

Robalo R272 (2019-)

Price

Base Price\$119985.00

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Key Features

- Hardtop with fixed windshield
- Twin engines
- Casting decks
- Aerated livewells
- Dive door
- Flexible seating

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
600	3.2	2.7	0.9	3.5	3	567	493	63
1000	5.4	4.7	1.5	3.6	3.1	578	502.4	64
1500	7.3	6.3	2.6	2.8	2.4	455	395.5	71
2000	9.2	8	4.4	2.1	1.8	343	297.9	74
2500	9.8	8.5	6.5	1.5	1.3	243	211.3	79
3000	16.5	14.3	9	1.8	1.6	296	257.5	85
3500	24.1	21	10.9	2.2	1.9	360	312.9	88
4000	30.2	26.2	14.8	2	1.8	331	287.9	88

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
4500	35.1	30.5	18.9	1.9	1.6	301	261.6	89
5000	39.5	34.3	27.3	1.4	1.3	235	203.9	86
5500	43.3	37.7	33.2	1.3	1.1	212	184	88
6000	47.3	41.1	39.6	1.2	1	194	168.3	101

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

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Specifications

Length Overall	27' 4" / 8.33 m
BEAM	9' 6" 2.90 m
Dry Weight	7,000 lbs. 3,175 kg
Tested Weight	8,500 lbs. 3,856 kg
Draft	
Draft Up	20" .51 m
Draft Down	32" .81 m
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	23-deg.
Max Headroom	5' 1" 1.55 m

Bridge Clearance	9' 10" 3 m (max)
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	180 gal. 681 L
Water Capacity	15 gal. 57 L
Length on Trailer	
Height on Trailer	
Trailer Weight	
Total Weight	8,500 lbs. 3,856 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	3.6 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	N/A
Props	14 1/4 x 17 x 3 Reliance
Load	2 persons, full fuel, no water, 50 lbs. of gear
Climate	88 deg., 74 humid; wind: 5-10 mph; seas: light

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Robalo R272 running

The Robalo R272's distinctive hardtop with fixed windshields offers protection when venturing further from the coast.

Robalo R272 helm

The Robalo R272 is the second-largest center console in Robalo's seven-boat center console lineup and has a hardtop and windshield that is integrated into the helm console.

Mission

With its size and power, the Robalo R272 is well suited for fishing at the ocean's edge.

Major Features

- Hardtop integrated with helm console
- Console head with optional holding tank
- Side dive door
- Removable table converts to casting deck extension
- Removable backrests and cushions for forward seating
- Electrical breaker switches instead of fuses
- Powered vent window in windshield
- Kevlar-reinforced hull with lifetime limited warranty
- Power assist hydraulic steering

Robalo R272 running

A sharp chiseled bow entry and a flatter run aft are design aspects that most boats copy these days. Getting the V and the angle aft from the keel to the chine, called the deadrise, just right, will depend on where the boat is expected to operate. Sharper steps forward and a higher deadrise are typically used in rougher water.

Hull Design

The R272 has a stepped bow entry and a 23-degree deadrise. Robalo brands this as their own, calling it a “Hydro Lift™ Multi Angle Hull Design”. Whatever you call it, it clearly signals the design intention for this boat to handle fishing further offshore in rougher seas.

Boat Inspection

Robalo R272 steering wheel

The steering wheel on the R272 is slightly offset to the right so the helmsperson sitting on the right helm seat can be centered between the wheel and the throttle controls.

Helm Console

Robalo R272 accessory switches

The push-button accessory switches light up when on.

Robalo R272 fuses

Tired of fumbling inside the console to replace burnt out fuses? Robalo now combines resettable breakers under the dash for their accessory switches.

Stepping aboard the Robalo R272, we discover the 9’6” (2.90 m) beam and the fact that the hardtop is integrated into the helm console, leaving 22” (55.87 cm) walkways on either side of the helm.

Robalo R272 running

Three panes of tempered safety glass protect the helmsman. The panes are straight, so there is no distortion.

