



Miller Boats Tools New V-Drive

Miller Boats, manufacturer of fully custom, wood-deck vee-bottom boats, is putting the finishing touches on its new 22-foot eight-inch model. The Santa Maria, California, builder says the new rocket sports a real "California Custom" look. It features "a long graduated deck to the driver position, with a nice fall off to the transom," says company president Jim Miller. With a 96-inch beam, the hard-deck model will seat six passengers, and the open-bow will seat a few more.

Explaining his reason for preferring the V-drive configuration of this model, Miller says, "I tested three boats out of the same mold with three different drives at our test lake—one a jet, one I/O and one V-drive. After driving all three, my choice was a V-drive. I like the way that the V-drive gets

itself through rough water and tough places with less driving. The V-drive directs the boat where you have it pointed." In addition, Miller says, a V-drive requires a very low-maintenance schedule, and customers can also easily add horsepower under factory specifications. "In my opinion, V-drives are more fun to put together."

Miller uses Casale V-drives, along with bulletproof transmissions. The 22-foot eight-inch boat will sport an 18-degree vee-bottom with a delta pad, all recessed bottom hardware and cavitation plates. The bottom of the hull features a composite construction with four full-length engine stringers and will also be available in an all-glass and wood-deck version.

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