

AXOPAR'S BIGGEST ADVENTURE YET

The flagship of 'The Adventure Company', the Axopar 45 is available in three versions, with the Cross Top combining attributes of the open Sun Top and enclosed Cross Cabin.

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The Axopar 45 Cross Top has a wraparound windshield that protects the triple-seat helm station, where the driver can enjoy a smooth ride at 45 knots

The flexible, all-action Axopar 45 Cross Top is another great addition to the Finnish brand's range of adventure boats. A world premiere at last year's Cannes Yachting Festival, the Cross Top (XT) is a hybrid of the Cross Cabin (XC) and Sun Top (ST) editions, which allows for the best of both worlds.

The Cross Top's semi-enclosed wheelhouse protects the driver from cutting winds, yet the rest of the boat remains an open design under the slanted hard top, which is high enough to make deck spaces feel quite spacious.

Following 10 years of increasing popularity for the Finnish brand since debuting its Axopar 28 in 2014, its boats are increasingly easy to recognise on the water.

Although the Axopar 45 is comfortably the brand's biggest model to date, succeeding the popular 37, the clean design of the flagship's sharp-entry, twin-stepped hull is sporty and elegant, spearheaded by the brand's signature vertical bow. Each of the three versions of the Axopar 45 are built on the same platform, with the enclosed Cross Cabin version the first to appear on the market, in 2022.

The use of a common hull design results in reduced development time, consistency between products, and a variety of options, some

common to all models. It also results in the same Axopar standard of quality but delivered to you quicker, and at an attractive price point.

Looking at the profiles of the Cross Top and Sun Top editions, which debuted together at Cannes last September, the helm station is the most notable difference. The Sun Top has a low-angled, more aerodynamic windscreen, allowing the driver to enjoy the 'wind in your hair' feeling while cruising.

In contrast, the Cross Top has a reverse-raked windshield that adjoins the hard top and wraps around for a couple of feet along both sides, with the enclosure providing added protection for guests towards the stern and slightly reducing drag, making it a tad more fuel efficient.

Forward-raked windscreens can sometimes give a trawler vibe, but on the razor-sharp Axopar design, it gives a somewhat militaristic feel. However, the angle is intentional, as it not only improves visibility but also reduces glare and minimises spray.

However, look upwards and you notice another notable difference between the two new 45s, as the Cross Top has two retractable sun roofs on its hard top, while there's just one on the Sun Top.



The Axopar 45 is powered by triple 300hp Mercury Verado V8 outboard engines, delivering highly efficient cruising between 22 and 34 knots



The semi-enclosed Cross Top version has a reverse-angle windscreen, while the Sun Top, shown with the aft cabin option, offers a breezier ride

DRIVING PLEASURE

Adhering to Axopar's principles since day one, the 45 is designed to be a driver's boat. Jan-Erik Viitala, Axopar's Founding Partner and Creative & Innovation Director, explains that the helm has been optimised for useability. Axopar's aim is to strip down the bells and whistles so anyone can take the helm – and they've succeeded.

The skipper's seat is on the right of three identical helm chairs with flip-up seats that allow you to sit down or stand up, with the chairs providing a comfortable backrest. The footrest is especially helpful for shorter drivers, and the leather-upholstered steering wheel can be tilted down if required.

First timers have no problem piloting the boat, even at speed, benefiting from a clean navigation display, intuitive joystick handling, autopilot and even Skyhook. However, the multifunctional steering wheel does take some getting used to, as bow thrusters, trim tabs and even music are all controlled from here.

Overall, it's among the least intimidating boats of its size to handle, even if there's zero compromise on performance. The Axopar

45 is fitted with three 300hp Mercury Verado V8 outboard engines, providing a hefty 900hp and boy, does that power deliver on this hull.

During sea trials, it was up and running quickly, reaching 30 knots in just 10 seconds. Yet even when reaching a top speed of about 45 knots, it was notable just how stable and smooth the ride was.

Surprisingly, the bow stayed level, never rising above the horizon, and visibility remained excellent even when cornering. The boat experienced minimal slip even in tight turns, and was highly manoeuvrable and responsive, handling much like the 37 or even one of the smaller sisters.

