

Atomix 560 Targa – 115hp 4-stroke Mercury

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If you're after a boat that allows you to take family and friends out for a day on the water either fishing in the estuary or offshore, skiing behind or just cruising about taking in the sights, then the

The 115hp 4-stroke Mercury outboard had no problems pushing the boat out of the water, and in a short time the boat was up on the plane. Even though there wasn't much of a swell, the Atomix 560 Targa Convertible rode over the swell with ease. What I did find was that as the boat came down off the peak of the swell it settled quite

through the swell and chop. Even though there wasn't much swell and chop on the day of testing I found that whether standing or sitting I felt very comfortable and safe while driving in a straight line or turning the boat sharply.

The adjustable premium soft gas ride seats cushioned my spine as I came down off a swell,



The Atomix 560 Targa hull has a 0.2mm/m tolerance, less resistance through the water, greater speed and improved handling, which all leads to improved fuel economy. And it looks awesome on the water.



As an angler you can never have enough rod holders.

Atomix 560 Targa with a 115hp 4-stroke Mercury outboard would definitely be worth having a look at. With its CAD designed CNC machined hull, the 585 has less resistance through the water, which gives you greater speed, improved handling and improved fuel economy.

On the day I took the boat out to put it through its paces there was a slight 1m swell coming in from the north with about a half metre chop on top. After leaving the safe haven of the small harbour at Shellharbour on the south coast of NSW I gave the throttle a bit of stick to see what it was capable of.

comfortable back down into the water, while not losing any forward speed.

On the day I also used the Targa as a camera boat to test and film another boat from Hi Tech Marine. I found that even though there was a bit of chop on the water, and with me moving about all over the place to get the best shots of the other craft there was very little movement from side to side.

SAFETY

Depending on the style of boat I mostly prefer to stand up while driving the boat. This is mainly so that I can see what I am doing and am then able to brace myself when cutting

and the wrap around side of the seats gave extra support when turning the boat. Even though there are two removable rear seats, I would prefer to stand behind either the driver or passenger at the front and hold onto the back of the seat for support.

The small bimini provide the driver and the front passenger with enough protection from the midday sun.

ERGONOMICS

Atomix 560 Targa comes complete with a sizeable cabin that can sleep two adults and area where you can install a port-a-potty. At the helm there is a Simrad



The wide helm provides everything at you fingertips and with enough room for those extra items.

SPECIFICATIONS

Designer	Bakewell White Hull Design
Builder	Atomix Boats
Hull construction	GRP (resin-infused)
Deck construction	GRP
Length	5.6m
Length on trailer with motor down	8.5m
Beam	2.3m
Draft	30cm
Deadrise	23
Batteries	2
Outboard	115hp, 4-stroke Mercury
Max persons	6

Features

- Automatic bilge pump
- LED navigation lights
- Sleeps two in cabin
- Electric anchor winch with concealed recess and hatch cover
- Electrics: LED navigation/anchor/cabin lights, VHF radio and antenna, AM/FM stereo radio, Simrad chart plotter and sounder
- Ground tackle: self launching bow roller, anchor/chain/rope/swivel
- Self draining deck/100L drainable under floor storage
- Level/positive flotation
- Trailer: 560 Boeing – ATM 1430 single axle, 16 rollers, braked, heavy duty, axles and bearings, 14 x 185LT tyres and a launch and retrieve boat latch

sounder/chart plotter, a VHF radio, a stereo radio, toggle switches for your bilge pump, live bait tank, navigation and cabin lights, plus a separate switch to lower and raise your anchor.

On either side of the inside of the boat you will find the open storage areas have been carpeted to reduce the sound as you are travelling. There are also a number of drink holders.

Launching and retrieving the boat was a breeze – I found that the boat glided off the single axle roller trailer with ease. Retrieving the boat was just as easy as you could drive the boat up onto the trailer and the boat catch on the trailer would do its job, allowing your offside to drive off the ramp.

If you didn't get one of these boat catches installed, all you would need to do is open the forward hatch and climb out onto the front area while hanging onto the



The Atomix 560 Targa with a 115hp 4-stroke Mercury outboard is impressive in and out of the water.

stainless steel bow rail and hook up the strap.

