

# Tracker Pro Guide V-16 WT (2014-)

## Brief Summary

Deep-V aluminum walkthrough boat models are popular primarily among northern anglers who appreciate their added protection from the elements. Further, the forgiving nature of alloy below the waterline when the hull comes into contact with less-forgiving obstacles has long made aluminum the material of choice for these anglers. "Big water" designs usually feature higher freeboard and deeper V'd hulls for negotiating rough, open water. The Tracker's 16' (4.87 m) Pro Guide V-16 WT dual console model meets those parameters making this a three-season boat and even four seasons with the right conditions. And, she's affordable.

## Price

**Base Price**\$18595.00

*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

- Diamond Coat finish with industry-exclusive powder coat and clear coat
- Wide, stable, all-welded aluminum Deep-V hull with 20-degree deadrise
- Port andstarboard consoles with walkthrough windshield
- Exclusive Versatrack accessory-mounting channel in gunnels
- Minn Kota PowerDrive 12V, 42-lb. thrust foot-control trolling motor with foot pedal storage
- Lowrance X-4 fishfinder with surface temperature and swivel
- Bow 23-gallon, aerated, recirculated livewell with removable bait bucket
- Two 8' lockable top-loading side rod/gear boxes, 3 bow compartments and 1 aft dry storage box
- 3 movable 360-degree swivel fishing seats with 6 seat base locations
- Factory-matched trailer with EZ lube hubs and swing-away tongue

## Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
600	2.9	2.5	0.2	19.33	16.81	261	227	N/A

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
1000	3.5	3	0.3	14	12.17	189	164	N/A
1500	4.7	4.1	0.4	11.75	10.22	159	138	N/A
2000	6.1	5.3	0.6	10.17	8.84	137	119	N/A
2500	7	6	1.1	6.62	5.76	89	78	N/A
3000	8.9	7.7	1.5	5.93	5.16	80	70	N/A
3500	15.7	13.6	1.8	8.69	7.56	117	102	N/A
4000	18.7	16.3	2.5	7.63	6.64	103	90	N/A
4500	22.9	19.9	3.1	7.49	6.51	101	88	N/A
5000	26.2	22.8	3.8	6.89	6	93	81	N/A
5500	30.1	26.1	4.5	6.75	5.87	91	79	N/A

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

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# Specifications

Length Overall	16' 6" / 5.03 m
BEAM	7' 4"   2.24 m
Dry Weight	1,210 lbs.   548.84 kg
Tested Weight	

Draft	N/A
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	20-deg.
Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	1,200 lbs.   544 kg
Person Capacity	5
Fuel Capacity	25.5 gal.   97 L
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	4.5 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	1.83 : 1
Props	N/A
Load	2 persons, full fuel, no water, minimal gear
Climate	77 degrees, 46% humidity, 5-10 wind, 2-3 seas

By Captain Dan Armitage--

## Tracker Pro Guide V-16 WT

The added protection of two consoles connected with a high, wrap-around windshield makes Tracker's WT models a popular design for anglers who face adverse fishing conditions.

## Mission

The Tracker Pro Guide V-16 WT is built to accommodate anglers and their families who need to remain comfortable when boating in snotty weather and choppy, cold water conditions while employing a variety of fishing tactics. The boat also must be rugged, economical to operate, and affordable to buy.

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Aluminum-hull boats 'rock!' when used as fishing platforms around obstacles consisting of granite, oak or limestone.

## Construction Features

The Tracker Pro Guide V-16 WT's hull is built with two pieces of .100 marine-grade 5052 aluminum alloy, each forming half of the hull and welded together along the centerline of the boat. The hull is braced by a longitudinal stringer system that is welded into position to support the full length of the boat's running surface from the bow to the boat's extruded aluminum, corner-braced, box-beam transom.

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The Pro Guide V-16 WT's deep-V aluminum hull features welded seams and pressed-in performance strakes. Note the simple rubber rub rail and large, one-piece nose cap.

A deep-V hull such as that found on the 16' (4.87 m) Tracker Pro Guide V-16 WT contributes to a boat's more comfortable ride in a chop. The exaggerated V forward helps part waves for a smoother ride while at the same time offering a deeper, roomier cockpit.

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The V-16 WT's reverse-chine hull has 20-degrees of deadrise at the transom. That is deep for an aluminum boat in this size range.

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Even the gunwales of the Pro Guide V-16 WT are heavy duty, constructed using a single piece of extruded aluminum to add to the boat's rigidity and strength. Some anglers prefer the tops of the gunwales to be flat to facilitate mounting bases for accessories such as rod holders and downriggers.

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Tracker's Versatrack gunwale mounting system allows for securing accessories such as this tackle rack, as well as items including rod holders, cup holders, and downrigger brackets without drilling into the gunwale.

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With an 88" (2.23 m) beam, the Pro Guide V-16 WT offers a cockpit that is both deep and broad for a 16' (4.87 m) boat.

The cockpit sole of the Tracker is built of pressure-treated marine-grade plywood and carry a limited lifetime warranty. They support six bases for three standard, adjustable pedestal seats with all-composite frames for added resistance to the elements. The lids on all compartments are flush-mounted, made of reinforced aluminum and wrapped in carpet with a tight fit.

