

Glastron GS 279 (2007-)(Not in Production)

Brief Summary

The Glastron 279 Sport Cruiser is a feature-packed 27 foot cruiser and is the largest boat Glastron manufactures. Glastron is known for runabouts and the 279 was designed to handle easily like the company’s smaller boats. It also benefits from advanced design and computer-assisted engineering. One of the great features is that the 279 was designed to be trailerable without the need for special permits.

Price

Base Price \$65294.00

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

- Aft cabin
- AM/FM/CD/Sirius satellite radio with 4 chrome speakers
- Bow pulpit with roller & rope locker
- Wetbar
- Deck hatch with screen
- Dinette/V-berth
- Fully equipped galley
- Head compartment with fiberglass shower, sink, manual china head
- High/low dual helm seat
- Integrated swim platform
- L-shaped cockpit seat
- Portside chaise lounge seat
- Removable stern bench seat
- Skid-resistant fiberglass floor

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
600	3	2.6	0.7	4.54	3.95	294	256	66

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
1000	5.2	4.5	1.3	4.12	3.58	267	232	68
1500	7.4	6.4	2.3	3.2	2.78	207	180	69
2000	9.3	8	4.5	2.06	1.79	133	116	75
2500	14	12.1	7.3	1.91	1.66	124	108	80
3000	21.4	18.6	9.1	2.36	2.05	153	133	81
3500	27.7	24	10.9	2.54	2.21	164	143	86
4000	32.6	28.3	13.1	2.49	2.16	161	140	85
4500	38.1	33.1	18.4	2.07	1.8	134	117	88
5050	43.1	37.4	22.3	1.93	1.68	125	109	91

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

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Specifications

Length Overall	27' 5"
BEAM	8' 6"
Dry Weight	6,225 lbs.
Tested Weight	
Draft	40"

Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	20 deg.
Max Headroom	N/A
Bridge Clearance	8' 10" w/ arch
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	72 gal.
Water Capacity	18 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	6.7 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	1.95 : 1
Props	F-3
Load	2 persons, 5/8 fuel, no water, min, gear
Climate	75 deg.; 60% humid.; wind: 10 MPH; seas; calm

Feature-Packed Cruiser-Glastron’s GS 279 Sport Cruiser

By Captain Keith Burton

My imagination sometimes gets the best of me when I am reviewing a new boat, especially one with luxury features and sleek lines. I imagine myself as the proud owner and think of the fun I would have with it. That

was the case when I stepped aboard the Glastron GS 279 Sport Cruiser.

Here's a boat that with its 8.5-foot beam still fits easily on a trailer, that is packed with features and amenities that you normally see on boats that cost far more. That is not to say that the Glastron GS 279 Sport Cruiser is inexpensive, but its price, features, and performance marks this boat one to consider when making a decision on a new cruiser for your family.

Sleek Design

There are numerous details that add to this boat's value. Any sport cruiser at this length is a boat that rides high on the water, but Glastron's designers managed to sculpt a boat that still looks sleek. The forward cabin slopes downward at the bow and is matched by a graceful stainless steel rail that together form an attractive design that keeps the boat from looking too tall.

There are a wide number of options available too such as the remote controlled windlass to raise and lower the anchor. Besides a controller at the helm, there are weather-protected buttons near the bow to make what could be an arduous task easy.

Getting up to the bow is also made easy by a walkthrough windshield and steps built into the main cabin door. That door, by the way, slides open and close on rails with a finger-touch. That's a good thing too as the door is heavily constructed.

Down Below

With any good cruiser, the cabin is the main focus of attention on board. The 279 doesn't disappoint here. It is very well equipped and attractively designed.

Cabinets are made of a very realistic cherry wood laminate design, which should look good for years of use. The V-berth at the bow can be converted for use as a dining table with the center section removed. At the forward end are several spotlights for night lighting, in fact, lights are all around the cabin.

The galley is completely equipped with a small microwave oven, a full two burner electric stove and a small refrigerator. Throughout the galley are cabinets that have very firm latches to store supplies. To the left of the galley on the port side is the entrance to an under-deck sleeping area with room for two large people. The 279's main electrical control panel is also at that location. We noted that the panel was well-marked and intuitive to use.

The 279's head is full-size and complete with an electric toilet. There is also a freshwater sink and shower. We particularly appreciate how Glastron's designers stored the place for the toilet paper into a water-tight compartment. The room has its own ventilation and a window for light.

At the Helm

Stepping up to the main deck, the Glastron 279 has a fully instrumented helm with attractive gauges and rocker switches for auxiliary functions. The captain's seat can seat two people and has a built-in bolster. Controls at the helm include a remote control for the AM/FM/CD-Satellite radio, as well as controls for the aforementioned windlass and trim tabs.

On the port side, the passenger seating is a short lounge seat with a reclined pad toward the dash. That seat sits over a small window for the under-deck cabin.

Another small entertainment station is on the port side, which includes a freshwater sink and icebox. A sturdy stainless steel handhold is another plus and adds an upscale look.

Unlike many cruisers, the 279 doesn't make you step up and down to get around. The main deck is all at the same level. The aft seating has forward and rearward facing bench seats. An option is a sunpad that can be placed between the seats to form a large area to enjoy the sun.

We also like how the aft-most seat can be removed to provide addition footing when fishing is the focus of activity.

Getting aboard is also made simple with an aft doorway and full-width sky platform, complete with a ladder and a freshwater shower point.

Performance and Handling

When underway this boat shines. With power steering and plenty of power from the 5.7-liter Volvo sterndrive, the Glastron GS 279 is easy to navigate and is responsive to the helm. She cruised most economically at 27.7 mph turning 3500 for a range of 164 mile on a full tank of fuel and reached a top speed of 43.1 mph turning 5050 rpm. But being a tall boat with a high freeboard, turns are greeted with a lot of banking, which is common among this class of boats. Still, the 279 handles very easily and is fun to pilot. Overall, the Glastron GS 279 impresses with its excellent design and features. Passengers will like the smooth ride and room to move about. This is a boat that is designed for fun and luxury at a truly reasonable price.