

Bennington Q27 (2018-)

Brief Summary

Bennington has a wide array of configurations in their Q Series of tri-toon models. The Q27 that was tested was configured as a dual console with forward and aft wraparound seating with built-in loungers. The pillow-top upholstery, armrests, and reclining captain's seat provide all-day comfort. An optional pop-up changing room provides privacy and tucks away under the starboard forward lounge. The 10' (3.05 m) beam delivers a large amount of open deck space. Twin 300-hp Evinrude E-TEC G2 outboards provide clean, quiet power with good low-end torque. The well-laid-out helm has the Evinrude digital display, which makes monitoring the boat's systems simple. Evinrude's iDock integrated joystick works with the steering system of the E-TEC G2 outboards to make docking effortless.

Price

Base Price \$180960.00

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

- Sealed lifting strakes and extruded splash guards
- 83-gallon fuel tank
- Heavy-duty rub rails
- Port and starboard engine batteries with switches and isolated house battery with switch and distribution panel
- Custom tilt steering wheel with teak accents
- Reclining captain's helm seat
- LED docking lights with stainless-steel housings
- In-bow storage
- Sea-grass carpet
- Wide step aluminum, contoured boarding ladder

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
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500	2.8	2.4	0.6	4.7	4.1	349	303.1	61
1000	5.8	5	1.5	3.8	3.3	286	249	69
1500	8.9	7.7	3.3	2.7	2.4	203	176.9	77
2000	14.8	12.8	5.9	2.5	2.2	188	163.8	81
2500	21.5	18.7	9.1	2.4	2.1	177	154	80
3000	28.5	24.7	13	2.2	1.9	164	142.7	80
3500	34.7	30.1	17.1	2	1.8	151	131.6	83
4000	41.3	35.9	23.7	1.7	1.5	130	113.2	84
4500	46.3	40.2	31.3	1.5	1.3	110	96	85
5000	52.9	46	42	1.3	1.1	94	81.8	87
5500	58	50.4	46.3	1.3	1.1	94	81.4	91

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

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Specifications

Length Overall	28' 3" / 8.61 m
BEAM	10' 3.05 m
Dry Weight	4,702 lbs. 2,132 kg
Tested Weight	6,445 lbs. 2,923 kg

Draft	N/A
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	N/A
Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	18
Fuel Capacity	83 gal. 314 L
Water Capacity	N/A
Length on Trailer	
Height on Trailer	
Trailer Weight	
Total Weight	6,445 lbs. 2,923 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	3.8 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	1.85:1
Props	14 7/8 x 22x3
Load	2 persons, 1/2 fuel, no water, 50 lbs. of gear
Climate	85 deg., 67 humid.; wind: 15-20 mph; seas: light chop

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The Bennington Q27 is a luxury tri-toon powered by twin 300-hp Evinrude E-TEC G2 outboards, which drove the boat to 58.0 mph WOT.

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The twin 300-horsepower Evinrude E-TEC G2 outboards provide the Bennington Q27 with a pair of the most fuel-efficient engines on the market.

Mission

The Bennington Q27 can take up to 18 on board for a full day of comfort and fun on the water on a stable, roomy platform. Powered by twin 300-horsepower Evinrude E-TEC G2 outboard engines with iDock joystick control, the Q27 provides owners with lively performance and excellent fuel efficiency. The tri-toon hull with sealed lifting strakes gets the boat up to a top-end speed of nearly 60 miles-per-hour, allowing it to get to the assigned destination quickly. The iDock joystick helps simplify close-in maneuvering.

