

Larson Cabrio 274 (2006-)

Brief Summary

The 274 is probably one of the best values in cruising from Larson and is still a trailerable pocket cruiser. A versatile cockpit design features plenty of entertainment space while a roomy cabin design offers a grand space to chill out from the sun or relax for an evening on the hook.

Price

Base Price \$80429.00

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

- Bow pulpit with roller and rope locker
- Integrated swim platform with 4-step telescoping swim ladder
- Swim shower with hot & cold water
- Dual helm seat
- Removable stern seating
- Cockpit wet bar
- Full galley with microwave, cooktop and refrigerator and sink
- Full wet head

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
600	3	2.6	1	2.95	2.57	226	196	63
1000	4.4	3.8	1.8	2.51	2.19	192	167	68
1500	7.1	6.1	2.7	2.66	2.31	204	177	73
2000	8.5	7.4	4.7	1.81	1.57	138	120	76

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
2500	10.1	8.8	8.5	1.2	1.04	91	80	83
3000	18	15.7	10.6	1.7	1.48	130	113	85
3500	25.1	21.8	11.1	2.26	1.97	173	150	85
4000	30.3	26.3	12.7	2.39	2.08	183	159	88
4500	35.9	31.2	15.9	2.26	1.97	173	151	90
5000	41.7	36.2	19.4	2.15	1.87	165	143	89
5350	45.1	39.2	23.7	1.9	1.65	146	127	92

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

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Specifications

Length Overall	28' 0"
BEAM	8' 6"
Dry Weight	6,000 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	2' 10"
Draft Up	
Draft Down	

Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	18 deg.
Max Headroom	6' 2"
Bridge Clearance	7' 0" (w/o arch)
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	85 gal.
Water Capacity	28 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	6.4 seconds
0 to 20	
Ratio	2.20 : 1
Props	14 1/4 & 15 3/4 x 22" Aluminum
Load	2 persons, 3/4 fuel, no water, min. gear
Climate	65 deg., 75% humid., wind: 10 mph; seas: light chop

Functional Weekend Family Cruiser

By Captain Keith Burton

Test Captain

When an experienced boat owner begins his search for a bigger, more luxurious pleasure boat he usually wants a boat with a cabin, some amenities, power, in addition to plenty of room for family and friends. The challenge is to find a boat that can be trailered AND meet all those needs. This is where the designers at Larson have sweetly placed their 2006 Cabrio 274. This 28-foot express cruiser is packed with luxury, a roomy cabin, and the type of amenities usually found on bigger, more expensive boats.

Reputation

For more than 92 years, Larson has been building high-quality boats for customers looking for quality and performance, so it comes as no surprise that the 2006 Cabrio 274 is packed with the type of features boat owners seeking this class of boat want to have, and designed in a way that is both stylish and durable. The key to all the room on board the Cabrio 274 is the boat's high deck, which adds to the room below and on deck.

Belowdeck

Access to the main cabin is through a sliding fiberglass hatch that is amazingly easy to open and close. The richly finished cabin of this boat would not be out of place in a much bigger and more expensive yacht. The cabin features more than 6' 2" of headroom and is elegantly styled with beautifully finished cherry laminate cabinets for the galley and premium push-button latches. The galley includes a built-in microwave, single-burner stove, and refrigerator. Ample lighting from side screen-covered portholes and spotlights keep the cabin inviting both day and night. And, if you want to watch a movie, a built-in DVD player with flat screen monitor provides another reason to stay below.

A large stand-up head compartment is finished inside with rounded edges to make cleanup easy. The Cabrio 274 comes with a portable toilet and holding tank. Our test boat was outfitted with the optional electric marine toilet with pump out.

An additional sleeping berth with room for two is located toward the rear of the main cabin. The room is made possible by the raised main deck. The berth features a screened window that opens just below the passenger sun lounge on the main deck.

The Cabrio model that we tested was outfitted with a central air conditioner system and gen-set for power. So comfort, regardless of how hot, will never be a problem. The climate controls and generator are controlled by an easy-to-use electrical control panel to the left of the galley.

Cockpit Features

On the main deck, Larson's designers made sure comfort and style were not left to the cabin below. The passenger seat is an extended sun lounge, and while two people could sit there, its best use is for one person to lie in the sun.

The helm is also a roomy place for the captain. Plenty of leg and seat room are matched by an expansive instrument panel. The black on white gauges are set in a burl wood-like panel. We particularly liked the wood sport steering wheel and remote controls for the Clarion AM/FM/CD radio, spotlight, and electric windlass.

Thoughtful details abound on the Cabrio 274. An entertainment station was part of our boat. It featured a freshwater sink and refrigerator surrounded by a convenient wraparound handhold. A place for an ice chest is built-in beneath the captain's chair, which also features a fold-up bolster.

Stern seating includes a removable table at the center between rear and forward facing bench seats. The rear bench seat can be removed to add more deck space for when you are fishing.

Handling and Overall Ride

Performance is another reason why people buy sport cruisers. Our boat was equipped with a 320-hp MerCruiser MPI 6.2-Liter V8. This engine powered our Cabrio 274 to a top speed of 45.1 mph at 5390 rpm. Cruising speed was a brisk 30.3 mph turning 4000 rpm. Our boat was a bit slow to accelerate, mostly as a result of the equipment package, such as the generator and air conditioner system, which add weight. But once up to speed, the Cabrio 274 is a joy to pilot. Handling is predictable and smooth, and the ride even over rough water does not produce undue pounding. The boat feels very solid, which adds a lot to the confident feeling you get when piloting this craft.

Overall, the Larson Cabrio 274 is a stylish, luxurious express cruiser with excellent fit and finish, impressive ride, all in a package that you can still reasonably trailer. That makes it a boat that should be on your must see list if you are in the market for this class of boat.