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**FOUR WINNS' SL242 FOLLOWS IN THE TRACKS OF THE REVERED SL262**

*Cadillac, Michigan...* Four Winns unveiled the SL242 series offering in winter of 2008. And now, with a handful of upgrades for 2009, the model is poised for outstanding success with a capacity to thrill a variety of boaters.

Four Winns has enjoyed tremendous success with its SL Series, aptly billed as “*a new breed*” of boats. As part of the “Cross-Stream” design, the SL242 is characterized by a fusion of the most appealing features from deck boats, sport boats and ski boats. It is ideal for those who crave extreme water sports, but also demand sophisticated style and amenities.

Taking subtle styling cues from offshore saltwater vessels, the 24’5” SL242 inspires a “one-ness” with the water, while providing generous interior space for creature comforts. With its signature Four Winns Stable-Vee® Split Chine hull, a smooth ride is ensured along with an uncommonly wide cockpit. With the Split Chine design, a single chine aft splits into two chines as it progresses forward. The outer chine remains far outward while the inner chine curves sharply inward creating a finer entry. The result is the SL242 has superior lateral stability, gets up on plane quickly with minimal bow rise, and unbelievable cornering. The overall silhouette is dramatic, with an attractive profile, a bow scuff plate and stainless steel pull-up cleats standard.

The bow is elongated, providing a surprisingly large skid-resistant platform for boarding, lounging, or securing the anchor. For a rich, nautical feel, teak trim is an option for the bow, swim platform, and other areas throughout the boat. Flexiteek is another flooring option that gives the look of teak, with extra slip-resistance. An anchor locker with hidden telescoping ladder provides the perfect space for anchor storage when not in use.

Once aboard, the bow also boasts a spacious U-shaped seating area with leaning backrests for optimal comfort and room to stretch your legs. Cockpit seating includes a super-wide Comfort-Ride™ Plus helm seat with flip-up bolster, and stainless steel assist rails. Both bucket seats have a forward/aft feature that enables them to be repositioned so the seat becomes part of the U-wrap lounge. The stern seating is wide and accommodating, with a removable cushion to create a side walk-thru to the swim platform. Of course, seats feature top-quality, ultra-comfortable marine-grade upholstery, in a variety of color schemes that compliment the boat’s exterior colors. The cockpit includes new, tightly-woven and comfortable snap-in carpet over a fiberglass liner. An optional Florentine Package includes vinyl in a new, deep color reminiscent of beach sand, and high-quality carpet with a teak-like slatted pattern woven in. A cockpit table is optional and affixes to the sidewall to allow for plenty of legroom.

At the transom, a large pull-out seat extends over a portion of the swim platform to create an expansive sun pad that bridges the platform and cockpit. The integrated swim platform lies low,

close to the water for amazing unity with the water and is available standard with a slip-resistant mat or optional Flexiteek or genuine teak flooring. For convenience, a power trim switch along with plenty of beverage holders are built in to the transom. The Four Winns signature angled, hidden deep-reach ladder makes access to the water very easy and comfortable. Plus, an aft shower makes rinsing sand and debris a snap. For great sound, transom speakers are available as part of an optional stereo upgrade.

A new breed of boat calls for a captain who appreciates a combination of fabulous attributes. At the helm, the elegant control panel is the backdrop for stainless steel push button and toggle controls, genuine wood tilt steering wheel, and a compass. The electronic gauges by Medallion include a tachometer with hour meter, fuel gauge, oil pressure, speedometer, temperature, trim, and volt meter. A depth sounder with shallow water alarm is a valuable standard feature that is enhanced by a water and air temperature gauge. A stainless steel windshield header is standard, and the windshield is a walk-thru with magnetic hold.

The dash is adorned with the boater's choice of mahogany or blond wood trim, and rich hand-fitted, top-stitched upholstery in choice of three attractive shades: Pewter, Bluewater or Driftwood Tan. Interior surfaces are also customized with a gel coat available in Jet Black, Silver or Driftwood Tan.

There is dedicated space at the helm for an optional GPS. Entertainment buffs will appreciate the iPod/MP3 port and 12 VDC receptacle housed within a storage compartment for small electronics. The standard Sony stereo system with subwoofers can be upgraded as an option to include a Kicker® amplifier, 10" subwoofer, and transom speakers with switch.

Topping the list of the SL242's convenient amenities is a portable head enclosed in a private compartment with an expandable hatch overhead, skylight, and lighting. Lined with fiberglass, the head enclosure features an attractive woodgrain cabinet for storage.