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Major Features

- **A 10' (3.05 m) Beam.** A wide beam makes the Bennington Q27 able to have room for 18 with plenty of room to move about.
- **Evinrude E-TEC G2 Outboards.** The twin 300-hp Evinrude E-TEC G2 outboards give the Bennington Q27 commanding performance while offering class-leading efficiency.
- **Evinrude iDock Joystick Control.** The test boat's optional iDock joystick control gives any captain confidence when maneuvering in a crowded marina and docking.
- **Engine Installation.** The Evinrude E-TEC G2 outboards feature integrated steering. There are no external hydraulic cylinders, rams or lines. The outboards mount with just four bolts. The E-TEC G2 outboards provide impressive low-end torque, and Bennington mounted the engines with a slight angle to provide even more thrust.
- **Quality Construction and Materials.** Bennington does not cut corners on construction with its Thru-Bolt™ technology with extra-thick cross-members to secure the deck. The company's ergonomically designed seating utilizes five grades of high-density compression foam and premium vinyl upholstery.
- **Wide Step Boarding Ladder.** The treads on the fold-down boarding ladder are 4" (.10 m) wide for comfort.
- **Stainless Steel Fixtures.** Light housings, cleats, and corner castings are all stainless steel.
- **Warranty.** Bennington stands behind the Q27 with its 10-Year +Lifetime Warranty. It includes a Limited Lifetime Deck Warranty, a Limited Lifetime Structural Warranty, and a 10-Year Bow-To-Stern Warranty that covers all materials and workmanship.

Performance

Bennington Q27 running

The Bennington Q27 has sealed lifting strakes and extruded splash plates that help provide a stable, dry ride.

The Bennington Q27 has a length overall of 28'3" (8.61 m), a beam of 10'0" (3.05 m). She has an empty weight of 4,702 lbs. (2,132 kg) without outboards, 6,286 lbs. (2,851 kg) with outboards. With a half tank of fuel, test power, and two people onboard, our test weight was estimated at 6,445 lbs. (2,923 kg).

Top Speed. With the twin 300-horsepower Evinrude E-TEC G2s turning at 5500 rpm, the test boat reached a top speed of 58.0 mph.

Best Cruise. Pontoon-boat performance tends to be linear, making it hard to determine the best cruise. With the Bennington Q27 test boat, by dropping the speed to 4000 rpm and below, the Q27 showed a significant decrease in fuel burn and a substantial increase in range. At 4000 rpm or 41.3 mph, the fuel burn was 23.7 gph, which translates in 1.7 mpg and a range of 130 miles. At a sedate 2000 rpm or 14.8 mph, the Q27 can cruise for 6.5 hours for a distance of 188 miles, while keeping 10% fuel in reserve of the 83-gallon (11.4 L) total fuel capacity.

The E-TEC G2 has several attributes that lead to this sort of performance and most have to do with the technology and design used in the outboard. The outboard has an efficient combustion-chamber design, and uses a state-of-the-art direct-injection system, which placed the fuel injectors near the spark plugs. These elements combine with a low-friction design to make the Evinrude E-TEC G2 one of the most fuel-efficient outboard engines on the market.

For more information on the Evinrude E-TEC G2 300, [click here...](#)

Acceleration Times and Test Conditions

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Handling

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The Bennington Q27 handled boat wakes with poise.

The Bennington Q27 test boat proved to have good handling characteristics, maintaining a level attitude while accelerating. The Q27 remained flat in the turns and even a heavy-handed captain could not upset the boat's comfortable demeanor.

However, it was at the dock where the Q27 really shined, thanks to the Evinrude E-TEC G2s with integrated steering. The system makes it simple to add the iDock joystick to allow virtually effortless docking. The system proved to be dialed in, with the boat reacting to the engines' directed thrust as expected. The joystick control combines complex commands: Move the joystick to the side and add a twist to rotate and the boat slides sideways, combining the movements.

Features Inspection

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The tapered bow area and low, wraparound windshield gives the Bennington Q27 a clean, stylish look.

Bow

Bennington Q27 bow deck

The bow deck provides adequate space for line handling.

Bennington Q27 led lights

The LED navigation lights are integrated seamlessly into the stainless steel corner castings.