Robalo R272 t-top

The front pane has a powered vent top and a windshield wiper. The panes are mounted in the T-top frames in such a way, that the top, windshield, and supports all form one unit in a functional and attractive structure. The windshield mullions are relatively narrow which maximizes visibility.

Robalo R272 outlet

The 12V outlet and USB ports are just forward of the port drink holder, which is much more likely to hold a charging smart phone than a drink. Note the 10 breakers at the bottom of the image which are in an inconvenient place, as they usually are on small boats.

The compass is centered on the dash, but not in line with the wheel. It is flanked by two open storage compartments with drains.

The helm has a 12” Simrad display, Yamaha engine gauges, and a cubby. The tilt wheel upgrade has a rubberized back and includes a steering knob. Below the dash are two footrests.

Robalo R272 helm seat

The helm seat is double wide, branded with the Robalo logo, and has a three-color inlay and individual folding bolsters.

Standard Fiberglass T-top

Quite often, fiberglass T-tops are optional, but the one on the R272 is standard. Its frame is powder-coated in white or black to the buyer's specification, at no additional charge, and the underside of the hardtop, which was black on our test boat to reduce glare, can also be chosen in any offered colors, again at no charge.

T-top Structure

This is not just any T-top, the supports are integral to the console which permits the 22" (55.87 cm) clearance on each side, for easy passage when playing a fish, and eliminates a toe-stubbing hazard that exists when aluminum supports are bolted to the deck. This is a design element that commanded a high price just a few years ago on premium-priced center consoles.

Lights

Robalo R272 hard top

Also on the hardtop are two aft-facing LED spreader lights and one forward-facing light on the front. There are also lights in the top to illuminate the dash, and storage overhead. Note that the sound bar for the premium sound system includes: four-speakers AM/FM/WB and Bluetooth stereo with AUX port (Includes Sirius Satellite Radio tuner and antenna).

Bow

Robalo R272 bow

The R272 has vinyl-covered cushions with a stain-resistant treatment and a bolster that wraps all around the boat. The bow seating has removable backrests. Bilge access is under the deck hatch.

Robalo R272 pipes

Two different support pipes, one for the table and one for the cast deck extension, stow in the head compartment when not in use.

Robalo R272 bow

It is easy to increase the size of the forward casting deck, shown here with cushions, by installing a shelf/support.

Robalo R272

Simply change the support bracket to make a table. Below the forward seating are insulated fishboxes that could double as coolers.

Ground Tackle System

The R272 has a galvanized steel plow anchor (standard) on a permanent bow roller that feeds the anchor rode directly into the chain locker from the stem anchor chute. There is a cleat for the anchor rode and a rather small access to the chain locker.

Rebalo R272 type unknown

Our test boat was fitted with an optional windlass. Note the tie off cleat and mighty small access to the chain locker.

Rebalo R272 type unknown

The windlass control pads are on the deck to the right of the hatch covering the windlass.

Side Door

Rebalo R272 side door

The side door is accessed by flipping up the hinged rail.

Rebalo R272 side door

When the door itself is open, it stays open with the help of a magnetic latch.

Rebalo R272 ladder

The side door can be used for diving or swimming and keeps people away from props. We didn't test it to bring a big fish aboard or enter from floating docks.

Rebalo R272 dive door

The dive door is 20" (50.8 cm) wide. Notice the mount for the optional removable ladder. When not in use the ladder stows away inside the console head compartment.

Rebalo R272 bolster

The wrap-around bolster leads aft.

Rebalo R272 toe rail

In addition to rod storage on either side under the bolster, there is also a welcome toe rail on both sides of the boat for fighting those big fish. 8" (20.32 cm) popup cleats, three on each side of the boat, and stainless steel handrails all around complete the hardware package.

Aft Cockpit

The Robalo 272's cockpit is designed for both offshore fishing and entertaining. When on the hunt the transom seat folds up out of the way of anglers. While trolling, the aft-facing seat behind the leaning post provides a good place to comfortably watch the troll. When in entertainment mode, fold down the transom seat and have it in cocktail party mode.

