

SHOCKWAVE

28' DECK BOAT



The latest West Coast builder to debut a deckboat, Shockwave's all-new 28' is loaded up with storage and drives like a dream in every condition we put it through.



The boat performs exceptionally well with a 496 HO, but the 28' will handle a great deal more horsepower for customers who wish to upgrade.



Access to the swim step is easy, with a walk-through design. The swim step itself is nice and roomy.



Behind the driver is like a "kitchenette" area with a sink and storage compartment underneath, ideal for a trash bag.



We liked the Shockwave's helm; gauges are elevated to be seen easily, and there's no interference with the throttle or shifters.

About to celebrate its 15th year in the marine industry, Shockwave Custom Boats has carved out a reputation for building solid, attractive muscleboats at a reasonable cost. Their earliest vees (21' LS, 21' Skier) are still available today, while the stable has expanded to include a 24', 25', 29' and 34' in recent years. (A 36' vee is due for release in 2008.) With the addition of a 26' cat to the lineup, it was only a matter of time until a deckboat appeared, and that time has finally arrived. The boys at Shockwave wanted to build a true modified tunnel hull with plenty of room, many parts fabricated with fiberglass, and easy hatch and storage access. Our first ride was powered by a standard 496 HO; of the ten or so Shockwave has already sold, some customers have upgraded to a 525. According to Shockwave's Bob Anderson, "We've done test rides with a 496 and ten people on board, and cruised at 63 mph with no problem." It's a fully interlined boat, and you won't necessarily be able to peg it as a deckboat from eye level.

➤ **How it differs from other deckboats:** Leans in slightly in the turns, quality of parts, good overall value.

➤ **Standard features:** Seven-year limited warranty on hull, custom Tandem trailer with disc brakes, custom interiors by Shockwave, full fiberglass innerliner with nonskid floor, color-matched billet aluminum hardware, custom gelcoat graphics, white-out package, stainless bow rails, stainless rack and pinion steering system, integrated swim step, anchor storage, all hardware, thru-bolted, interior lights, washdown station, complete Shockwave gauge set, stereo CD with six 6" speakers and remote, Bimini top and boat cover, power hatch, thru-transom exhaust, heavy-duty dual marine batteries, stainless throttle and shift cables, large capacity fuel tanks (88 gallons), navigation lights, large under seat storage, offshore controls.

➤ **Optional equipment:** Power hinges (\$1,500), billet seat bases (\$1,100), sink (\$1,200), chrome shifter (\$450), front and rear shower (\$1,200).

DRIVER'S NOTES

● **ERGONOMICS:** I'm impressed with Shockwave's first attempt at a deckboat. It's got a great driver's cockpit, great gauge layout and tilt steering. I like the height of the walk-through deck. It gives you an excellent feeling of security and acts as a deflector. Nice layout, with built-in footrest. The boat is very spacious, with a huge cabin. The seats are spectacular, and they've got grabhandles in all the right places. They've got a complete fiberglass innerliner with a textured nonskid floor—impressive. The floor of the boat is one level, with two steps up to get to the bow area and then also a couple of steps up to get to the transom and the very large swim platform area.

● **PERFORMANCE:** Wow! What a light-feeling deckboat on the water. As we come up on plane, we briefly lose sight of the horizon, but it jumps on plane with ease, rolls over and takes a great set. Very responsive to trim. It turns very well and rolls to the inside. At the midrange, it still has excellent trim control, fantastic maneuverability characteristics. At the top end, it handles the rollers and boat wakes perfectly. It's just a really spectacular package, and very enjoyable to drive. We heard some rattling from a storage door on the passenger side in the rough water, but the 28 is very stable and very sturdy.



Both the driver and passenger seat have an innerlined nonskid footrest to securely push themselves into the seat.



Dana Marine billet seat pedestals are provided for both the driver and passenger sides, with beautiful offshore-style seats.



There are roomy storage areas in the main bulkheads on both sides; a porta-potty could easily fit in one. Our boat had some fans down there—a very bright idea.

SPECIFICATIONS

Shockwave 28' Deck Boat

Year introduced: 2007
 Weight as tested: 4,700 lbs.
 Centerline length: 28"
 Beam: 102"
 Base price with 496 HO: \$94,000
Price as tested: \$99,000
 Drivetrain: 496 HO/Bravo 1X drive
 Typical engine: 496 HO or 525
 Prop: 26" pitch, Bravo One 4-blade
 Lower gear ratio: 1:50
 Total passengers: 14-15
 Design details: 13" deadrise, tunnel with center sponson lower than outer
Top speed, tested: 67.8 mph
 Mfg. est. top speed: 70 mph
 3,000 rpm = 34.1 mph
 4,000 rpm = 40.1 mph
 Top rpm: 5,100
Acceleration:
 0-30 mph: 7.42 seconds
 0-40 mph: 10.30 seconds
 0-50 mph: 15.31 seconds
 0-60 mph: 24.10 seconds
 30-60 mph: 16.68 seconds

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