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Vripack Just Gave Us the SUV of Explorer Yachts

This explorer yacht from Vripack has more space than other vessels its size as well as a fully opening exterior wall in the master suite.

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Photo: Courtesy Vripack

Vripack's 79-foot [explorer](#) yacht, *Rock*, built at the Evadne shipyard in Turkey, was designed to be the waterborne equivalent of a [Land Rover](#), with a rugged exterior and warm, tactile interior.

According to [Vripack](#), *Rock* has 44 percent more interior space and 49 percent more open space across the exterior compared to other [yachts](#) its size. The vertical bow, now common on most [explorer yachts](#), adds to the interior volume in the front section of the yacht.

[The Dutch studio](#) worked hard to give the interior an open-plan layout, with clear lines of sight over the water from almost any angle.

“We added a lot of glass on board, with full-height windows that deliver uninterrupted views wherever you are on board,” says designer Robin de Vries. “The dining area features one of the largest glass panels found on board a 24-meter [79-foot] yacht, providing panoramic vistas. While in the owner’s cabin, a private terrace is complemented by a sweeping 180-degree view.”



The open-plan main saloon and stairway landing.

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Vripack used light-colored woods, white walls, and off-white decor across the interior, employing loose furniture in the saloon to give it a studio appearance. A wall in the master suite folds down into a terrace for two, providing arguably the most unencumbered view in any master stateroom. “The family will always be facing the sea,” says De Vries.



The master stateroom and its fold-down terrace.

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The yacht also has three other guest cabins and a hot tub on the sundeck. The owner plans to spend weeks at a time cruising aboard the explorer, mostly in the Mediterranean.



Rock has a hot tub on the sundeck.

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Rock, with its fast-displacement steel hull and aluminum superstructure, is powered by twin 1,000 hp Caterpillar C12 engines. The yacht can reach a top end of 16 knots, with a friendly cruising speed of 12 knots. The yacht has a range of 3,000 nautical miles.