Robalo R272 swim ladder

The primary swim ladder on the stern platform is required by ABYC standards to be accessible from the water. With the ladder hatch closed, the 3' (.91 m) long swim platforms port and starboard can be used to launch watersports or bring aboard a swimmer.

The platform on the stern has a non-skid diamond pattern to match the rest of the boat. There is an access door on the starboard side to the platform with just enough room to walk in front of the engines. There are six rod holders on the gunwales and five rocket launchers on the hardtop.

Robalo R272 livewell

A 30-gallon (114 L) aerated livewell is on the port quarter. The hatch in the deck in front of the seat contains a 100-gallon (379 L) fishbox.

Robalo R272 bench up

With the back seat folded up, it is easy to see the scuppers are toward the centerline of the cockpit and not in the quarters, which is unusual and means that there is a slight camber inboard. Also, note that the scuppers are vertical with a thin crossbar as this will maximize the flow rate.

Robalo R272 gas assist

Two gas-assist struts help open the transom to the batteries below. This access is about as good as it gets.

Robalo R272 livewell

The seat behind the helm flips up to reveal a 20-gallon (76 L) insulated livewell.

Head

Robalo R272 front console

The front console seat swings open to reveal the head. Sitting headroom, no pun intended, is 3'7" (1.09 m). There is an opening port for ventilation and storage for the dive ladder, forward table, and attachments. A benefit of these larger center consoles is the room to add a head. This boat features a forward opening door on the front of the console. The Porta-Potti is standard, but there is an option for an electric toilet and an 8-gallon (30 L) holding tank.

Power

The Robalo R272 comes standard with twin 200-hp Yamaha outboards, which is what our test boat had, but of course, there is an option to have twin 250-hp motors.

Performance

Robalo R272 type unknown

The R272 hit a top speed of 47.3 mph at 6000 rpm during our test.

We had calm winds and light seas during our test day. The R272 has an LOA of 27'4" (8.33 m), a beam of 9'6" (2.90 m), and a draft 32" (.81 m). The boat with a full 180-gallon (681 L) fuel tank, but no water in the 15-gallon (57 L) water tank and two people on board, weighed an estimated test weight of 8,500 lbs. (3,856 kg).

We topped out on WOT at 47.3 mph and 6000 rpm. The R272 has a 180-gallon (681 L) fuel tank, so when cruising at the sweet-spot best cruise speed of 24.1 mph and 3500 rpm, she consumes gas at a rate of 10.9 gph. The 2.2 mpg cruising speed provides a range of 360 miles or an endurance of 14.9 hours.

Acceleration

The boat was up on plane quickly in 3.6 seconds. We reached **20 mph in 5.9 seconds and 30 mph in 8.9 seconds.**

Additional Equipment

- Raw water washdown system
- Trim tabs with position indicators

Optional Equipment to Consider

- Taco "Grandslam" outriggers
- Teleflex Optimus 360 Joystick Steering System for Yamaha engines
- Simrad or Garmin electronics - radar and autopilot
- LED underwater lights
- Colored gelcoat hull
- Electric toilet with an 8 gallon (30 L) holding tank
- Windlass Package with 200' (61 m) line and 10' (3.04 m) chain
- Engine Upgrade - Twin Yamaha 4-stroke V6 250-hp
- Stainless steel plow anchor

Price

\$121,984 base rises to \$164,333 with above options.

Observations

Robalo has built-in some important amenities as standard equipment in the R272. In addition to the normal fishing gear, the builder has installed a premium T-top with both the windshield and supports integrated into the console. This is an expensive amenity and is usually only found on boats that cost much more than this one. We also like the standard fold-out transom seat. All hardware and gear is first-rate. Robalo has left the side utility door on the options list, but that helps keep the base price down and many boaters simply don't need it. Robalo's forte is building a good boat with a number of useful amenities at a very competitive price, and this boat is no exception to that policy.