



The test boat was fitted with a long side storage pocket. You can option up and have a rod locker fitted.



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Aluvan 4.7 Interceptor impressive

WITH excellent feedback from the recent Tinie and Tackle Show, the team at Aluvan has developed some new models to meet the demand of their customers.

Based around the Pro-X hull design, two new boats have been constructed.

With the aid of high-tech design programs and numerous years of experience in design and building boats, Aluvan has released the 4.3 Warrior and 4.7 Interceptor.

Previously I have tested the larger model Intruder 6000 with a SponiTrack hull, so was keen to see how the newly-designed hull would perform.

The Pro-X hull has been designed with an aggressive entry point to soften the ride through varying levels of chop or wash.

The aggressive entry point of the original hull then tapers away, ensuring there is plenty of water line and chine width which makes the boat stable at rest.

I recently had a quick play in the new 4.7 Interceptor as I was curious to see how this new hull handled.

Constructed with a 3mm pressed alloy bottom and 2mm top sides, the test 4.7 Interceptor was fitted with a 60hp 4-stroke Suzuki.

This boat has been rated to a maximum of 75hp, so I was itching to see how it would perform with just the 60 on the back.

With a solid punch of the throttle, the boat jumped up onto the plane effortlessly with two people on board and the 60 litre tank of fuel around half full.

The revs continued to climb as the engine picked up and I applied a little trim.

Applying slightly more trim, I could feel the resistance of the engine give and release as we punched along the protected waterways of the Pin area.

As we moved through



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the water, a few things were going through my mind.

I was somewhat surprised and impressed by the response of the 60hp Suzuki, or was it the hull design allowing it to perform so well.

No doubt it was a little of both, as I pushed the throttle to the floor and applied a bit more trim to see what I could get out of the boat in the way of top-end speed.

Not that you drive flat out everywhere, but it gives you an idea of how the boat can handle at speed and whether it does anything untoward.

It also gives an understanding of how it will handle with a different load on board.

Well, the ride was very solid and secure and the speed was a little surprising as we hit 63km/h at around 6000rpm.

Pretty good numbers for a boat this size if you ask me.

Ben from Aluvan said he is also looking at cupping the 15-inch prop to try to get a couple of extra kilometres per hour out of it.

The thought of how it would go with a 75hp on the back also crossed my mind.

However, speed isn't everything when you are looking at the performance of a boat.

How it performs in a number of different situations like planing at low speeds, carrying the maximum load and rides in choppy water (beam on, head on or a following swell) will determine if it is a well-designed hull.

It is finding that balance between horsepower and weight distribution of the motor and the internals, coupled with an effective hull that gives you a top performing boat.

Putting the boat through a series of tight turns became a lot of fun, as I became more familiar with how it handled.

Again this is not something you would generally do when driving, but you may sometimes be required to swerve to miss an obstacle in the water and avoid a dangerous situation.

The 4.7 Interceptor stuck very well to the water line, holding a flat and secure position through the turns.

This was also the case when running a slight bit of trim.

With all that said, I'm happy to give the thumbs up for ride and performance.

I didn't get to play in any big waves but we hit a few moderate swells at speed and you could feel the hull working, cutting through the waves and pushing the spray to the side.

The Interceptor has been designed with all the important requirements for fishing.

The general layout of the boat is very clean with lots of room to move around and stand or sit for a fish.

At the rear, the casting deck is easily big enough to comfortably fish from and stability of the boat at

rest enables you to move from side to side with ease.

There are two under deck storage compartments; one houses the battery and the other has a plumbed live well.

The front casting deck is even bigger and from this you could easily fish two people.

A bracket for a bow mount electric has been fitted as standard, plus an anchor well.

Extra storage by the way of two compartments is located under the front deck as well as a large keeper tank.

Both the bow and stern casting decks have foam built into them for safety.

The console area has been kept clean and simple with enough room for gauges and electronics.

A side storage pocket was fitted to the test boat which can be upgraded to

a rod locker if required.

Overall if you are looking for a good performing boat that is ideal for throwing lures or baitfish from, the Aluvan 4.7 Interceptor is worth considering.

Its attractive on-water price of \$26,500 includes a 60hp 4-stroke, trailer, anchor well, plumbed live bait and a plumbed keeper tank, larger front and rear cast decks with ample storage, side console, bow mount bracket and many more standard features.

You can also custom design your boat, taking off or adding features as required, which is not an option that all manufacturers offer, but it ensures you get a boat that is right for you.

For more information on the Aluvan range of boats, check out www.aluvan.com.au or call 07 3285 5330. ⚓



There are two storage compartments and a massive keeper tank under the front casting platform. Note the anchor well and electric motor bracket.



Battery storage and a plumbed live bait tank are located under the rear casting platform.



The large rear casting platform.



Skipping across the waves near the Pin bar.



A flat and true direction was held when running over some wash.



The sleek lines not only look good they ensure a soft ride.