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25 Tremor

SHOCKWAVE

Amazingly, our test team has not evaluated a vee hull from Corona, CA-based Shockwave Custom Boats in nearly a decade. For the last several years, the company has brought some configuration of tunnel boat to our annual Performance Evaluations (usually one of their deckboats). But Shockwave is a wizard at building both cats and vees, so we were stoked to get an opportunity to test one of their 25 Tremors at our most recent round of Performance Evaluations.

Shockwave has vast experience and talent as one of West Coast boating's top builders. It established its prominence on the luxury lake segment on the strength of a best-selling machine that has enough sub-

stance to thrive on big weekends combined with the smooth artistry on which its reputation is based. Base power on the Tremor is a MerCruiser 6.2L 350-hp, and Shockwave has outfitted the boat as high as a Mercury Racing 600 SCi. Our Tremor came equipped with a MerCruiser 502-based 8.2 Mag HO with Bravo 1X drive—the very same powertrain that pushed our last 25' ten years ago.

Speaking about the Tremor, Shockwave General Manager Greg Herron says the boat handles fairly big water well for its class. "It's a midsize boat, but for what it is, it's real forgiving and it's easy to drive. And when the water gets rough, this boat just eats it up. It's a real comfortable and secure boat. If you're just getting into performance boating, this is a great size to get started with."

The Package: The Tremor is set up as a family lake or river cruiser with a promised 70-mph top-end range. The model is available in three configurations: closed-bow, walk-through open bow, and midcabin cuddy bowrider. The boat's bottom features a single step and a fairly sharp keel.

Starting at the stern, there's a fiberglass swim platform that's held in place with four stainless-steel fabricated brackets; we took note of the Bennett dual-ram trim tabs and a stainless-steel exhaust with flappers, as well as a pull-down Aqua Step ladder on the port side.

The engine hatch is a single piece that incorporates the headrests from the rear bench. There are three grabhandles on the



Here's a 70-mph family bowrider that's very predictable, easy to drive, and one of the best values out there.

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Length: 25' **Beam:** 98"

Engines on test boat: Mercury 8.2 Mag HO/ Bravo 1X drive

Options on test boat: Mercury 8.2 upgrade (\$9,000), Livorsi gauges (\$1,200), pearl in gelcoat (\$550), Aqua Step (\$375), bolt-on trailer tie-downs (\$175), billet drop-out seat bases (\$1,750), custom Shockwave interior (\$1,800), stereo upgrade (\$5,100).

Top speed: 74 mph @ 5,050 rpm

Price as tested: \$96,775

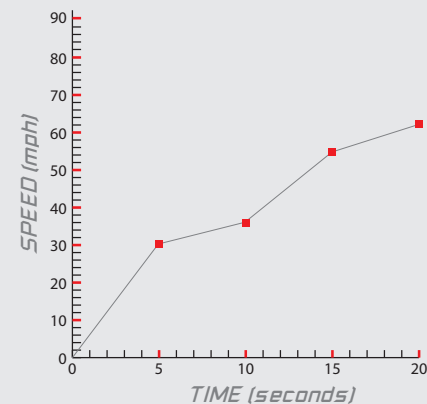
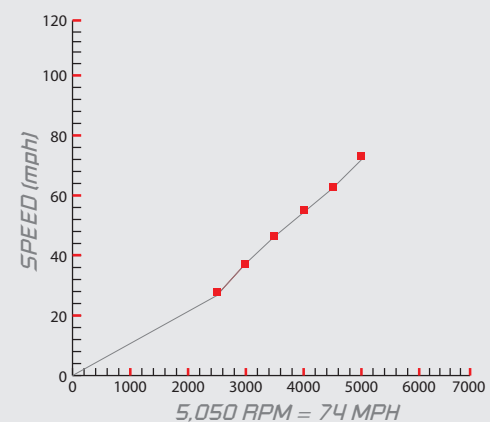
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back, and we noticed that the aluminum hardware had been powdercoated rather than anodizing, which is sometimes a better choice, especially in the caustic Havasu water. The boat's rubrail is a plastic extrusion with a vinyl insert.

Mold work is very good; inspector Bob Teague gave the gelcoat and crisp lines very high marks.

Moving into the cockpit, the rear bench offers seating for four, with individually sculpted headrests for each passenger. The two bucket seats for the driver are on billet bases mounted to a stainless-steel platform screwed into the hull. These bucket seats have an integrated footrest built in for the backseat passengers to use. Another cool feature is that the front seats can drop out to convert into standup bolsters. The floor of the boat is completely carpeted.

On the dash, the gauges are all Livorsi (a total of seven). The driver has access to rocker switches, Livorsi shifter and throttle (with trim control in the throttle). Teague applauded all of the parallel wiring and evenly spaced tie wraps behind the dash. "It goes to show their attention to detail and that they care about the stuff you can't see," he said.

Proceeding to the bow area, you'll pass two facing "loveseats" underneath the bulkheads where you can get out of the sun; this would be a great area for kids. Up front, there's a nicely sized bow area with ample storage compartments hidden away. For a family boat, the seating is deep enough so that you won't worry about anybody falling out, like with some of the lower-profile ski boats. Evaluator Myrick Coil notes: "When you sit in the front seat of the bow, your hand automatically goes to the nice stainless-steel grab rail that wraps around the outside of the boat."

Performance: The Shockwave handles in a very predictable manner. Although the stock cable steering occasionally resulted in some stiff wheel torque, the boat does turn, slalom and track well. Our test team gave positive grades to the Shockwave's outstanding midrange performance, throttle response and sensitivity to trim. Our boat did not have any kind of windshield or deflector, so it was a rather windy ride. Our team recommends opting for any option that deflects the wind, and full hydraulic steering would be a sensible upgrade as well.

Overall, the boat runs splendidly. Our team gave high marks to maneuverability in all of the speed ranges. It's a very comfortable entry-level family ride. "It's a good all-around boat, very predictable," says Bob Teague. "I like the fact that they produce a product that's reasonably priced. Whenever Shockwave brings us a boat, I always think it's one of the best values that we get here. I've never been disappointed with a Shockwave. They always bring us a quality product." **SB**