

SENSATIONAL ROYALE!

SENSATION 2400 DECK BOAT

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Twin Boats and Trailers, one of the country's premier pleasure boat manufacturers, have constructed a top-end, spare-no-expense line of deck boats. Their flagship, the Sensation 2400 Deck, with an improved polished look, a level of material quality and pampered attitude, will set you apart from the rest of the dam commoners and all their look-alike boats.



Somewhere up the Vaal River, a gentle wind rustles the leaves of a Willow tree arching on the bank. I'm in a Sensation 2400 Deck boat, and every so often, a bright flash of glare reflecting from the mirror-like water is the only disturbance in the peaceful serenity of our surroundings. It's dead quiet with only the low reverberations of a big 300 HP Mercury Verado outboard pricking my senses. So far, so Sensation 2400 Deck!

Legendary boat-building siblings Andre and Riaan van Helsdingen have been on the Vaal since being knee-high to a grasshopper, and they're familiar with all the best spots for a proper demo of their Sensation 2400 Deck. They seem quietly confident in the boat's ability. And why shouldn't they be? Not only are they renowned for their boat assembling skills, but the 2400 Deck is a big, hulking craft that'll come after anything, with everything but the kitchen sink!

Not even severe claustrophobic friends or family will feel the slightest bit cramped on the Sensation 2400 Deck, which sports a massive amount of deck space (hence the "Deck" reference). Measuring at 8.1 m in length and boasting a huge beam of 2.6 m, one can even roll out the mat and whip up a quick game of Twister, if you're really bored. Curvy and proud with broad shoulders and a bulky build, the Sensation 2400 Deck is a boat for the family man!

DECK LAYOUT

When we said spacious, we meant it! Weighing in at 2 000 kg, the Sensation 2400 Deck can carry up to 10 passengers comfortably. Boasting massive L-shaped seating (port side), a





superbly fitted head, conveniently located hand basin with running water, a sizeable fridge, loads of storage space and even a cabin, this boat has all the space and amenities needed for a day out on the water – with extended relatives included!

Starting aft, there's a massive sun lounger for those looking to stretch out and bask in the sun. Access to the water is

made easy with two sturdy swim platforms on either side of the motor. The lounger opens up to reveal a small cabin incorporated into the boat, ideal for tired passengers looking to rest their head or escape the sun for an hour or two.

Moving forward, a large L-shaped bench seat sits flush on the port side of the boat with the comfy and quality signature upholstery that the Twins are renowned for. The high gunnels not only protects you from any unwelcome water spray, but also keeps the family safely within the boat. The gunnels also feature some extra storage space along with stainless steel cupholders.

Swivel and adjustable bucket pilot and co-pilot seats provide a nice panoramic view of the surroundings. At the helm, a dash features all the basic instrumentation required, including space for a fishfinder or chartplotter (as an optional extra). The helm also sports a steering wheel that's finger-light and a throttle that's super responsive.

Incorporated into the co-pilot's dash is an ergonomically-designed and enclosed toilet that provides some necessary relief if your skipper is uninterested in returning back to shore. It sure is a step up from the old days, where the only option was to, embarrassingly go over the side of the boat, while the rest of the crew simply had to turn a blind eye at your boisterous behaviour.

The bow seating provides suitable seating for four. To ensure these passengers don't feel left out from the party on board, speakers, cupholders and even a removable cocktail table can be found upfront in the bow area. A 40-litre freshwater tank supplies water to the basin just behind the captain's chair. The



washbasin is accompanied by a waste basket, and both can be closed off out of sight to form a neat working space.

HANDLING AND PERFORMANCE

The Sensation 2400 Deck glides effortlessly with Mercury's flagship 300 HP Verado motor working almost silently at the business end of the boat. The craft can reach a top speed of 80 km/h when fitted with a 17-pitch propeller. You don't get much change for half a bar, but you can expect a whole lot of boat. And you can't put a price on the sensation you get when switching on the ignition and hearing 300 horses bursting into life.

She's a recipe for agility with low roll, tossable handling and some good manoeuvrability trickery. The first few sharp turns or roundabouts verify that pivoting into a corner is the most natural feeling in the world. The hull is always happy to carve the exact route you intended. The low roll makes it marvelously tidy through S-bends.

When cutting through its own wake (and other boat's wakes), there are no signs of reverberation through the hull, nor is there any water lapping against the bottom of the boat, which is a clear indication that the Sensation 2400 Deck is built for strength. But don't be fooled, just because she's silent as she skims across the surface, doesn't mean she isn't responsive.

CONCLUSION

The Sensation 2400 Deck is also the same boat that former SA F1 champion Peter Lindenberg owns. After a near fatal accident forced him into early retirement, Peter looked for a boat that has the safety factor, and the Sensation 2400 Deck showed evident signs of that.

The Sensation 2400 Deck is the perfect expression of years of experience culminating in a craft that's not only visually striking, but also one that invokes a sense of euphoria. Spacious in the extreme, the tasteful and opulent finishing complements its superior

designs and aesthetics.

The Twins like to set a standard when it comes to supplying a boat, and so believe in providing many additional items as standard equipment (like a bimini top and telescopic ladder), instead of milking the cash cow for optional extras. The equipment, décor and trim finishes are there to add to the overall feel and design which shows impeccable attention to detail.

If you're the kind of guy with family members in each province of the country, or one that's as popular among his friends as a keg of beer, you're bound to find joy in the Sensation 2400 deck boat. Whether it's for watersports or leisure cruising on your favourite inland waterway, you'll be pleasantly surprised by the Sensation 2400 Deck.

Pricing on the Sensation 2400 Deck inboard starts at R525 000. The outboard version starts at R570 000.

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