Bennington Q27 cladding

Inside the contoured bow cladding is port and starboard storage. This is the ideal place for an anchor and anchor rode – handy locker space that most pontoon boats lack. The space between the storage compartments measures 42" (1.07 m).

Bennington Q27 lounge seating

With lounge seating port and starboard, wraparound corner seating, and the optional bow-gate filler seat, the bow area becomes a social gathering place. The open deck area measures 4'2" (1.27 m) between the lounge seating.

In-Deck Storage. The in-deck storage is 2'2" (0.66 m) deep and measures 8' (2.44 m) fore and aft.

Bennington Q27 bow gate

The optional bow-gate filler seat slides into the 24" opening, and easily slides out of the way to allow egress through the bow gate.

Bennington Q27 opened gate

Shown is the gate in the open position. The test captain would like to see the addition of a positive lock on the gate in the open position.

Bennington Q27 speakers

Speakers are unobtrusively mounted in the corners (yellow arrow). Shown is the floating armrest with integrated cup holders.

Bennington Q27 lounge seating

The forward lounge seating has fold-down armrests with integrated cup holders on either side.

Bennington Q27 storage

The storage under the lounge seating reveals a set of double hinges (yellow arrows) that moves the lid out of the way, and allows access to stowed items with both hands.

Bennington Q27 seat storage

There is storage under the corner seating and the center seat insert. The optional pop-up changing room stows beneath the port side lounge seating on our test boat.

Portside Console

Bennington Q27 port console

The portside console has a captain's chair for the observer that swivels and reclines. The drop-down armrests remain level as the backrest is adjusted. Note the storage compartments for incidentals, as well as the speaker and drink holders.

Bennington Q27 usb

Mounted on the console is a USB port (red arrow) and a 12-volt outlet (yellow arrow).

Bennington Q27 console

Between the starboard console the helm console is 3'1" (0.94 m). Access to both under-console lockers is shown.

The Helm

Bennington Q27 helm

The helm is well organized with good sightlines to the controls and digital displays.

Bennington Q27 helm seat

The helm seat is fully adjustable with fold-down armrests and it reclines while keeping the armrest level.

Bennington Q27 display

The Evinrude display is set in the center of the dashboard with the small Simrad display and iDock joystick to starboard.

Bennington Q27 miscellaneous

There is an inset for storing incidentals below the Evinrude display. Note the drain indicated by the yellow arrow.

Bennington Q27 controls

On the port side of the helm are the Kicker stereo controls and illuminated rocker system switches. The horn is clearly called out with the red horn icon. The corresponding breakers are below each switch.

Bennington Q27 steering wheel

The custom steering wheel has Espresso Teak accents and an etched center cap. The wheel tilts to adjust for the driver's position.

Bennington Q27 dashboard

On the starboard side of the dashboard are additional rocker switches and the start-stop switches for the outboards.

Bennington Q27 binnacle

The engine control binnacle is angled for comfortable access from the helm seat.

Bennington Q27 switches

Behind the binnacle are the pump control switches, and a drink holder for the operator and Kicker speaker.

Aft

Bennington Q27 aft seating

Like the bow, the aft seating is wraparound with port and starboard aft facing lounge seating. The open deck measures 3'10" (1.17 m) between the lounge seats and 2' (.61 m) between the port and starboard wraparound seating.

Bennington Q27 bow seat

The bow center seat insert fits perfectly into the opening between the port and starboard wraparound seating to fill in the aft seating.

Bennington Q27 console seats

Each aft lounge seat has a fold-down armrest with an integrated drink holder. All aft seating has storage beneath.

Evinrude E-TEC G2 Outboards

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The Evinrude E-TEC G2 is a 2-stroke engine that has much stronger low- and mid-range torque than any 4-stroke engine.

On-Engine Oil Tank. The oil supply is integral to the engine and incorporates an easy-fill oil funnel, eliminating a messy external tank and hose. Most owners will be able to run a full season on a tank of oil.

