

Glastron SX 175 (2006-) (Not in Production)

Brief Summary

The Glastron SX 175 is the company's best selling boat and one of the best selling boats in the industry. But for 2006, Glastron raises the bar with a terrific new interior. This is a boat that has style, features and performance that is remarkable for an entry-level bowrider.

Price

Base Price\$17164.00

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

- Full instrumentation
- AM/FM/CD stereo with 2 speakers
- Ski/kneeboard locker
- Glove box
- Snap-in carpet
- Fiberglass floor
- Molded swim platform
- Walk-thru curved windshield

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
650	3.2	2.8	0.6	5.33	4.64	110	96	55
1000	4.3	3.7	0.8	5.73	4.99	119	103	57
1500	6.4	5.5	1.6	4.1	3.56	85	74	62
2000	8.1	7	3.7	2.21	1.92	46	40	69

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
2500	23.6	20.5	5.2	4.57	3.98	95	82	74
3000	28.9	25.1	6.7	4.35	3.78	90	78	84
3500	38.4	33.3	8.5	4.54	3.95	94	82	86
4000	45.8	39.8	10.7	4.3	3.74	89	77	88
4500	52.7	45.8	13.5	3.9	3.39	81	70	89
5000	53.8	46.7	15.2	3.54	3.07	73	64	92

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

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Specifications

Length Overall	17' 1"
BEAM	7' 4"
Dry Weight	2,335 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	1' 4"
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	

Deadrise/Transom	21 deg.
Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	23 gal.
Water Capacity	N/A
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	2.7 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	
Props	14 3/4 x 21
Load	2 persons, 7/8 fuel, no water, min. gear
Climate	85 deg., 85% humid.; wind: 5-10 knots; seas: light chop

Speedy Best Seller

The SX 175 is fully outfitted and affordable for the first-time boat buyer.

By Captain Keith Burton

The Glastron SX 175 is among the most popular runabouts on the market and is a big seller for the company. It is actually the company's most popular boat and for good reasons. It is attractively priced, sporty to look at, and fun to pilot. But for 2006 Glastron has upped the ante on this boat with a striking all-new interior that makes this boat feel and look far more upscale than its price should support. It is also quite fast with the optional 4.3 liter sterndrive. But more on that in a bit. The Glastron SX 175 is a 17-foot bowrider that is a good demonstration of Glastron's nearly 50 years of fiberglass boat building experience baked into an affordable family boat. While some folks may consider this one suitable for first-time boat buyers or small

families, we think its appeal is far greater if you are looking for a nice runabout with some real style and performance.

Bow Layout

The bow features wraparound seating with convenient cupholders and grab rails nearby. There is storage beneath the seats, but unlike other boats, the storage compartments on the SX 175 are fully lined and drained. We liked the removable cushion at the bow center position that lifts off to reveal a handy non-skid step, great for getting on and off the boat when beached. Stainless steel fittings are used throughout, and we particularly liked the curved stainless steel windshield supports that double as handholds through to the bow. On many competing boats in this price class, such windshield supports are just aluminum rods.

Helm Features

The helm features attractive and sporty black on white gauges surrounded with an upscale-looking chrome trim ring. The gauges are set within a neat brush-aluminum looking dash. Our boat was equipped with the optional bucket seats for the captain and forward passenger. Standard seats are foldout buckets and both swivel. The captain's seat also features a fold-up bolster. The passenger console has a large storage compartment where a Clarion marine-grade AM/FM/CD Sirius satellite ready radio is installed.

Seating and Stern Features

The stern seating is a full-width bench seat with plenty of storage for your gear beneath. Large air vents are cut into the bench seat support box. The center vents are notable because they were cut with the SX logo, which adds to the stylish look of this boat. At the stern is a large full width sun pad and behind that is an integrated ski platform with a fold-down ladder. All this in a 17-foot boat that still leaves a remarkable amount of room onboard.

Performance and Ride

Our tester was powered by an optional 190-horsepower Volvo 4.3-Liter GL. The standard engine is a 3-liter 135 horsepower four cylinder sterndrive with your choice of MerCruiser or Volvo power. With the 4.3-liter, our test boat achieved a speedy top speed of 53.8 miles per hour at 5,000 rpm. Not bad at all for a boat that is priced in the mid 15's. You can expect a top speed in the low 40 mph range for the four cylinder, which is perfectly adequate for most folks. But with the bigger engine, the fun quotient pegs the meter on the SX 175. Handling is about what you would expect in a powerful but light runabout. That is, the boat accelerates with authority and leaps across moderate wakes with a jolt when at speed, so you will need to slow down. But that is the way with all boats of this class, weight and size. This is not to say that this boat is a handful to pilot. It cuts into corners well and turns plenty sharp for river skiers. In a word, first-time boat owners will not be intimidated. The SX 175 has a lot going for it. It is priced in the affordability range for first-time boat buyers and is outfitted with all the stuff most people want right out of the box.