Four Winns engineers went above and beyond on the SL242's storage. Not only is there plentiful storage, it is innovatively placed for efficient space usage. The SL242 offers an in-floor compartment large enough for skis with the added ease of a hinged lid with gas-assist lift. Among the clever new additions to the SL242 is a removable trash receptacle accessed via a "lid within the lid" area of the ski locker. The bow houses storage behind the starboard backrest and beneath seats. The cockpit also conceals generous storage under the U-shaped seating, and a large cooler nestles conveniently below one of the seats, alongside an ingenious flexible, mesh-sided bag for damp gear storage. As an option, a sink and faucet can be added on the starboard side. A heater is another option to warm the cockpit on cool evenings. For easy access at service time, the engine hatch has gas-assisted lifts.

The SL242 features a canvas bimini top fabricated from top-quality, high performance Sunbrella® fabric and stainless steel hardware. And, a newly designed top frame mounting pin makes managing the bimini top even easier. As an option, a hinging stainless steel arch can be selected, ideal for water sports and traveling in low clearance areas. In addition, a hard top is available. Four Winns offers an optional flag pole and holder mounted at the stern with sturdy stainless steel hardware.

The hull's premium gel coat finish is available in six colors, plus all-white. Two new colors for 2009 are the subtle and stylish Pastel Blue and Pastel Yellow. The standard classic color band gel scheme features an accent stripe at the waterline running just below the wide gel band and continues along the edge of the swim platform. A solid hull option is also available, featuring solid gel color all the way to the water. And for a more personalized look, the Art Series features original artwork created just for the SL Series. The Art Series is offered in the "Air" edition and the "Sunset" edition, with a coordinating gel accent stripe at the waterline.

To serve the water sports segment, Four Winns offers an Ultimate Arch package on the SL242 that includes a stainless steel arch with ski tow and custom bimini top, board racks, tower lights, and four extra stereo speakers. Plus, the Four Winns Ultimate stereo upgrade includes Sony speakers, a second amplifier, and a transom speaker switch.

Customers can select from many engine choices: Volvo Penta choices range from 5.7 Gi/DP 300 hp to 8.1 Gi/DP 375 hp; or MerCruiser power from 350 MPI/Bravo III 300 hp to 496 MG/Bravo III DTS 375 hp. And new for 2009, Four Winns is offering catalyst engines designed to significantly reduce emissions in accordance with EPA recommendations.

Four Winns is one of the only boat manufacturers in North America to manufacture its own trailers. The Sure-Load™ trailer is custom matched to the finish of the SL242, and it features the swing-away tongue design for easy storage. The carpeted bunks of the trailer cradle the boat's running surface, gliding on and off with minimal effort. Tops in safety, this Four Winns trailer is equipped with brakes, enhanced LED lights and built-in ratchet straps. A heavy duty jack stand is now standard. Ideal for saltwater use and long-hauls, the galvanized trailer with GatorHyde™ is available for even greater durability; and a Turbo Lube® system with oil bath bearings facilitates quick and easy visual oil inspections.

### **SIRIUS Satellite Entertainment**

In addition to a Sony stereo AM/FM/CD player, and an iPod/MP3 port with 12-volt charger, Four Winns has outfitted each 2009 model with a SIRIUS satellite entertainment system. Included is a free 6-month subscription to SIRIUS' 100 + commercial free channels. For more information on the SIRIUS satellite system go to [www.siriusradio.com](http://www.siriusradio.com) where subscribers can also listen on-line.

### **Winning Edge Owner Protection Plan**

All Four Winns boats for 2009 provide boaters with one of the most comprehensive warranties in boating.

- Lifetime limited warranty on structural components of the hull and deck
- Five years of pro-rated protection against osmotic hull blistering
- Two years limited warranty coverage on non-structural parts and components
- One-year limited warranty against cracking, crazing or fading of the exterior gel coat finish

## **Four Winns - A Genmar Boat Company**

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### **Specifications:**

LOA	24'5" / 7.44 M
Beam	8'6" / 2.59 M
Fuel	58 GAL / 220 L
Deadrise	20°
Max. capacity	2,100 LBS / 953 KG
Approx. boat & engine weight	4,870 – 5,080 LBS / 2,210 – 2,230 KG
Draft – drive down	33" / 84 CM
Trailer weight	1,495 LBS / 678 KG

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