



Elegant flagship from Småland

Linder Aluminiumbåtar has now launched its largest boat. It could well provide stiff competition for the Finnish bestsellers in the same class. Linder's new bow rider, the Arkip 530, cuts effortlessly through the water and has many elegant details. **Text: Lars H Lindén, Photos: Lars-Åke Redéen**



ALUMINIUM BOATS CAN

be built in different ways. The most usual is to weld together the various sections. There is then no limit to boat size.

Linder Aluminiumbåtar in Tingsryd uses a different method. Flat aluminium sheets are pressed around a form that produces an entire side of the hull. Here, the manufacturer is restricted by sheet length. However, the company has now developed material that enables it to offer a 5.3 m long bow rider.

The new Arkip 530 is thus the largest boat in Linder's programme. It is a model that is likely to be a

major competitor to the market's established aluminium boats, not least those from Finland.

FOR THE NEW LINDER Arkip 530, an outboard motor of 70 to 100 hp is recommended. We tested the boat with a 100-hp motor. It felt entirely right. With this power plant, the boat reaches planing speed in just a few seconds. Above all else, it rises one hundred per cent from the water and rides high and dry.

The boat planes at around 3,000 rpm and offers full forward vision. Up to 30 knots, it runs really quietly and economically – 78 dBA

at the driving seat and 0.7 litres per nautical mile. Top speed with 100 hp and two people aboard was measured at 37.8 knots. A 70-hp motor would certainly work with two people aboard. However, it might be too little with the boat carrying six people (for which it is approved).

The driving station has many pluses and a few minuses. Its foot plate could be angled more comfortably and the motor instruments are slightly obscured by the wheel. Otherwise, everything is in the right place. A massive plus is that the manufacturer has included a 9-inch map plotter with sonar.

This is also part of the standard equipment!

With good compartments and a proper handle, the passenger station is similarly high standard. The door between the consoles is of a rather special design. Its upper part slides down into the lower, the whole then folding to give free passage.

THE FORWARD COCKPIT'S layout is perfect, not least the step up to the bow deck and the two comfortable grab rails. The deck areas are amply robust for sport fishing (for example). One or two benches with extra stowage space can also



PLUS & MINUS

- + Rides high and dry in the water
- + Quiet at normal speed
- + Bow step
- + Good equipment
- + Clever lock fittings
- Motor instruments obscured by the wheel

be fitted along the starboard or port side.

The rear cockpit also offers fine and practical details. One of these is the stern bench. Its stowage compartment has three separate hatches that can be opened individually. Thus, not everyone has to stand up when access is required. All the seat pads can be stowed here too.

Behind this bench, there is the cover compartment. Behind that, there are two large platforms and stowage compartments with drainage and clever lock fittings. The fuel filler cap is below this starboard compartment.

IN SUMMARY, a highly successful, new design with plenty of clever and elegant details and comprehensive standard equipment. Furthermore, it cuts effortlessly through the water and feels unusually “grown up” for a boat in the 5.3-metre class. Last but not least, Linder has succeeded in greatly reducing noise in the important operating speed range of 20 to 30 knots. This is not always so easy in an aluminium boat! ■



Visibility and driving position are excellent in the new Linder Arkip 530. A 9-inch map plotter with sonar comes as standard.



On this model, the upper part of the door slides into the lower. Linder has fitted two clever stowage compartments in the console fronts.



Standard-setting step up to the bow deck. Both of the front cockpit's benches are also shown here.

Linder Arkip 530

Length:	5.30 m
Width:	2.14 m
Deadrise angle:	16 degrees
Weight:	610 kg without motor
Motor:	70 – 100 hp recommended
People:	6
CE category:	C
Fuel tank:	67 litres
Price:	SEK 348,100 with 80-hp Yamaha
	SEK 359,100 with 100-hp Yamaha
Info:	www.linder.se

Standard equipment: Anchor locker, bathing ladder, fire extinguisher, seat pads for rear cockpit, cover, 9-inch map plotter with sonar, navigation lights, mooring eye, bilge pump, hydraulic steering, etc.



Stern compartment with three separate hatches that enable easier access without everyone having to stand.

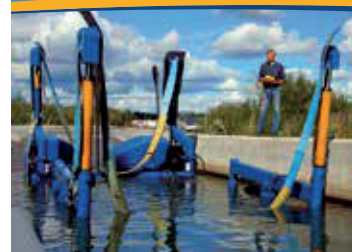


Designed just as cleverly as the bow end of the boat, the stern has large platforms (and stowage compartments) on each side of the motor. Lower down, there are also a couple of bathing platforms.

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