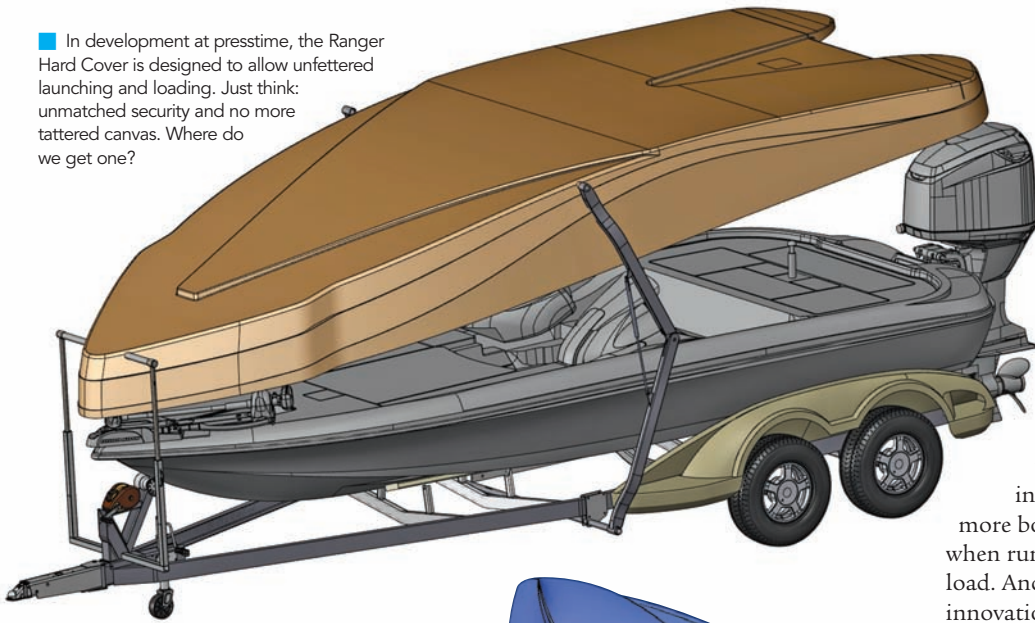


■ In development at presstime, the Ranger Hard Cover is designed to allow unfettered launching and loading. Just think: unmatched security and no more tattered canvas. Where do we get one?



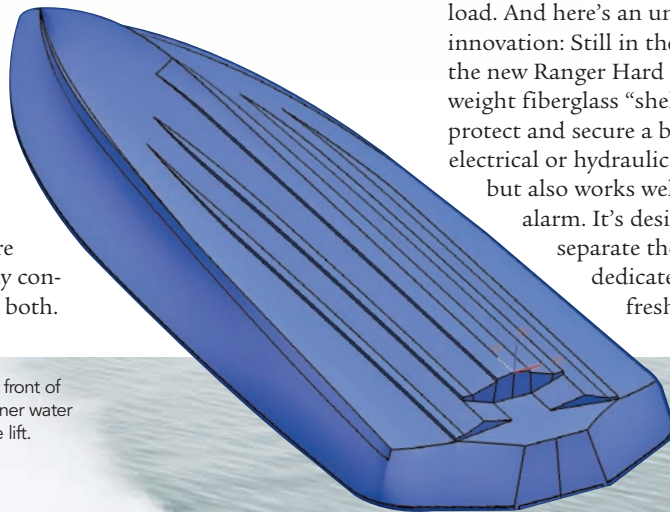
RANGER Z520 COMANCHE	
Base Price (w/ Evinrude E-Tec 250 HO)	\$55,000
Length	20' 9"
Beam	7' 11"
Weight (hull only)	1825 lbs.
Fuel	48 gals.
800/373-BOAT; rangerboats.com	

The rest of the design is equally commendable. The engine's substantial setback — 25¼ inches from the drain plug to the transom — provides leverage for quick planing and acceleration. Ranger also moved

the cockpit aft, and the resulting weight shift helps create more bow lift — always a good thing when running with a competition load. And here's an unbelievably cool innovation: Still in the prototype stage, the new Ranger Hard Cover is a lightweight fiberglass "shell" designed to protect and secure a boat. It uses no electrical or hydraulic components, but also works well with a wireless alarm. It's designs like this that separate the casual from the dedicated in the world of freshwater fishboats.

RANGER Z520 COMANCHE

Some rigs simply epitomize state-of-the-art, and that's exactly what you've got with Ranger's Z520 Comanche. Topside, it's evident in items such as a padded bow deck that makes long days of casting more comfortable, or a center locker that quickly converts to handle rods or tackle storage — or both.



■ The pad on the Z520 hull is set more than 2 feet in front of the transom, which places the engine and prop in cleaner water for a better bite, and also helps the bow develop more lift.

