

Tracker Targa V-18 WT (2014-)

Brief Summary

If ever there was an aluminum boat that crosses over from tournament-level fishing to just being used to enjoy a day on the water with the family, the Tracker Targa V-18 WT is it. She comes completely rigged for wetting a line right down to the fishfinder and trolling motor. Her relatively high freeboard translates to a deep cockpit to keep the kids more secure. The result is a relatively inexpensive boat that has lots of utility. We tested her with a 150-hp Mercury 4-stroke and reached a top speed of 45.5 mph.

Price

Base Price\$28995.00

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 acrylic powder coat paint and clear coat
- 2-piece, all-welded Deep V aluminum hull with 20-degree deadrise
- Minn Kota 24V, 70-lb. thrust PowerDrive trolling motor with foot pedal storage
- Lowrance Mark-5x fishfinder with 320 pixels and surface temperature
- 2 side rod and gear boxes hold rods up to 7' and bow/aft/in-floor storage
- Bow 19-gal. aerated livewell and aft 55-gal. aerated livewell
- Aft boarding platform with ladder
- 4 high-style upholstered seats/7 seat locations
- Custom factory-matched trailer with EZ lube hubs and swing-away tongue

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
650	1.6	1.4	0.5	3.2	2.78	115	100	56
1000	4.7	4	0.9	5.17	4.49	186	162	72

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
1500	6.5	5.7	1.45	4.48	3.9	161	140	70
2000	7.9	6.9	2.6	3.04	2.64	109	95	74
2500	12.9	11.2	3.55	3.62	3.15	130	113	79
3000	21	18.3	3.8	5.53	4.81	199	173	77
3500	26.2	22.8	5	5.24	4.56	189	164	82
4000	31.4	27.3	6.85	4.58	3.98	165	143	81
4500	36.4	31.7	8.65	4.21	3.66	151	132	86
5000	41.8	36.3	10.85	3.85	3.35	139	120	85
5500	45.5	39.6	13.9	3.27	2.85	118	102	90

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

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Specifications

Length Overall	19' 1" / 5.82 m
BEAM	102" 2.59 m
Dry Weight	1,730 lbs. 785 kg
Tested Weight	2,845 lbs. 1,290 kg
Draft	N/A

Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	20-deg.
Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	1,650 lbs. 748 kg
Person Capacity	6
Fuel Capacity	40 gal. 151 L
Water Capacity	N/A
Length on Trailer	
Height on Trailer	
Trailer Weight	
Total Weight	2,845 lbs. 1,290 kg
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	2.8 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	N/A
Props	14 1/4 x 18 Enertia
Load	2 persons, full fuel, no water, 50 lbs. of fuel
Climate	82 deg., 73 humid.; wind: 5-10 mph; seas: light chop

Mission Statement

The Tracker Targa V-18 WT was designed to be a tournament-class fishing machine that could perform double duty as a family day boat for watersports. She has versatile seating that can be used for fishing from

two casting decks or for watersports and spotting a person being towed. Her 44% beam to length ratio and reverse chines makes her stable and it is possible for an adult to stand on the boat's wide gunwales without much horizontal deflection. This is an important attribute for both fishing and family boating.

Major Features

- Padded backrests for bow seating
- Diamond Coat powder-coat with clearcoat finish
- Dual fiberglass-reinforced molded consoles
- Lowrance Mark-5X fishfinder
- Stereo with Bluetooth capability
- Top loading rod lockers for rods up to 8' (2.4 m)
- 11" (27.94 cm) wide gunwales
- Five pedestal seat base locations
- 19-gallon (71.92 L) bow livewell with bait bucket
- 48-gallon (181.7 L) stern livewell
- Minn Kota 70 lbs. (32 kg) thrust trolling motor with foot pedal storage
- Factory-matched single-axle trailer

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Fishing Features

The Tracker Targa V-18 WT is billed as having everything needed for fishing, short of rods and bait, when she rolls off the showroom floor. Let's take a look at exactly what that entails.

