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# POWER AND PASSION

The Axopar 45 Cross Cabin offers style, speed and plenty of space for comfortable living and lounging.

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## a capable and well-balanced boat



*Above: The Axopar 45 XC makes the most of its outdoor spaces.*

*Right: Optional cockpit barbecue would be essential for Aussie boaters.*

*Below: Gullwing doors provide easy access and ventilation to the front cabin.*



The Axopar 45 Cross Cabin is a bold new entry into the 45ft cruiser market, combining outdoor versatility with essential indoor comforts.

Unlike traditional cruisers that focus perhaps too heavily on interior space, the Axopar 45 maximises its outdoor areas while also offering ample protection from the elements. The result is a capable and well-balanced boat designed for everything from day trips to extended adventures – it's a true 'anything goes' design.

At 13.9m (45.6ft) in length with a 4.11m beam, the Axopar 45 Cross Cabin feels spacious yet very practical, as most Axopar boats do. It's in their DNA. Weighing around 7700kg before engines are added, our test boat is powered by a trio of



300hp Mercury outboards. Despite the combined 900hp, the engines maintain impressive quietness and efficiency. The triple 300hp are the highest horsepower you can get on this boat unless you step up to the Brabus Shadow 1200 Cross Cabin model.

### VERSATILE LAYOUT

The layout offers a spacious central cabin flanked by designated entertainment areas at the bow and stern, giving owners plenty of room to enjoy their time on the water.

The cockpit is versatile and can be configured to suit different needs. On the test boat, a bench seat positioned along the rear of the cabin created an expansive, flat deck area that is perfect for watersports or family gatherings. For those seeking a more social layout, U-shaped seating is also available.

If additional accommodation is a priority, an aft cabin with a toilet is also an option. While this

set-up reduces some deck space, it adds a raised sunpad on the cabin roof for enhanced lounging comfort.

An option I would absolutely add is the rear starboard barbecue. For Australian boaters, this would be a convenient must-have for entertaining. The design is neat, well executed and makes use of a space that would otherwise be used for storing fenders, which you could easily stash elsewhere.

### SUN, SPACE, SLEEP

The bow area is designed with relaxation in mind, offering a spacious sunlounge and sunpad spread across two levels. The lounge easily seats two or three people, with space for another two on the sunpad. A wide, clean walkway with a sturdy grabhandle makes moving between the bow and stern safe and simple.

The central cabin is bright and open, thanks to its expansive windows, large sunroof, and dual sliding doors that create an open-air experience. Bench seats along the gunwales create a relaxed, amphitheatre-style space when the doors are open – ideal for socialising with guests.

A timber table sits in the middle of the cabin, offering a comfortable spot for dining and relaxing. Behind the helm, a cooktop, sink, and fridges ensure meal preparation is easy and convenient.

The helm station is clean and functional, with clearly arranged controls and a dedicated sliding door for easy deck access to starboard. The signature Axopar steering wheel includes integrated functions such as sound control and engine trim, ensuring the skipper can manage key features without distraction and focus on driving.

Below deck, the Axopar 45 offers a comfortable retreat for two. The main bed is positioned lengthwise to maximise space, and gullwing doors on either side provide ventilation, natural light, and an enhanced sense of openness. Also located below deck is a separate toilet with wash basin and shower.

### DRIVING EXCELLENCE

The real highlight of testing an Axopar boat is the driving experience. These boats are built with pure enjoyment in mind, and their remarkable hull design ensures you feel it the moment you are underway.

It's not just about speed – though that is undeniably exciting – but about how everything



## a comfortable spot for dining and relaxing



comes together: precise controls, sharp handling and an exceptionally smooth ride. What is most impressive is how the Axopar 45 drives like a smaller boat, delivering impressive manoeuvrability, ease of control, and an enjoyable experience for the owner.

With 900hp of power the boat jumps onto the plane effortlessly. Combined with the stepped hull design, this set-up creates a unique sensation – as if the hull is gliding across the water with barely any resistance.

At the helm, everything is positioned for easy access, whether the skipper is standing

*Top: Expansive windows, a large sunroof and dual sliding doors bring the outside in.*

*Above: Three V8 engines maintain impressive quietness and efficiency.*





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or sitting. I prefer to stand as it offers better visibility and a stronger sense of control, especially when pushing the boat at higher speeds. Yet the Axopar 45 is just as enjoyable in calmer moments, whether you're cruising leisurely along the coast or heading to Rottnest Island or the like. In those scenarios, you can relax and let the boat do the work.

### FAST AND RESPONSIVE

The test boat's power represents the maximum the Axopar 45's hull can support, and delivers serious performance. With a top speed of around 50 knots (92.6km/h) – we reached 46 knots (85.2km/h) during testing – the boat maintains

impressive stability and control. Even at high speeds it feels composed – never reckless or unpredictable. In fact, the hull is so well-balanced that it seems it could be capable of handling even greater speeds.

Whether carving tight turns or sweeping through wide arcs, the hull tracks perfectly, responding with precision and confidence. This balance between performance and comfort is what sets the Axopar 45 apart, ensuring both driver and passengers enjoy the ride from start to finish.

Performance is impressive across a range of speeds. At a low 1000rpm, the boat cruises at 4 knots (7.4km/h) while consuming just 8lt/h,


offering a range of around 626nm (1160km) from the 1390lt fuel capacity. Increasing to 3000rpm sees a jump to 18 knots (33.3km/h) with fuel consumption at 110lt/h, bringing the range to around 235nm (435km).

For optimal cruising, 4000rpm achieves 28 to 30 knots (51.8 to 55.6km/h) with 129lt/h consumption, providing a range of around 306nm (566km). This performance balance ensures flexibility for both efficient cruising and high-speed thrills.

As mentioned, pushing the engines to 5900rpm delivers an exhilarating 46 knots (85.2km/h), though this comes with higher fuel consumption at 270lt/h and a range of 204nm (378km).

With the triple Mercury 300hp engine configuration, pricing starts at \$1,328,250.

As tested – including with the aft deck bench seat, roof racks, air conditioning, Simrad multifunction display upgrade, and JL Audio sound system – the price is \$1,565,820.

The Axopar 45 Cross Cabin excels in providing performance, comfort, and outdoor living. With its flexible layout and focus on practical design, it's a boat built for those who love time on the water. Whether you're entertaining, exploring offshore, or simply enjoying a relaxed afternoon cruise, the Axopar 45 Cross Cabin promises a truly memorable experience. 

## a blend of performance, comfort, and outdoor living



AXOPAR 45 CROSS CABIN	
LOA:	13.9m
Beam:	4.11m
Draft (to props):	1m
Power as tested:	triple 300hp Mercury V8 four-stroke
Fuel Capacity:	1390lt
Capacity:	14 people
Price from (with 3 x 300hp Mercury):	\$1,328,250
Price as tested:	\$1,565,820
More information: Eyachts, tel (02) 9979 2443. Web: eyachts.com.au.	

Top: Performance and handling is impressive across a range of speeds.

Above: One cabin is standard but the versatility of adding an aft cabin will appeal to families.

Above: Even at speed, the big Axopar maintains stability and control.

Right: The bow is devoted to split-level lounges.