The Evinrude E-TEC G2 offers a simple and easy way to monitor the engine lubrication with an available in-dash oil-level gauge system. There is no need to remove the cowling and check oil level before every use.

Integrated Steering. With the steering mechanisms integrated into the engine, there are no external hydraulic cylinders, rams or lines to clutter up the stern.

Direct Injection. Direct injection optimizes how fuel is delivered into the cylinder and how combusted fuel is removed, creating the more efficient engine. Computer software designed to analyze this combustion process, allows more torque throughout the power band, achieves lower emissions, and better fuel economy.

Best of all, when we compare the fuel efficiency that we recorded with a major 4-stroke brand, we found the E-TEC G2 to be more fuel efficient or the same at all but one rpm setting.

Bennington Q27 propeller

A lower pivot point on the engine tilt allows the outboard to tilt up close to the dock, making it easier to inspect the props.

Bennington Q27 Bimini

The Bimini top provides shade for those who prefer to stay out of the sun.

Trailer. Bennington does not build or sell trailers. However, Bennington offers specifications that may help identify the appropriate trailer. Go to <http://www.benningtonmarine.com/PDFs/Pontoon-Boat-Tailers-2015-Specs.pdf> to download the Bennington trailer specifications.

Warranty

Bennington has what they call the Bennington 10-Year Bow-to-Stern + Lifetime Structural Warranty. Customers are now offered a 10-year bow-to-stern warranty, in addition to a lifetime structural warranty. Bennington covers 100% materials, parts, and labor with no pro-rating, no third-party hand-offs, no warranty transfer fee, and no "read between the lines" statements.

Lifetime Structural Warranty*. Owners of new Bennington pontoon boats receive a Limited Lifetime Warranty on the structure, pontoons, gates, channels, motor mount, and rotomold seat frames.

Lifetime Deck Warranty*. Owners of new Bennington pontoon boats receive a Limited Lifetime Warranty on the 7-ply, pressure-treated, marine grade decking.

10-Year Bow-to-Stern Warranty*. As an owner of a new Bennington pontoon boat, the first ten years are covered directly by Bennington. All materials and workmanship are covered, including flooring, electronics, and upholstery. The dealer will register the warranty with Bennington. The engines are covered by the engine manufacturer's stated warranty.

Transferrable Warranty*. Bennington Bow-to-Stern warranties are transferable from one owner to another during the life of the warranty, up to 10 years from the original owner's purchase date, no matter how many owners span a 10-year period. The warranty can be transferred through an authorized Bennington dealer.

Other Stipulations. Bennington doesn't hand off warranty responsibilities to its suppliers. Claims are handled by the Bennington dealer directly with Bennington.

Bennington boats carry the same warranty whether it's the first day or the last day of the warranty period. Bennington does not use a declining scale of coverage in its warranty, also known as pro-rating.

Bennington dealers receive 100% of the retail shop labor rate for warranty repairs. This ensures that the warranty work is a priority and completed quickly and to the owner's satisfaction.

*For specific details on the warranty, contact Bennington or go to:

<https://www.benningtonmarine.com/warranty/>

Options to Consider

- Bow rectangular table
- Coffee table
- Deluxe ottoman
- Bow gate seat
- Privacy chaise
- Porta-Potti
- Pump-out Porta-Potti
- Saltwater anode package (a must have for pontoon boats that are used in saltwater)
- Refrigerated cup holder

- Sharkhide tube protectant
- RGB cup holder lighting

Observations

The Bennington is a textbook example of a company dedicated to quality and customer satisfaction. Their Q27 model reflects that commitment. It is well built, remarkably comfortable, and with the 10' (3.05 m) beam it has plenty of plush seating that can accommodate up to 18 family members and friends.

The technology of the twin 300-hp Evinrude E-TEC G2 with strong torque throughout the power band, as well as exceptionally clean emissions make a compelling combination for owners who want low maintenance and high quality. The Bennington Q27 is a top choice for those families who appreciate quality and performance.