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Rod storage between the consoles will accommodate up to 7' (2.13 m) rods.

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The aft casting deck has four access compartments, two for battery access and two for the dual livewells totaling 48 gallons (181.7 L), plus courtesy lights to both sides.

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The aft livewells also have molded holders for a bait bucket. Being separated allows for going after multiple species in the same day.

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There is even a separator in the individual well to allow for different times, with different fish.

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Top loading rod storage lockers in the gunwales can accommodate rods up to 8' (2.4 m).

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Additional storage is located under the gunwales.

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The bow casting deck has a storage compartment to starboard, and a 19 gallon (71.92 L) bow livewell with bait bucket.

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Two switches at the bow control panel handles the outboard tilt and livewell aerator. Two Plano tackle boxes are in a closed compartment right alongside.

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There are four pedestal seats, the aft two being movable to one of the five seat bases located throughout the V-18.

Comfort Features

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There are padded backrests attached to the front of the consoles to facilitate bow seating. We'd like to see the side cleats moved forward to keep them away from the nonskid step to the bow. Guests will be sitting on the deck, which is a fair trade-off to making a quick transition to a casting platform.

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The port console accommodates a small storage cubby, a self draining cooler, and a glove box housing the stereo.

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The walkthrough windshield is quite high, providing much needed protection while underway. There's also no distortion to the curved glass of the sides.

Safety Features

The Targa V-18 WT is also built with safety in mind. Aside from her deep cockpit depth these features also add to her family friendly characteristics.

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Boarding is made easy thanks to the wide 11" (27.9 cm) gunwales with nonskid pads.

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When she's not being used as a fishing boat, the trolling motor foot control switch stores in its own compartment in the bow casting deck.

Helm

Tracker created an attractive helm fabricated from fiberglass-reinforced molded plastic. It includes full instrumentation with a GPS-driven speedometer and direction indicator. A Lowrance Mark 5X fishfinder is included as standard equipment. The steering wheel is mounted to a tilt base connected to hydraulic steering.

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The helm includes a GPS-based speedometer and standard fishfinder.

Performance

The Tracker Targa V-18 WT has a length overall of 19'1" (5.82 m) and a beam of 102" (259.1 cm). With an empty weight of 1,730 lbs. (785 kg), full fuel, two people and test power we had a test weight of 2,845 lbs. (1,290 kg). With a 150-hp Mercury 4-stroke turning a 14.25 x 18 Enertia prop, we reached a top speed of 45.5 mph at 5500 rpm. At that speed, we were burning 13.9 gph giving us a range of 118 miles. Best cruise came in at 3000 rpm and 21 mph. That reduced the fuel burn to only 3.8 gph which translates to a range of 199 miles and an endurance of 9 hours and 30 minutes while still maintaining a 10% reserve.

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We had time to plane of only 2.8 seconds, accelerated to 20 mph in 4.9 seconds and continued accelerating through 30 mph in 7.2 seconds.

Handling

Upon accelerating the bow comes up 11-degrees, and comes right back down immediately because she has such a quick time to plane. She turns quite well thanks to her reverse chines and leaned only 10-degrees into the turns. She does tend to bleed off a bit of speed in the turns, so don't hesitate to add power once the turn is initiated. However, if desired, go ahead and let the speed bleed off, and at a certain point she'll spin out in the turn, then you can accelerate off in the next direction. When taking power off she settles back into the water stern first.

Warranty

- The following items are part of the Tracker Warranty —
- 5-year bow-to-stern warranty
- 3-year warranty on powder coat finish adhesion
- 3-year warranty on factory-installed trolling motor and fishfinder
- Limited Lifetime structural and deck warranty

- Provisions for transfer to second owner
- One-stop factory warranty solution
- Full coverage throughout the warranty period — no pro-rating

Observations

There's certainly a lot to like with the Tracker Targa V-18 WT. She does live up to her billing as being completely ready to fish right off the showroom floor and as a family day boat, well... all that's missing is the cooler.