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LOSE THE WEIGHT TIGÉ RZ4

By Go Boating Test Team
The new RZ4 is the flagship of Tigé's RZ Series. Its overall styling blends sleek, sexy lines with hard edges, such as those used in the European auto industry. Yet, its two most striking design features are its patented ConvexV hull,

which curves up at the transom rather than downward like other inboard towboats, and its Taps2 shift-on-the-fly trim plate. Together, they allow for a full range of trim and enable the driver to adjust the wake from a slalom shape to a wakeboarding ramp in less than five seconds because

there are no ballast bags to fill or empty. The Tigé Electronic Control (TEC) system, which integrates the powerplant, throttle, SpeedSet digital speed control, Medallion instrumentation and Taps2 trim/wake plate, puts the ability to control wave shape and height at the driver's fin-

playpen. Plush wrap-around cockpit seating is exceptionally deep, and there's lots of it. In fact, the RZ4 provides seating for 17 adults, which includes an observer's seat. We noted that the windshield was exceptionally solid, as it is through-bolted. The windshield, combined with a Lexan windscreen, blocks wind out of the cockpit completely. Four Wet Sounds coaxial tower speakers with 200 watts of juice behind them put out enough sound for a skier to hear from 80 feet away. Cockpit speakers are at sole level rather than in your back where drinks can spill on them. The tower collapses easily and is integrated into the Bimini.

The height and shape of the transom allow both adults and children to plant their feet firmly on the 102-inch-wide swim platform. The transom storage compartments double as coolers and drain into the bilge. Rear storage beneath the port lounge is deep and extends all the way to the bow. The starboard side extends far enough forward to accommodate wakeboards. Both are lighted.

The RZ4 is no lighter than other 24-foot inboards we've tested, yet its acceleration is exceptional. With four aboard, it planed in 3.7 seconds and reached 30 mph in just 5.9 seconds. Those are some truly remarkable numbers for a 4,485-pound boat. We saw a top speed of 42.6 mph at 5200 rpm. Its optimum cruise speed is 25 mph turning 3000 rpm. At that speed, its 360 hp inboard delivers 3.5 mpg and offers a range of 151 miles. More significant is that the RZ4 gets its best fuel economy at optimum towing speeds.

We attribute the RZ4's exceptional acceleration, top speed, fuel economy and overall performance to the innovative design of the ConvexV hull, which allows the driver to adjust running attitude, helping to reduce drag. With less drag, less horsepower is necessary, whether towing or running flat out. **G**

gertips. You can set the speed at 22 mph using the SpeedSet's touch pad and create a smooth slalom wake, then increase wake size incrementally with Taps2 using no ballast whatsoever. The RZ4 comes with a lifetime replacement warranty.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS
It's no secret that the bow is where most people hang out in a towboat when it's not pulling a skier. The RZ4's extended pickle-fork bow design allows additional foreseating. There's ample room for two people to face aft. Drop in the filler cushion and the bow area becomes a large

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SPECIFICATIONS

Length	24 ft., 0 in.
Beam	8 ft., 6 in.
Capacity	17 people
Dry Weight	4,485 lbs.
Fuel Capacity	48 gals.
Maximum Power	400 hp

PERFORMANCE

	mph	rpm	mpg	range	dBa
Peak	42.6	5200	1.7	73 mi.	91
Cruise	25.0	3000	3.5	151 mi.	80
Time to Plane	3.7 seconds				
0-30 mph Acceleration	5.9 seconds				

Range based on 90 percent fuel capacity

POWER

Test	Tigé GM Vortec multiport EFI
Hp	360
Cylinders	V8
Displacement	5.7L
Maximum rpm	5200
Prop	CNC-milled 4-blade

Craft available with GM Vortec inboard power ranging from 340 to 400 hp

BASE PRICE

w/340 hp 5.7L GM Vortec multiport EFI	\$64,000*
w/test power	\$71,000*

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

FIVE NOTABLE STANDARDS
LifePlus lifetime replacement warranty, Teleflex rack-and-pinion steering and competition throttle, Wet Sounds XS 200-watt CD/MP3 w/4 coaxial speakers, drop-in bow-area carpet, large nonskid swim platform

NOTABLE OPTIONS
Tigé SpeedSet cruise control, underwater transom light, hot/cold-water shower, multidirectional 3-vent heater, Tigé E-Series collapsible tower w/swivel board racks, 900-pound factory ballast system

FINANCING
\$592/month for 15 years*
**Assuming a final price of \$74,000 — with a 15 percent down payment and a fixed interest rate of 7.75 percent — does not include sales tax*

BUILDER
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FEATURES IN BRIEF:

1 Wide Format: The RZ4's picklefork design allows additional fore seating.

2 Looking Ahead: Tigé SpeedSet digital cruise control allows you to maintain a preset speed as well as adjust it with the touch of a pad, never having to look down.

3 Cool Seat: The VisionAir mesh captain's chair allows your body to breathe on hot days. It also swivels and features a flip-up bolster.

4 Swing Time: Tigé's E-Series collapsible tower features board racks that swivel into the boat for easy access or when docking in narrow quarters.

5 Smart Docking: The driver's side walk-through doubles as a safe and convenient entry/exit point for the boat from the dock or the cockpit.



TECH NOTES:

- The TEC system is user-friendly and puts speed control and wake shape at the driver's fingertips
- No ballast and no downward "hook" at the transom means less drag for better performance and fuel efficiency
- Lifetime replacement warranty means Tigé will replace the boat should there be any structural failure, degradation or delamination

