

Tahoe Pontoons Grand 27 Elite

Brief Summary

Tahoe has designed something distinct and a step above the rest with their new Grand 27 Elite. This model is sleek and sophisticated, packed with features, and delivers a good turn of speed.

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

- In dash GPS with Graphic depthsounder
- All Aluminum Seat Box Frames with Dry Storage Matting under seats
- Mooring Cover
- Four-Step Folding Ladder
- Rail mount Stainless Round Gas Grill
- Built-In Docklight & Running Light Assembly
- Circular Front Deck with heavy duty corner guards
- Deluxe overstuffed radius Rear Sun Pad
- Woodgrain Tilt Steering Wheel

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
750	2.6	2.2	0.6	4.64	4.03	150	131	59
1000	3.3	2.9	0.7	4.89	4.25	158	138	60
1500	4.8	4.2	1.2	3.95	3.44	128	111	63
2000	6.8	5.9	1.7	4	3.48	130	113	64

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
2500	8.5	7.3	2.5	3.35	2.91	108	94	68
3000	12	10.4	3.1	3.83	3.33	124	108	68
3500	14.5	12.6	4.2	3.44	2.99	112	97	72
4000	17	14.8	5.5	3.1	2.7	100	87	77
4500	20	17.4	7.9	2.55	2.22	83	72	80
5000	22.5	19.6	10.1	2.23	1.94	72	63	82

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



Specifications

Length Overall	27' 0"
BEAM	8' 6"
Dry Weight	2,206 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	~
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	

Deadrise/Transom	~
Max Headroom	~
Bridge Clearance	~
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	36 gal.
Water Capacity	~
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	2.6 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	2.33:1
Props	15" P
Load	Load: 2 persons, Fuel: 1/2 full, Water: none, Gear: minimal
Climate	Temp: 52 deg., Humid: 78%, Wind: 5-7 mph, Seas: 1 ft. chop

Make Mine Grand

By Captain Keith Burton

Space maybe the last frontier but there is more to space than twinkling stars. How about the luxury of space and the room to move about in comfort, say on a pontoon boat? That’s part of the appeal of the 2005 Tahoe Grand Elite 27, where space, amenities and performance combine to make a trip to your nearby lake or bay a wonderful experience every time.

With a length of 27 feet and a beam of 8 feet 6 inches, the Tahoe Grand Elite 27 has more deck space than a 15x15 foot room. But this pontoon boat is not just about the room onboard, it is about comfort and amenities that have been well designed and engineered to provide a premium pontoon boat experience. There is more to this pontoon boat than simply two aluminum logs attached under a platform. A close

examination finds that the engineers spent the time to build a pontoon boat with strength and durability as a priority. A good example is the four-inch rub rail around the deck along with super strong cast aluminum bumpers at the corners.

Then there is the way the forward tube splash shields are molded and welded as one unit to form the front of the tubes and not just attached as on most other pontoon boats. Owners will also appreciate that the engineers included a strong aluminum rub strip along the outside edges of the pontoons to keep docking damages to a minimum.

Graceful Design

On deck, the designers clearly were thinking outside the box. The bow area seating curves gracefully toward a bow door that is offset to starboard. The look is different and sets a neat design element to this pontoon boat.

As you would expect in a pontoon boat, under seat storage is huge. But here is a difference, the seat framing is all aluminum, there is no wood or plastic used. Even the seat materials are different. Tahoe used a premium soft-touch vinyl with multi-density foam beneath. The results are very comfortable seats that return to their shape when compressed.

Almost every space is used, such as corner storage compartments near the seatbacks that are covered with a clear panel that open upward. Attention to detail is evident here too. Tahoe's engineers covered the aluminum hinges with the same vinyl just to make it look better.

Scattered strategically around the interior are small diode-bulb deck lights for discrete night lighting. We also like the premium JBL speaker system for the stereo.

Amidships

The control console features a freshwater sink entertainment area. There are also several storage compartments and large deck light.

The helm is elegantly designed with crème colored gauges set in gold bezels within a burl-like wood dash that spans the top of the console. Included in our boat was a built-in Humminbird GPS fishfinder as well as a Clarion marine-use CD radio. A premium tilting steering wheel is also part of the package as well as a roomy and comfortable captain's chair that swivels.

More Seating Luxury

Passengers in the rear seating area are not shortchanged in any way. An expansive wraparound bench seat offers plenty of room for lounging in the sun. Those seats also have storage below in both the side and rear sections. Convenient cupholders are everywhere they should be.

Nestled in a corner compartment is truly a luxury touch. There inside is a rack holding four wine glasses, and below that, holders for four wine bottles and even a glass Champaign bucket to keep the bubbly at the right temperature.

At the stern is a huge sun pad large enough for two people. The leading section of the sun pad can be raised on hydraulic struts to reveal a canvas changing room for when privacy is needed onboard.

The rear portion of the sun pad also opens to provide access to the engine area. A stern ladder is attached

to the starboard side with plenty of room to get onboard.

Performance

Over the water the Tahoe Grand Elite 27 is a model of serenity over the typical wakes and waves on a lake. There is no pounding and punishing your passengers. Steering is a bit numb as this is not a sportboat, so cutting sharp corners is definitely not its long suit, but it handles easily enough.

Equipped with a 90 horsepower Mercury 2-stroke outboard, we recorded a top speed of 22.2 mph, just fast enough to mess up your hair. But cruise speed, at 12.2, is the more enjoyable way to get around.

We think that folks looking for a large, roomy pontoon boat will be well-pleased with the Tahoe Grand Elite 27. It has a truly unique look, excellent engineering as well as fit and finish. And best of all, the space to enjoy it.