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Tempest 60M

An exclusive Hardtop ship.



The pilothouse rises dramatically out of the cockpit, with a steeply raked centre window flanked by curving side windows. Behind this, the vertical line is enhanced by the five tall, narrow windows that curve over into the pilothouse roof.

To add to the drama of the look, everything above the fender is finished in metallic silver, with the hull in traditional royal blue. At the stern, the silver veneer is set off by teak decking covering the trans, full-width transom steps that ascend to the cockpit sunbed.

Inside the pilothouse there is all the instrumentation for navigating at high speed with comfortable seats to match. Behind the helm is a lounge with leather seating that is dominated by an elevating, 42in plasma television screen. Down below, there is a second saloon with a settee, table and chairs, opposite which is the fully-equipped galley. There are double cabins forward and aft of the saloon with the master cabin amidships, having a full-sized bath. The décor in the accommodation is very American in style with gold fittings and strong wooden veneers complemented by bright fabrics.

The handling and seakeeping of the Tempest 60 Hardtop matches the performance. The hull rides cleanly through the waves, and with power to spare you need to handle the throttles carefully. The response from the throttles is instant and the surface drives take the hull easily on to the plane. At slow speeds, a bowthruster helps to keep everything under control. It is undoubtedly a thrilling ride at speed, perhaps not quite the sea-b experience the style might suggest, but nonetheless an exciting performance that comes from a well designed and soundly engineered boat.



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The style would not look out of place in a science fiction film and indeed the wheelhouse gives the impression that it has been based on Darth Vader's helmet. The Tempest 60 Hardtop is a yacht that is going to turn heads wherever it goes, but beneath its advanced exterior there is a serious 19m, 60kph performance boat waiting to get out.

Tempest is an American powerboat builder that has always been at the forefront of innovation. It has developed its own surface drives, steering systems and even gas turbine engines, and while the company may be renowned for its eccentric styling, its boats are all based on sound engineering and design.

The Tempest gas turbines are not used for this particular model, but instead, reliable twin Caterpillar diesels have been chosen to provide the power. These 1,400hp 3412 units are coupled to Tempest's T-Torque Surface Drives. The T-Torque Drives are fixed shaft units that are mounted in a stern recess with the bathing platform above supporting both the shafts and the rudders.

The hull is a deep-V with a 20 degree deadrise. It gives the appearance of being long and lean, but in fact it has a generous beam. The rakesh style is enhanced by the fine cutaway bow, which is emphasized by the rising chine lifting almost to deck level. Three groups of helm, vertical oval ports in the topsides above the fenderline are the first indication of the flamboyant styling that is yet to come.



LOA	18.2m (59ft 6in)
Beam	4.60m (15ft 1in)
Draught	1.10m (3ft 7in)
Displacement	63,000 lbs
Engines	2 x 1,400hp 3412 Caterpillar Diesels
Fuel capacity	1,000 gallons
Water capacity	250 gallons
Design	In-house
Builder	Tempest Yachts