



## QUINTREX 470 Top Ender

The affordable Top Ender is a good base to build a fine fishing platform on

**T**he warm weather's here and the prospect of good fishing has anglers getting out and trying to catch a feed.

Whether you fish the wild rivers of the tropical north, the stocked impoundments in Queensland, or troll for trout in Tassie, the Quintrex 470 Top Ender is a boat that will catch your eye.

The original Top Ender design emanated from Darwin a few years ago, but since then, many things have changed and Quintrex has left no

to the starboard gunwale and supported on the deck with a profile-cut strut that looks good. It's fitted with a Lowrance X52 depthsounder that works well.

A wind deflector screen sits under a grabrail that was fixed to the console with plastic brackets — the type used on canopy frames.

As on all Quintrex boats, heavy use is made of rotomoulded inserts. The material used here is as tough as it gets, so it can take plenty of

This four-stroke engine is the maximum recommended size for the 470. Holeshoot was good, and she rocketed to a top speed of 29.7kts at 6000rpm. Cruising at 19kts, the tachometer registered 4200rpm.

### THE RAP

The Quintrex 470 Top Ender is a neat rig at the right price and represents good value for money. It's also worth noting that manual cable steering sometimes creates torque issues with outboards at various stages, but not so with this combination. It was easy on the arms throughout the entire trim range.

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stone returned to create a better solution to what's already a good platform to fish from. And the 470's a quantum leap from the original design.

### CONSOLE SMART

The console on the Top Ender looks smart. It's an alloy base with a plastic top section fixed

punishment as liners in underdeck compartments. The anchorwell has no hatch and also features a rotomoulded liner. There's also a rotomoulded-lined killtank in the aft end of the forward casting deck, which drains into the bilge. In front of that is a large compartment that can hold safety gear.

A hatch in the deck covers a second rotomoulded-lined killtank, which also drains to the bilge.

At the aft end of the cockpit, a rear platform under the transom bulkhead holds the cranking battery on the portside, and in the top of the bulkhead you'll find a livebait tank.

Under the starboard side of the transom bulkhead, the fuel filter is bolted to the inside of the enginewell and the battery isolator switch is attached at the aft end on a mounting plate.

Power comes from a Mercury 60hp Big Foot engine with mechanical cable steering.

### AT-A-GLANCE

Type:	Side console
Ride:	Very good
Fishability:	Tops
Tow vehicle:	Family car
Overall comfort:	Good
Economy:	Very good
Value for money:	Good
Price as tested:	\$29,873
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### SPECS

Length:	5.16m
Beam:	2.1m
Bottom sheet:	3mm
Weight:	403kg
Rec. max. HP:	60
People:	Five
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