With a boat of this size it would be a good idea to talk to the crew at Hi Tech Marine and get an anchor winch installed, as it would save the strain on your back required to pull up a 7kg anchor, chain and rope.

FISHABILITY

Not all boats are made with fishing at the forefront of design. The designers of the Atomix 560 Targa have not only thought about it – they've put a number of

features into this boat to make it pleasurable to fish out of, whether you are offshore or in an estuary.

If you were into trolling for tuna or marlin you could quite easily fit a couple of outriggers on, and with the four built-in stainless steel rod holders, you could troll a couple of skirted lures in close to the wash and two out wide.

For those that prefer to fish offshore or in an area like Port Phillip Bay for snapper, gummy sharks and



As you will see from this shot there is not a lot of draft on this boat. Meaning that you will get less drag on the water at speed.

the like you would be able to fish four anglers with a rod each and a couple spare with ease.

At the rear of the boat you could get yourself a bait board for rigging up your lines and of course cutting up those baits for the snapper and other reef species. The bimini cover has six extra rod holders in the rocket launcher to keep a few outfits at the ready. It would be a wise move to have clip on straps attached to each outfit.

It also comes with an under floor self-draining storage or kill tank, or live-well for those yellowtail or squid. I like to have a lot of storage for extra tackle, and this was where the Atomix 560 Targa came up a little bit short, but I am sure if you talk with the crew at Hi Tech Marine they will be able to sort you out.

NOISE

Not only is the Atomix 560 Targa extremely quiet when travelling at speed, the 115hp 4-stroke motor is so quiet that a couple of times I didn't realize that the motor was still going. The carpeted floor of the deck area reduces noise, so as not to scare away the fish. The carpet also gives you that slightly soft feeling when walking around the boat barefoot.

The outfit tested on the day also comes with a water safety kit, boat and trailer registration, a fold down ladder and a non-slip pad, plus all the required navigation lights.

WARRANTY

The Atomix 560 Targa comes with a 5-year structural hull limited warranty; 1-year limited warranty on components manufactured or installed by Atomix Boats and a 1-year limited warranty on upholstered items, canvas, teak, and powder coating. Approximate RRP of \$51,000.00

If you are interested in looking at one of these rigs give either Amir or Pauline a call on (02) 4256 6135 or drop into their shop and have a look at one. Hi Tech Marine

is located at 40 Princes Highway Yallah NSW.

• Quoted performance figures have been supplied by the writer in good faith. Performance of individual

boat/motor/trailer packages may differ due to variations in engine installations, propellers, hull configurations, options, hull loading and trailer specifications.



There is plenty of floor room on this boat for family and friends!

CUSTOMISED BOAT

A customer recently purchased one for \$51,369, which included the following:

- Resin infused fiberglass hull
- NZ Naval Architect Brakewell White design
- Zero timer construction
- Sliding lockable cabin door
- Self-draining deck with built in floor guttering
- Walk around non-slip side
- Soft gas ride fully adjustable helm seat pedestal
- Premium grade bolster style seats
- 100L storage/kill tank
- 120L under floor fuel tank
- Removable rear seats
- Concealed swim ladder and anchor winch access
- Self-launching bow roller
- Side mounted split bow and transom rails
- Extra-large dash
- Built-in toilet recess with cushion cover
- Flat foredeck
- Easy clean twin skin fibreglass cabin liner
- 90hp 4-Stroke CT/XL Smartcraft/premium hydraulic steering/battery switch
- 560 Boeing – ATM 1430 single axle, 16 rollers, braked, heavy duty, axles and bearings, 14 x 185LT tyres and a launch and retrieve boat latch
- Boat and trailer rego
- Premium canopy SS with Targa bar and rod holders/Sunbrella Top
- Fusion RA50-AM/FM USB compatible head and 6" speakers
- 6 PFDs
- Flares
- VHF and antenna
- Elite-5 CHIRP Combo83/200
- Navionics AUS NZ NAV + card
- 90hp 4-stroke Mercury outboard



The storage area for the two batteries and a wash down hose.



You could install a port-a-potty, sleep a couple of adult's head to toe or just get out of the elements for a while.