# Fishing Features

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The Pro Guide V-16 WT's bow dash is simple and straightforward with dedicated receptacles for the standard bow-mounted trolling motor, the bow navigation light and even a drink. The boat comes rigged with a Minn Kota 12V, 42-lb. thrust PowerDrive foot-control trolling motor powered by an Interstate deep-cycle battery.

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The forward deck is recessed to allow the extended height of the gunwale to provide some protection from wind and water and to keep gear contained in rough conditions. We'd like to see a snap-in panel offered between the consoles to complement the center windshield panel in shielding the cockpit from wind and spray while the boat is underway. I question the absence of a bow cleat for safely tying off an anchor line while fishing or to secure the boat's position in an emergency situation. But it is a simple matter for a dealer

to add one.

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The forward deck offers a three-tray tackle locker, two bulk storage lockers and the boat's 40-inch-wide livewell/baitwell. None of the boat's hatches, forward or aft, are lockable.

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The combination bucketed baitwell/livewell has a volume of 23 gallons with separate lids for accessing the bait compartment or the “catch” well.

Anglers who rate fishing boats by the quality of their livewell systems will give high marks to the hybrid found on the Tracker Pro Guide V-16 WT. The tank is a one-piece, molded well with rounded corners to protect its occupants. The bait and the fish they catch are accommodated in water that is pumped, aerated, recirculated and drained with two 500 gph pumps with separate timers.

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The Tracker Pro Guide V-16 WT comes with a Lowrance X50 fishfinder – and space atop the console for optional upgrades.

## Comfort Features

The helm console offers legroom limited by the compartment that extends forward from the aft fishing deck. The basic dash has a tachometer, speedometer and a fuel gauge with toggle switch controls for lights, pumps and accessories.

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The passenger console is equally tight-but-bearable with regard to legroom underneath and features a glove box dominated by the mounting panel for an aftermarket (neither are offered as options) VHF radio or stereo system.

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Rod lockers that flank both sides of the cockpit create the limited legroom under each console. Note the reinforced lid, full-length piano hinge and carpeted interior features found in both port and starboard rod lockers.

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A storage locker on the starboard side of the raised rear deck has a raised lip to deflect water that breaches the reinforced lid.

Trolling, whether with downriggers, planer boards, flat-lining or even back-trolling, is a popular tactic for taking fish from northern waters. That's why many of the most popular fishing boats – such as Tracker's Pro Guide models, offer so much space aft of the consoles to make room for rigging, angling, fighting and landing fish.

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Note the transom cut-out to accommodate the primary outboard is not as deep as on some boats in order to keep water from coming aboard when back trolling. Also note that both the captain and companion are looking through the windshield and not at the windshield frame.

# Power Options

Although rated to handle up to 90-hp, Tracker offers the 1,210-lb. (550 kg.) Pro Guide V-16 WT hull with a 50 ELPT 4-stroke Mercury outboard as an option. With this engine a Tracker spokesman told me that the boat will reach a top speed of between 26 to 28 mph. We have not tested the boat with this configuration, so we can not vouch for that speed range. But we did test it with the standard 60-hp Mercury 4-stroke engine and on test day we reached an average top speed of 30.1 mph. At the other end of the speed spectrum, a 25-hp 4-stroke Mercury is also an option.

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Check out how much deck space is dedicated aft of the forward-situated dual console.

# Weight Considerations

At the aluminum boat's relatively light weight and with the reverse-chine hull, I think the boat should perform well with the optional 50 horses, if reasonably loaded. The issue is that the walleye, muskie, pike, and salmon anglers who will be interested in the model often take along a lot of extra gear to employ the varied techniques that are popular for tempting those gamefish. Boats loaded with bottom bouncers, downrigger balls, lead core rigs, drift socks, planer boards and huskie-sized fishing partners might require horsepower on the upper end of the scale to gain the desired performance. Please note that while the boat is rated for 5



persons, it's maximum people weight capacity is 620 lbs. (218.8 kgs). That makes the boat ideal for most couples with kids, but more likely to be limited to two or three fishing buddies.

### Tracker Pro Guide V-16 WT

Tracker offers quality trailers for the money with their boats, with standard features like swing-away tongues, retractable safety cables, EZ Lube hubs and even an outboard motor support.

## Warranty

The following items are part of the Tracker Warranty --

- 3-year warranty on powder-coat finish adhesion
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- 3-year warranty on factory-installed trolling motor and fishfinder
- Limited Lifetime structural and deck warranty
- Provisions for transfer to a second owner
- One-stop factory warranty solution
- 5-year bow-to-stern warranty
- Full coverage throughout the warranty period — No pro-rating

## Recommendation

The MSRP of the Tracker Pro Guide V-16 WT with 60-hp ELPT Mercury 4-stroke and a single axle trailer is \$18,595 plus freight, prep and taxes. If one agrees with the angling masses that aluminum is the way to go when boating on rock-and-obstruction-ridden fishing waters, and wants a fishing-friendly model that will protect them from the elements and is reasonably priced to purchase, tow and operate, the Tracker Pro Guide V-16 WT may be the way to go.