

SHAKE IT UP

Shockwave's 25 Tremor has all the right moves.

What the 25 Tremor is offered in three configurations—closed-deck, bow rider and walk-through—speaks to the versatility of the stepped 25-footer. For this roundup, the builder sent the boat in walk-through dress, meaning it had a midcabin and a bow playpen. The configuration sells well, and for good reason: It's versatile.

Of the three single-engine V-bottoms we tested during this roundup, the 25 Tremor was the fastest, as well as the quickest. The HP525EFI engine was an ideal match for the hull—anything less wouldn't be as fun, anything more might be overkill. With a stock 26°-pitch on its 1.5:1 ratio Bravo XR drive and its engine running 5,300 rpm, the boat reached 79.8 mph.

From a standing start, the 25 Tremor hit an outstanding 70 mph in 15 seconds. It also proved snappy in the midrange punch department, as it jumped from 30 to 50 mph in 3.6 seconds and from 40 to 70 mph in 8.4 seconds.

The 25-footer earned high marks in all handling tests, deeply carving its way through drill after drill. Somewhat tall as it was, the boat was pushed slightly off-course by strong crosswinds, but it was far from a major problem. Otherwise, it held a perfectly straight line at constant speeds, as well as accelerating and decelerating. The boat's stepped deep-V hull devoured river chop without jarring our test teams in the slightest.

Having tested several Shockwave models in recent years, we expected excellent tooling from the manufacturer. The 25 Tremor's mold work lived up to our expectations, as did the boat's bright and clear gelcoat graphics. We found all of the goings-on under the power engine hatch to be clean and tidy. The wiring was gathered in neat looms and held in place with nylon cushion clamps; the engine was supported by Mercury mounts and L-angles through-bolted to the stringers.

All of the 25 Tremor's hardware, with the exception of six Accon Pop-Up cleats, was custom billet fare. In a nice touch, the builder installed all the pieces in color-matched bezels.

Lounges in the open bow were surprisingly long for those of a 25-foot mid-cabin model. In the midcabin itself were two facing lounges, spotlights and fans.

Naturally, Shockwave dedicated most of the 25 Tremor's interior space to the carpeted cockpit—the area in which owners and their guests are most likely to spend the majority of their time on the water. In addition to a four-person rear bench, the cockpit had bolsters with manual dropout bottom cushions for the driver and co-pilot.

Privately labeled gauges arranged around a tilt steering wheel were supplied at the helm. Mechanical indicators were included for the drives and trim tabs. A Livorsi Marine throttle-and-shifter unit was positioned on the starboard gunwale. Rocker switches for the accessories were in a row.

To port, the observer's position was well endowed with amenities. They included two grab handles, one on the dash and another on the gunwale, a pair of cupholders, a stereo and a locking glove box.

With a closed deck and the same propulsion package, the 25 Tremor might well run 80 mph. But in warm climates, the walk-through configuration is the best call. It's plenty fast and quick for the power, and plenty versatile.—MT

DETAILS

Clockwise from above: Shockwave's 25 Tremor is plenty quick and neared its top speed in around 15 seconds. The boat we tested featured an add-on fiberglass swim platform with a pull-down stainless ladder. All of the boat's hardware was custom billet fare, including the color-matched bezels, switch plates, steering wheel and cupholders.

TEST RESULTS

Centerline/Beam	27'8"2"	Propeller	Mercury Bravo One 15 1/4" x 26"
Hull weight	4,300 pounds	Zero to 15 seconds	70 mph
Price as tested	\$97,082	30 to 50 mph	3.6 seconds
Engine	Mercury Racing HP525EFI	Top speed at rpm	79.8 mph at 5,300
Cubic-inch displacement/horsepower	502/500	Contact	951-898-9360, www.shockwaveboats.com



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