.84	2.47	59	51	62

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
1500	4.5	3.9	1.4	3.21	2.8	67	58	64
2000	6.3	5.5	2	3.23	2.81	67	58	67
2500	7.7	6.7	2.7	2.89	2.51	60	52	69
3000	11.2	9.7	3.4	3.33	2.89	69	60	73
3500	14.8	12.7	4.2	3.52	3.06	73	63	73
4000	18.1	15.7	5.3	3.42	2.97	71	61	77
4500	21.9	19	6.9	3.17	2.76	66	57	81
5000	24.1	20.9	8.2	2.93	2.55	61	53	82
5200	25.1	21.8	9	2.8	2.43	58	50	85

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

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Specifications

Length Overall	18' 2"
BEAM	N/A
Dry Weight	1,362 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	N/A

Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	N/A
Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	23 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	2.8 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	2.33:1
Props	13 3/4 x 15 aluminum
Load	2 persons, full fuel, no water, min. gear
Climate	77 deg., 73% humid, wind and seas calm, fresh water lake

A Pontoon Rigged for Fishing

Tested By Capt. Bob Smith

Although you may think of pontoons as primarily vehicles for getting around the beaches with the family while having a great time or party aboard, Sun Tracker originally built its models specifically for fishing.

Pontoon boats certainly make a stable platform that can get into skinny water with you and a bunch of friends casting teaser baits out to lure in the big ones.

The Bass Buggy 18 is the latest version of Sun Tracker's idea of perfection of the popular favorite. The builder has added features like a set-back motor pod for improving useful space aboard. A 23-gallon fuel tank resides in the pod saving more room. The new Bass Buggy is more stable now with 24" diameter multi-chambered logs constructed of .080 marine grade aluminum.

Layout

The Bass Buggy 18 offers three entry points. One up front, one on the side that is extra wide for wheel chair access and finally one at the back. All have double latched gates that open inward and the safety of having to lift them up to swing them open. That makes them harder for the little ones to get them open fast.

There are two removable casting seats up front. In the port bow you have an 8-gallon livewell with 500-gallon per hour aerated pump. Over on the starboard side is a storage compartment. My test boat had two tackle organizers held in the starboard box with a bungee cord so the gear would be easily found when needed. Both corners have cup holders for hot coffee in the morning and cool beverages during the day.

Deck Features

Resilient roto-molded bench seats occupy the center cockpit seating on the port side. Both the side and back bench cushions are held on the bench with piano hinges on the front lip and have abundant storage below. The center pie-shaped piece between them does not come off. The helm pod has a covered trash bin in the front with two cup holders for the cockpit riders. Underneath the helm is a cooler that slides into place. I would prefer to see this held in place somehow, although I doubt you will do any racing turns that may dislodge it from its storage area.

Behind the Wheel

The helm has a smoked windshield deflector screwed into place that adds a bass boat look to the rig. A stereo with CD player and flip-up cover is at the left of the wheel. A long, shallow tray is in front of the wheel for coins, glasses and your wallet. You'll find a 12-volt DC adapter for portable gear and rocker switches to the left of the wheel for controlling navigation lights, aeration system and accessories.

Rigged for Fishing

The stern area is also ready for fishing. You have another removable fishing chair on a pedestal here on the port side behind the L-shaped bench seat. In the corner of the bench on the back are another two cup holders for the stern fishing crew. Three rods can be stored upright along the port side here in the back. Through the rear entry you have a very nice extra wide flip boarding ladder.

Specs

The Bass Buggy 18 has a deck length of 17'6.5" and a deck width of 8'1". The pontoon length is 18'2" and this pontoon is approved for carrying up to 7 people or 985 lbs. This model comes standard with a 25-hp Mercury outboard but can use multiple models up to a 75-hp Mercury outboard. Approximate package weight is 1,362 lbs.

Performance

When we tested this model we had a 75-hp Mercury outboard for power. We found she was capable of a top speed of 25.1 mph and was a quiet runner with a level of 62 dBa at idle and only 85 dBa at top speed. If you like the versatility, maneuverability and stability of a pontoon and want to have as much fun with the family as you do fishing, the Bass Buggy 18 from Sun Tracker certainly has the personality and features to fill the bill.