

MasterCraft X-30 (2006-)

Brief Summary

MasterCraft's new X-30 boasts a radical new design with some awesome eye-catching graphics. She has the solid build, dry ride and quiet design you expect from MasterCraft and some pretty innovative features to please the most demanding crowd.

If you are into wakeboarding tricks, this might be what you have been waiting for. She has lots of standard features like two power outlets for cell phones and portables, Clarion Sirius ready sound system with four JL speakers, and a JL Audio subwoofer and high-power amplifier. The sunpad is a 3-piece affair with easy access. The wakeboard system includes an anodized ski pylon, Double Keel-line Ballast System and Zero-Flex Flyer tower. You have just got to see this for yourself!

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

- Pop-up cleats
- Large ski locker
- Clarion stereo with Sirius capability
- Stylish helm with complete instrumentation
- Ballast system
- Rotating board racks
- Spacious layout with wraparound seating
- Dual storage compartments beneath engine hatch

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
600	3.9	3.4	0.9	4.33	3.77	238	207	67

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1000	5.7	5	1.5	3.8	3.3	209	181	68
1500	7.6	6.6	2.7	2.85	2.48	156	136	68
2000	9.1	7.9	4.8	1.92	1.67	105	91	72
2500	16.7	14.5	7.3	2.3	2	126	110	78
3000	23.7	20.6	9.5	2.49	2.16	137	119	79
3500	28.8	25	12.1	2.38	2.07	131	114	82
4000	33.2	28.8	15.4	2.16	1.88	119	103	85
4500	37	32.2	20.1	1.84	1.6	101	88	85
5050	42.3	36.7	26.7	1.58	1.38	87	76	87

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

MasterCraft X-30 chart.jpg

Specifications

Length Overall	22' 5"
BEAM	8'6"
Dry Weight	3,900 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	28"

Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	N/A
Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	61 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	3.6 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	1.56 : 1
Props	N/A
Load	3 persons, 1/2 fuel, no water, minimal gear
Climate	60 deg., 38% humid.; wind: 5 knots; seas: calm

MasterCraft Revives a Classic

By Capt. Vince Daniello

Test Captain

The X-30 is the largest pointy-nosed wakeboard boat in MasterCraft's line up. At nearly 22-and-a-half feet

long, even with this sleek design, the X-30 still has plenty of room for a full crowd and all their gear. The X-30 is built on the same hull as the company's Maristar 230, with inboard V-drive propulsion and wraparound seating. This keeps all the action, at least inside the boat, centered around the helm, as opposed to traditional ski boats with the engine in the middle, which separates the seating.

Handling and Performance

Our X-30 was equipped with a 350-hp MasterCraft MCX which pushed our test boat to a top speed of 42.3 mph. We found she cruised most economically at a comfortable 3000 rpm, which produced a speed of 23.7 mph. At cruise she burned 9.5 gph with a total range of 137 miles.

As for action behind the boat, the X-30 plays the dual role of ski boat and wakeboarder well. Since much of what happens in the wake starts at the helm, I should emphasize the performance and handling of the X-30. There really is no comparison between the handling of a typical multi-purpose inboard/outboard, and a performance-tuned inboard propulsion ski boat. Since it is only turning a rudder, not an entire outdrive and propeller, the steering wheel is smooth and tight, a lot like rack and pinion steering on a sporty roadster as opposed to power steering in a family car. Turns are smooth, tight, and controlled, and having the propeller tucked under the boat is certainly safer than sticking it out behind like I/Os do.

Skiing and Wakeboarding Features

As for its wake, the X-30 starts out smooth for skiers and novice wakeboarders, but with MasterCraft's three-tank ballast system, she quickly converts to a monster-wake machine, with individual pumps and gauges for each tank for infinitely adjustable, repeatable wakes.

In keeping with its dual abilities, the X-30 comes with a removable ski pylon which inserts just behind the aft bench seat, along with MasterCraft's folding wakeboard tower that features really slick swiveling board racks. Combining the swivel design with convenient locking levers to hold the boards in place makes these racks extremely easy to use.

Optional Equipment

Options for the tower include halogen lights and 150 watt JL speakers to augment the boat's standard Clarion / JL sound system. Other accoutrements include an electric soap dispenser gun to help slide into tight bindings and an oversized rear view mirror so the driver can see behind the boat. Finally, skiers and wakeboarders alike will appreciate the optional Perfect Pass cruise control system and the forced-air cockpit heater that's great for those chilly morning rides.

Test Results

The X-30 proved a capable performer too, even with the slightly upgraded 350 horsepower small block V-8. In our tests, we planed out in 3.6 seconds and hit 30mph in only 7.1 seconds. Top speed was a little over 42 mph turning 5050 rpm. With the optional 450 horsepower big-block, the X-30 must be a rocket ship; about like Carroll Shelby's famous 1967 big-block Mustang GT.