

Silverton 33 Sport Coupe



Maximize the season with this closed-cabin cruiser.

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We're seeing more closed cabin boats these days, and Silverton is the latest company to introduce one. The 33 Sport Coupe represents a style that is just the ticket for the Great Lakes, where every day in the short season is precious.

The 33 Sport Coupe has an enclosed helm deck with sofa seating along both sides of the salon. A nearly 360-degree expanse of glass includes two screened sliding doors aft that open to the cockpit and a powered glass sunroof. An option worth considering is three-zone air conditioning.

An abundance of cherrywood in the interior is contrasted with Ultraleather seating, designer fabrics and bed coverings. The sofa to starboard converts to a bed, and there's storage under the seats in the one to port.

The helm, forward and to port, has a two-person bench. The perch is high, with good sightlines to all parts of the boat. Both the molded fiberglass helm console and the seat are set on wood-paneled pedestals. The height of the helm and seat allow you to drive the boat while standing.

On the starboard side, opposite the helm, is a compact galley built around an L-shaped Corian countertop. Standard appliances include a single-burner stove, sink and dual-voltage refrigerator/freezer, as well as a microwave oven built into the bulkhead.

A centerline companionway leads to the lower deck. The master stateroom in the bow sports a double berth along the starboard side and a full-length hanging locker in the aft port corner.

The big surprise aboard the 33 Sport Coupe is the size of the second stateroom. It has a double berth along the port side and standup headroom forward, as well as a floor-to-ceiling hanging locker. The easy-

to-clean fiberglass head compartment is on the opposite side of the companionway and has a curtained-off shower area.

Access to the engine compartment is through a set of hatches in the salon floor. There's generous standing space between the engines, and storage areas fore and aft of each. A hatch in the cockpit sole leads to even more storage.

Our test boat had a pair of 375-hp Crusader 6.0L gas engines. The boat came on plane in nine seconds, with minimal bow rise and no loss of horizon. The engines gave it good midrange acceleration with tight and precise handling. The most efficient fuel burn was at a 23.6-mph cruising speed where, coincidentally, it was 23.6 gph. Top speed was just under 36 mph.

The Silverton 33 Sport Coupe lets you get on the water earlier, stay later and get the most out of your boating season. Add in the optional air conditioning system with reverse-cycle heat, and the only thing that will stop you is when the water gets hard. ↓

Specs

LOA	32'5"
Beam	12'5"
Draft	2'6"
Weight	16,300 lbs.
Fuel capacity	200 gals.
Base power	T/Crusader 5.0ls (275 hp)
Base price	\$234,900
Power as tested	T/Crusader 6.0ls (375 hp)
Price as tested	\$295,030

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