



Functional test 7287: Police Boat

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Set: Police Boat
Set number: 7287
Number of parts: 172
Minifigs: 3
Recommended Retail Price: 29,95€

The police boat is part of a series of floating boats that have appeared in the catalogue over the last few years with each new police or fire brigade series. In this case it is the second police boat, after the 7899 in 2006.

Unlike the first two references, this boat (like the one from last year's fire brigade) doesn't have motor. Therefore, in order to do this test I have had to get one out of my collection and I have used the motor of the 4669 set from the Junior Theme of 2004.

For the test I went to the gardens of the Palau Reial in Barcelona which has some fountains where children play with radio controlled boats.

The hull of the boat has two connection points for the motor, one in the center and one astern. I've done the tests with the motor in both positions.

Placing the motor in the central position the boat sails very smoothly. Due to the weight of the motor, the boat lies low enough in the water to be stable. The boat lies perfectly horizontal, and remains so when sailing.



When the motor is attached in the rear position something curious happens. Although there is almost no difference in the position of the boat when simply floating, with the motor engaged the prow (front) lies lower than the stern (rear). You'd expect the opposite to happen, but I suppose the push of the motor causes this phenomenon.

There are two details that stand out and confirm that the playability of the model has been well studied. The first is that not a drop of water has entered the boat at any time, despite the long time it has been in the water. The second is that the stickers have remained unaltered (I must highlight that I applied them some days prior to the test).

It's a good set for the summer, when you take the kids to the pool, so they can play out their own stories and persecutions in the water. It's a pity the motor is no longer included as it is an important element for the playability of the set.

On our website you can see a video of the boat in action.

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