

Glastron GXL 235 (2007-)

Brief Summary

Glastron's GXL 235 is an upscale, wide-beam bowrider with sophisticated styling, high power and solid construction. It also has an innovative rear entry over the stern that maximizes the rear seating and adds to the comfort of this boat. A one-piece unitized deck and floor make the GXL 235 feel very solid for years of carefree performance.

Price

Base Price \$44617.00

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 with Sirius Satellite stereo
- Hinged ski locker
- Unitized fiberglass deck/floor
- Molded extended swim platform
- Padded sunlounge with port and starboard storage compartments
- Walk-through transom boarding gate
- U-shaped rear seating with filler cushions
- Telescopic 3-step boarding ladder
- Depth sounder
- Hour meter
- Snap-in carpet
- Stainless steel drink holders
- Stainless steel rubrail
- Tilt steering wheel
- Two-tone deck/hull graphics
- SuspensionAire wraparound bucket seats with flip-up bolsters

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
650	3	2.6	0.8	3.75	3.26	159	138	59
1000	4.4	3.8	1.3	3.52	3.06	149	129	60
1500	7	6	2.4	2.96	2.57	125	109	62
2000	8.4	7.3	4.2	2.01	1.75	85	74	68
2500	21.4	18.6	5.3	4.07	3.54	172	150	67
3000	29.2	25.4	7.3	4	3.48	169	147	69
3500	35.9	31.2	9.7	3.72	3.23	157	137	70
4000	42.6	37	12.7	3.37	2.93	142	124	76
4500	47.2	41	16.1	2.94	2.55	124	108	79
5000	55.6	48.3	22	2.53	2.2	107	93	88

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

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Specifications

Length Overall	23' 0"
BEAM	8' 6"
Dry Weight	3,875 lbs.
Tested Weight	

Draft	33"
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	21 deg.
Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	47 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	1.65 : 1
Props	21" Pitch Vengence Stainless
Load	2 persons, 1/2 fuel, no water, minimal gear
Climate	80 deg., 50% humid.; wind: 5-10 mph; seas: light chop

Sophisticated Performer

Thoughtful design and attention to detail make this GXL 235 a bowrider to look out for.

By Captain Keith Burton

Experienced boat owners considering an upscale and larger runabout are often faced with a bewildering number of choices from boating manufacturers. We will save you some time. Glastron's GXL 235 is a large 23-foot bowrider that offers the style and performance you expect in a sophisticated performance boat.

Popular Design

The GXL line from Glastron is the company's premium line of boats. That means you get the best materials, a huge list of standard features and truly great over-the-water performance. Glastron's nearly 50 years of experience in building fiberglass boats really is evident in the GXL 235, which is packed with style and innovations. The GXL 235 is a wide beam bowrider, at 102-inches, which translates into an extremely roomy boat with expansive seating and floor space throughout. The boat's attractive bow features nicely sculpted wraparound seating that can be expanded into a full sun lounge by inserting a cushion over the footwell. The sun pad is supported by strong stainless steel rods that mount in insets molded underneath the upper edges of the port and starboard bow seats. Docking lamps with stainless steel housings are mounted in the hull at the bow and add a luxury look to this boat and are practical for those trips over the water at night. As you would expect in a premium boat, stainless steel fittings, such as hinges and handholds are used throughout and include pop-up cleats.

Behind the Wheel

The helm features sporty black on white gauges with chrome trim rings set in an attractive burlwood dash. The gauges are all easy to see and are augmented by lighted rocker switches that control the auxiliary electrics. Both the captain's and passenger bucket seats swivel and slide forward and back, and have a built-in lift-up bolster. We found them very comfortable even over extended periods. The GXL 235 also includes a marine-grade AM/FM/CD Sirius satellite radio, that is protected in a large passenger side compartment at the dash. Snap-in carpet is used throughout. The fiberglass floor has strategically placed drains to help keep the floor dry. A large in-deck storage compartment has plenty of room for skis and wake boards.

Plenty of Room

Aft seating is an expansive U-shaped bench seat with plenty of storage below in lined and drained compartments. Just like at the bow, you can turn the seats into a huge onboard sun pad by installing inserts. This is truly a boat sun-lovers would enjoy as there is also a full width sundeck at the stern. Finishing out the GXL 235 is a large integrated ski platform with a fold out stainless steel ladder. Getting aboard shows off some innovative thinking by Glastron's engineers; instead of a walkthrough at the stern, like other boats, there is a lift-up panel that forms the center section of the aft sundeck. The center rear bench seat cushion can be removed and you have a non-skid step. This way you don't lose the seating that other boats have with a walkthrough at the transom. The lift-up section also maintains the sleek look of this boat's interior.

Handling and Performance

Over the water performance of the GXL 235 is truly impressive. Our boat was equipped with a 300-horsepower MerCruiser 350 Magnum MPI Bravo. With that engine, we recorded an effortless top speed of

55.6 miles-per-hour at 5000 rpm. As you can see, for a large bowrider, this is a fast boat. But speed only tells part of the story.

This boat has a terrific solid feel at the helm and handles rough water and moderate wakes without dramatics. We credit the extremely solid construction from Glastron's state-of-the-art manufacturing process at their high-tech factory in Little Falls, Minnesota, and the unitized deck and floor. The unitized deck and floor maximizes the strength of this boat, which results in less vibration and noise. You can really tell the difference.

If you get the impression that we liked this boat, you are quite right. The Glastron GXL 235 is stylish, roomy, and has a feel of quality that would make this boat an excellent choice for anyone looking for a large premium runabout, that offers more than a good measure of performance.