

Duracraft 1754 Bass (2006-)

Brief Summary

Duracraft brings an all-new bass boat to its line with the 1754 Bass. She is completely wood-free making her a durable, long-lasting boat that is easy to maintain and ready for battle.

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

- Double split 33 gallon livewell
- .100 gauge aluminum hull
- .125 gauge aluminum inside
- All welded construction
- 7' rod box
- Built in 18 gallon fuel tank

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
650	2.7	2.3	0.2	13.5	11.74	219	190	62
1000	3.5	3	0.3	11.67	10.14	189	164	70
1500	4.8	4.2	0.6	8.73	7.59	141	123	72
2000	6	5.2	1.1	5.71	4.97	93	80	73
2500	8.5	7.3	2	4.23	3.67	68	60	77
3000	19	16.5	2.3	8.44	7.34	137	119	80

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
3500	23.5	20.4	3.1	7.56	6.58	123	107	84
4000	27.3	23.7	4.1	6.66	5.79	108	94	86
4500	32	27.8	5	6.39	5.56	104	90	89
5000	37	32.1	6.1	6.11	5.31	99	86	89
5600	42.8	37.2	7.8	5.52	4.8	89	78	92

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

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Specifications

Length Overall	17' 9"
BEAM	73 3/4"
Dry Weight	1,490 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	N/A
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	N/A

Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	18 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	2.6 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	2.33 : 1
Props	20 Laser II 3-blade
Load	2 persons, 1/2 fuel, no water, minimal gear
Climate	60 deg., 47% humid.; wind: 6-10 mph; seas: minimal chop

Affordable, Rugged and Aluminum- Duracraft’s 1754 Bass

By Capt. Bob Smith

The middle of December may not be the most comfortable time to test boats, but it did provide a good opportunity to test the 2006 Duracraft 1754 Bass boat. The winds picked up quickly after we shot the running footage, but the 1754 handled well and we stayed dry and warm aboard. Duracraft was founded by two brothers in 1946. Recently, Bentley Industries bought Duracraft and the legend continues. These sturdy fishing boats have hulls made with .100 gauge aluminum. The insides are .125 gauge and this model is all welded construction. It is easy to understand how Duracraft became one of the best selling aluminum boats in the Southern United States.

Fishing Features

The trolling motor mount up front is designed to handle a Motor Guide cordless remote steering trolling rig. The forward casting deck is a large area taking advantage of the beam width up front. Stability is great! You

can move all the way to the gunwales without feeling like you are going swimming with the fish rather than grabbing the net and putting it into the livewell. Two interconnected boxes are in the forward half of the front deck. You should be able to store most of your favorite lures in these boxes and keep them organized. The fully gasketed and lockable box up front nearly covers from beam to beam!

The rod box is on the port side of the cockpit. The top is wide so you can quickly move from the stern to the bow of the boat. This locker is lockable so you don't have to worry about your favorite rods catching a fish for someone else while you grab a last minute cup of coffee. This fully gasketed box handles up to 7 foot rods inside.

Helm

The helm is compact and ready for action. It sports a low profile windshield to keep the driver comfortable underway on those chilly December mornings. The analog gauges are arranged across the top for easy view underway. A 12 volt connection is to the left of the wheel so you can plug in your portable fish gear or charge your phone. Rocker switches are easy to identify with white symbols printed on them and red lights to light them up at night. The switches are all to the right of the wheel with a horizontal panel of corresponding circuit breakers arranged just below them. Another small but deep storage box is just in front of the helm station.

Aft Casting Deck

The livewell system on the 1754 is a 33 gallon aerated livewell that should keep your catch lively until you make it in to weigh-in or until you catch enough to feed everyone at home or at the fishing camp. Getting to the aft casting deck is simple. The bench seat can fold down and there is plenty of storage below. Across the aft section of the aft casting deck is a narrow hatch that gives you great access to the batteries, primer bulb and the oil reservoir. Without the casting chair, the aft deck is very large, and even with it installed there is still have plenty of room to work the fish.

Specs and Performance

The 1754 Bass from Duracraft measures 17'9" length overall and 22' when on the trailer. She has a beam width of 73 ¾" and weighs about 1490 lbs with a Mercury 90-hp outboard on the stern. We tested her in some frigid conditions on Lake Murray in Columbia, SC. She was quick to jump up on plane in just 2.6 seconds and was passing 30 mph in only 6.6 seconds. I found she reached cruising speed at 19 mph and she reached a top speed of 42.8 mph. At cruising speed she can manage about 137 miles on her fuel tank capacity of 18 gallons. The 1754 was smooth handling throughout the range and maneuvered well in both choppy water and the shallows around the lake.

If you like the rugged ability of an aluminum boat and love to fish, the 1754 Bass from Duracraft brings you a great combination at a very affordable price. This boat is competition ready and all you need to do is stock it to your personal satisfaction then head to the lake!