Performance aside, Axopar is rightly proud of the boat's efficiency, with the flagship consuming just over 4 litres/nm when cruising at speeds between about 22 and 34 knots.

SOCIAL OPTIONS

A centrepiece of the layout is the spacious wet bar, aft of the helm seats. A sink and a 65-litre refrigerator come standard, while options include an induction cooktop or grill, an additional fridge and drawer fridge.



The aft deck shown with the U-sofa option; forward is the covered dinette flanked by fold-out 'balcony doors' over the water



Forward view of the main cabin or indoor lounge, which is filled with natural light during the day due to the twin gullwing doors overhead

Aft of the wet bar is a dinette with facing sofas either side of a foldable high-low table, which can be lowered and topped by cushions to combine with the couches to create a large sunpad.

A clever feature in the bulwarks on either side of the table is the half-height, fold-down ‘balcony doors’, which through a combination of rotating and folding down, create a wide bench seat above the water that can even be used as a sunbed. Deploy both balcony doors and it’s easy to get a group of 12 around the table.

The aft deck is available in three layouts, with an aft-facing, three-seat sofa included as standard along with a cool box with drain and two additional storage lockers. However, it’s the two upgrade options that have the most appeal.

As well as the aft-facing sofa, the U-sofa option offers further seating along both sides of a high-low table that, with additional cushions, can be lowered and transformed into a large sunpad, like with the dinette. This option also features storage lockers beneath the sofas.

The third option is an aft cabin and head, in which a flat sunpad lies atop a semi-raised cabin with a surprisingly large aft window offering a view of the engines and the sea. In a bid to further

enhance the usability of the aft deck, the starboard fender box can be configured as a second wet bar with a grill, sink and 40-litre fridge.

The standard main cabin is forward of the helm station and accessible via a lockable hatch. The lower-deck area starts with a starboard bathroom, which includes a toilet, sink, freshwater system, mirrored lockers and a separate shower.

The standard set-up is a U-shaped sofa with padded backrests that creates an indoor lounge, which works well during the day due to the light flooding in overhead from the twin gullwing doors.

Fill-in cushions can convert the U-shaped sofa into a queen-size bed, while the gullwing doors can be covered by cushions to block out the light and are even big enough to create a compact sunpad athwartships.

When the gullwing doors are open, they allow fresh air into the cabin or indoor lounge as well as clambering-style access from the cabin to the foredeck, which is typically reached by walking along side decks aided by bulwark railings that run from midships to the bow.

Forward of the gullwing doors, the foredeck features a deep, two-person sofa with cup holders. Another nice feature is the huge locker



Starboard view of the forward cabin, which includes a bathroom with toilet, sink, fresh water, cabinets and a separate shower



The aft cabin is one of three options for the aft deck, along with the aft-facing sofa as standard and larger U-shaped sofa with table

underneath the bow cushion, which is ideal for storing lines and fenders, so freeing up space elsewhere. Among the extensive options list, the Mediterrana package includes upgraded upholstery and decking, although the standard seats are plush and comfortable.

For those who appreciate the freedom of open-air boating, the Axopar 45 Cross Top is an appealing balance of performance and value for money, making it a roomy upgrade for those familiar with the brand’s smaller models or other sub-40ft adventure or day boats.

Axopar’s flagship is also a fantastic entry point to boating for those not intimidated by her size and wanting an all-action day boat or adventure-filled weekend that offers tremendous versatility above and below deck. ⚓

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Note: Lower deck shows Axopar 45 Cross Cabin with aft cabin

DECKS & SPECS

LOA 13.91m (45ft 8in)	Fuel 1,390 litres
Beam 4.11m (13ft 6in)	Engines 3 x 300hp
Draft to props 1.2m (3ft 11in)	Maximum speed 45+ knots
Weight (excl. engines) 6.5 tonnes	Passengers B: 12 / C: 16
	Berths 2 + 2



Like all Axopar models, the 45 is designed for adventure, so water toys and even bikes can be tied to the roof rack