WATERCAR

The WaterCar® - the only NMMA-certified amphibious vehicle in production, and the original of the category.

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WaterCar - Verified Facts & Figures

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COMPANY

Legal name / HQ: WaterCar Inc. · 17403 Newhope St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708 - 20 minutes from Newport Harbor

Founded: 1999, by Dave March - the world's foremost authority on amphibious vehicles

Facility: 50,000 sq ft design, fabrication, and assembly facility

Production: Limited annual production · built to order · about 8 weeks active production · about 600 team hours per vehicle · run in the water before delivery

Patents: 28 patented structural and mechanical features

FOUNDERS

Dave March: Founder & President · the world's foremost authority on amphibious vehicles · 28 patents · holder of the Guinness World Record for the fastest amphibious vehicle ever built · first to cross to Catalina Island in an amphibious vehicle · six amphibious machines built since 1999 · owner of Panther Jets, a marine jet-drive manufacturer · businessman, licensed pilot · founder of Fountain Valley Bodyworks in 1974 at age nineteen · built a collision repair operation from a single shop into one of the largest in the United States · roughly half a million vehicles repaired across his companies over roughly half a century · available for interviews and verification calls

Origin: 1999 - WaterCar program founded after more than two decades building cars and boats in the same shop

Michael March: Co-Founder & CEO · leads engineering, manufacturing, compliance, insurance, and international sales · ran operations at Fountain Valley Bodyworks, 2010 to 2020 · UCLA business and marketing degrees; NCAA national champion · primary media contact (below)

RECORDS & MILESTONES

Guinness World Record: WaterCar Python, 2010 - the fastest amphibious vehicle ever built, on water and on land · record stands

Python top speeds: 72 mph on water · 127 mph on land · WaterCar's own testing

Catalina crossing: 2014 - Dave March drove a WaterCar Panther from the factory, through Orange County streets, into Newport Harbor, and 30 miles across open Pacific Ocean to Catalina Island in approximately 70 minutes - a first for a builder in his own amphibious vehicle

Panther: roughly a five-year build, within WaterCar's first 14 years developing amphibious vehicles · international customer base · six ordered by the Crown Prince of Dubai

WATERCAR - VEHICLE

Price: Built to order · worldwide delivery, FOB Fountain Valley, CA

Series: Signature (luxury and leisure), Adventure (outdoors, fishing, and hunting), and Commercial (professional, fleet, and institutional) · all built on the same hull, finished for different uses · commercial and professional inquiries handled directly

Dimensions: 18-foot class, under 20 ft overall · beam 6.5 ft · draft 13 in · turning circle 30 ft radius

Weight: 2,300 lbs curb (full fuel, no passengers) · about 2,000 lbs dry

Water performance: 35 mph top speed · 80-mile range · Mercury Pro XS four-stroke · 18-gallon fuel capacity · USCG capacity per the vessel's plate, by configuration

Road performance: 25 mph governed (FMVSS 500) · 20-mile range · 48V sealed drive pack + 12V accessory system · charges on a standard household outlet, 6-8 hours

Hull: All-welded aluminum unibody · marine 5000-series + aircraft 6000-series alloys · pulse-arc welded by hand · 360° rotisserie epoxy coating · USCG closed-cell flotation foam · floated 11,070 lbs in capacity testing · passed all four Coast Guard flotation and stability checks

Transition: Launch single-button amphibious transition · Tow Mode flat towing on its own rear wheels, with a properly rated 2" receiver and specified hardware

CERTIFICATIONS & WARRANTY

Marine: Built to meet or exceed applicable U.S. Coast Guard standards · NMMA Certified (ABYC standards) · CE certified for the European market (2026) · HIN issued · the only NMMA-certified amphibious vehicle manufacturer in the world

Road: FMVSS 500 self-certified Low Speed Vehicle · 17-digit VIN assigned under federal requirements · road use subject to state and local LSV law

Warranty: 5-year limited transferable hull warranty · manufacturer warranties pass through on major components · Mercury factory warranty on outboard

MEDIA HISTORY

Coverage: Jay Leno's Garage · Top Gear · Forbes · CNN · MrBeast · The Bachelor

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Founder available for verification calls. High-resolution imagery, B-roll, and spec sheets available upon request.

The 35 mph water top speed reflects the standard build; higher-performance versions available by request.