



**ON THE WATER**

# DROP-DEAD BEAUTIFUL!

The Rolco story is a passionate tale about a small Aussie company taking on the big guns and triumphantly changing the skiboat industry forever. And it's not over yet, says Ben Wilson.



**WEATHER  
CONDITIONS**  
Wind: Calm to light breeze  
Sea: Calm lake conditions

Joyous squeals echoed all over the vast expanse of Lake Eildon. (And that was Ben - Ed).

Photos: Barry Ashenhurst



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comfort. It features an incomparably flat and smooth wake, while the optional ballast for wakeboarding will certainly aid in the transition from one style of watersport to another.

The Paragon is also jam packed with standard items that most manufactures have as options. It's not only visually spectacular and a treat to drive, but is great value for money.

## POWER

Powering the Paragon is the previously mentioned Indmar 310hp fuel-injected V8 engine with forward, neutral and reverse gearbox. It throws a three-blade CNC-machined propeller driven by a 1 1/8in propeller shaft that gives it plenty of power out of the hole and a maximum speed of 39kts (74.3kmh).

It is equipped with two brass centre-turn fins to optimize hold and tracking, thus preventing the boat from being pulled off line. Driver comforts include a leather steering wheel, adjustable swivel helm seat, and smooth rack and pinion steering. The simple looking helm is well-laid out with stainless steel gauges and plenty of room for the driver, and all controls and instruments are within easy sight and reach.

Other features include removable plush heavy-duty cut marine carpet; a huge rear ski locker that will fit a kneeboard; a massive and easily operated fold-down rear fibreglass boarding platform; and

nine large stainless steel drinkholders.

The Paragon comes complete with a centre-mount competition skipole, as well as a rear stainless steel tow-point. One of my favourite standard features is the GPS-installed speedo. With one of these you won't need to worry about blocked up speedo pickups or failing paddle wheels. I would have liked to see an air and lake temperature gauge but they're not super important. Even so, I'm sure Lloyd could fit one as an option.

## THE WRAP

A Formula 1 car on water, that's how I'd describe it. Not that I've ever driven one, but this has to be close. It "drives like it's on rails" thanks to the tilt-adjustable rack and pinion steering, as well as an exceptionally responsive throttle. Seriously, I was blown away, as was everyone else on the day.

Rolco has always manufactured great boats and this one is no exception, thanks to its finish, interior trim and stunning overall impact. Ferrari red with beige upholstery — yep, that does it for me!

There are plenty of standard comfort features to ensure a satisfying, fun and action filled day out on the water. The Paragon is a huge step in the right direction for the team at Rolco, and it's a great boat for anyone looking to upgrade a mid-mount skiboat without having to sell a kidney. Stay tuned for the next Rolco chapter. Who knows where it will take us? 🚤

## ROLCO PARAGON



### HOW MUCH?

Priced from: .....\$54,990  
Options fitted:.....Clarion sound system  
Priced as tested:.....\$56,185

### GENERAL

Type:.....Mid-mount skiboat  
Length (LOA):.....6.1m  
Beam:.....2.3m  
Weight (on trailer):.....1900kg

### CAPACITIES

Fuel:.....150lt  
People:.....10  
Rec. min. HP:.....310  
Rec. max. HP:.....340

### ENGINE

Make/model:.....Indmar 310hp  
Type:.....Fuel-injected V8  
Displacement:.....5.7lt  
Gearbox ratio:.....1:1

### MANUFACTURED & SUPPLIED BY

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### HOW TO OWN THIS BOAT

Price as tested .....\$56,185  
Weekly Repayment TAP .....\$140.01  
Deposit .....\$16,856  
Final Repayment (%=\$) .....\$16,856  
Term (months).....60

\* Customer rate is 9.33% comparison rate is 9.74% for all of the above payments. See rear of magazine for conditions

Beauty from all angles. Cloudless blue skies; mirror calm tree-lined Lake on a windless day; sunshine; hair flying in the breeze; the drug squad on holiday... We had it all.



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