

CHAPARRAL 236 SSX Sportdeck

A Dash of Deckboat Pleasure



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By Go Boating Test Team
Chaparral's brand-new line of SSX Sportdecks is designed to offer sportboat performance and styling with some of the great features of a deckboat, such as a roomier bow, plenty of storage and lots of entertainment features.

While testing the new 24-foot 236 SSX we found it to be sporty with plenty of performance and cool features. While running the 12-passenger boat at speed, the performance was tight and responsive. The sport bucket seats really hug your body well, and the flip-up bolster does a nice job of improving the view. The padded area behind the throttle is a simple yet useful feature, making it that much more comfortable for your throttle arm. Overall we feel the helm has a clean and sporty look that's heavy on style — just what we've come to expect from Chaparral.

Our test craft produced a peak speed of 51.6 mph with our 300 hp MerCruiser 350 MAG MPI — depending on your needs for

speed the 236 SSX is available with stern drives from Volvo Penta and MerCruiser from 260 hp to 375 hp.

There are a number of creature comforts for passengers on the 236, including a cockpit galley with a wet bar and cooler storage. There's also an enclosed head on the 236 SSX that comes standard with a Porta Potti. Similar to what you'll see on just about any deckboat, the bow features a platform with a retractable reboarding ladder.

At the stern is an integrated swim platform for taking a dip and enjoying watersports — just forward of that is a large sunpad. When you've had enough sun, hop under the standard color-coordinated Bimini top — or if you have the optional wakeboard tower, as we did, rest under the canvas top that comes with it. To rinse off after a swim, the shower at the stern is a useful touch.

As one of the largest independent builders of stern drive pleasureboats, the 42-year-old Chaparral knows its customers



demand a certain level of quality and performance. At \$53,817, the new 24-foot Chaparral 236 SSX is a solid all-around boat with a dose of deckboat appeal that is great for tow sports, entertaining and just cruising along the waterway.

PERFORMANCE & PRICING

CHAPARRAL 236 SSX SPORTDECK

SPECIFICATIONS

| | |
|---------------------|---------------|
| LENGTH | 24 ft., 1 in. |
| BEAM | 8 ft., 6 in. |
| CAPACITY | 12 people |
| DRY WEIGHT | 4,400 lbs. |
| FUEL CAPACITY | 55 gals. |
| MAXIMUM POWER | 375 hp |
| DEADRISE (@TRANSOM) | 20 degrees |

PERFORMANCE

| | MPH | RPM | MPG | RANGE (MILES) | DBA |
|-----------------------|------|-------|------|---------------|-----|
| PEAK | 51.6 | 5,000 | 2.45 | 121 | 91 |
| CRUISE | 29.7 | 3,000 | 3.91 | 193 | 84 |
| TIME TO PLANE | | | | 5.1 seconds | |
| 0-30 MPH ACCELERATION | | | | 9.5 seconds | |

Fuel consumption measured with MerCruiser SmartCraft digital fuel-flow gauge; range based on 90% of total fuel capacity

TEST POWER

MOTOR 300 hp MerCruiser 350 MAG MPI
PROP SET 3-blade stainless steel

Craft available with 260 hp to 375 hp stern drives from Volvo Penta and MerCruiser

BASE PRICE

WITH TEST POWER \$53,817*

*Price can vary depending on options and location — price does not include trailer or freight

FIVE NOTABLE OPTIONS

Wakeboard tower w/racks and canvas top (\$3,514), snap-in carpet (\$470), cockpit and bow covers (\$513), Premium Package (docking lights, pull-up cleats, bow scuff plate - \$479), Convenience Package (compass, depth sounder, transom engine tilt, transom remote - \$423)

FIVE NOTABLE STANDARDS

Integrated swim platform, Duraflex bucket seats w/bolsters, enclosed head w/Porta Potti, Clarion AM/FM/CD stereo w/6 months free Sirius satellite radio, color-coordinated Bimini top w/boot

BUILDER

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