



LIMITED

Under the skin, the Limited is Explorer-tough. But if your pursuits are sometimes more refined, it's as comfortable out on the town as it is on a gravel switchback. Inside, you'll find luxury leather seating surfaces, 6-way power, heated front bucket seats with driver-side memory (2 positions), even power adjustable accelerator and brake pedals with a memory feature. The 290-watt Audiophile sound system features a 6-disc in-dash CD player and seven premium speakers. For the ultimate in entertainment, a DVD system with wireless headphone sets is available. Third-row passengers have the most head room and leg room in the class, and their optional seat folds flat for lots of cargo room. Outside, the chrome wheels, grille and roof rails accent a monochromatic paint scheme. Limited: quietly elegant, ruggedly capable, totally luxurious.





EDDIE BAUER

The Explorer Eddie Bauer Edition has defined SUV style for more than a decade. For 2003, exterior trademarks include an Arizona Beige lower-body treatment and a satin-nickel finish on the grille and cast aluminum wheels. Luxury two-tone leather seating surfaces create a warm interior feel, and you can really heat things up with the standard 290-watt Audiophile 6-disc CD sound system. The 6-way power adjustable heated front seats with driver-side memory, as well as power adjustable accelerator and brake pedals with memory, make the front row a very comfortable place. In fact, with its generous room, optional 7-passenger seating and fashionable good looks, the Eddie Bauer is really a comfortable choice for everybody.



NBX

If you like to play where the pavement ends, the new Explorer NBX is built for you. 17" wheels with beefy all-terrain tires are standard. Black side step bars, body cladding, bumpers and wheel-lip moldings lend an aggressive look and help hide dings. The standard, extendable, Yakima® LoadWarrior rack system with cargo net is the innovative way to carry your toys. NBX's rugged design is reflected inside as well. Unique "Impulse" upholstery can stand up to abuse. The cargo area's soft liner was designed to fit NBX's cargo area. It comes with its own storage bag to help keep things clean and organized. And the rubber floor mats with deep channels can be washed off with a hose and then dirtied up again. Choose the Control Trac® 4x4 drivetrain for more off-road traction, and for travel in rough country, add the Off-Road Package with underbody skid plates and specially tuned suspension. When you're headed for the great wide open, there's no better way to get there than in Explorer NBX.





XLT SPORT

Take the very popular Explorer XLT, add the optional Sport Group and you've got XLT Sport, the stylish workhorse of the Explorer lineup. Platinumgloss side step bars, cladding, wheellip moldings and two-tone front and rear fascias make a bold impression. And the 17" machined aluminum wheels and color-keyed door handles are handsome accents. But add the optional 3rd-row seat and XLT Sport's utility is front and center. It can take up to seven passengers with lots of gear. And properly equipped, XLT Sport will even tow up to 7160 lbs. This versatility comes with standard creature comforts to make the ride easy. Like a 6-way power adjustable driver's seat with lumbar support and an 80-watt dual media CD/cassette audio system. When you've got lots to do and want to look good doing it, XLT Sport is the right vehicle for the job.

SAFETY & SECURITY



The Personal Safety System,™ built into every Explorer, reacts in milliseconds

to enhance your protection. In the event of an accident, sensors measure certain occupant conditions (such as whether or not safety belts are buckled). as well as the severity of impact. The system then adjusts the front safety belts' tension and determines if it should deploy the dual stage front airbags at one of two energy levels. Simply put, the Personal Safety System optimizes key safety features in an accident. The standard 4-wheel-disc antilock brakes help you avoid an accident. Explorer's safetyconscious design makes it a "Best Pick" by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. In its 40-mph frontal offset crash test, Explorer outperformed all other major competitors in its class.

- Even if you're on foot, Explorer lights your way. Security approach lamps on both side mirrors cast pools of light around the front doors to make nighttime entry easier and more secure. Standard on XLT, XLT Sport, NBX, Eddie Bauer and Limited.
- 2 **Steel beams** in the doors help prevent intrusion during side impacts. Along with front crush zones, the beams absorb the energy of certain impacts to help protect the driver and passengers.
- 3 Motor Trend called Explorer's Safety Canopy™ System "the ultimate in SUV airbags." This available system uses advanced sensors to deploy side-curtain airbags** in certain types of side-impact collisions or rollover events. The airbags cover nearly 2/3 of the 1st- and 2nd-row side glass. They remain inflated for a longer duration to enhance head protection and help keep occupants inside the vehicle. Available on all models.
- 4 For added peace of mind, let the available reverse sensing system be a second set of eyes. With a series of beeps, it alerts you to certain objects behind the vehicle to help you gauge your distance.
- 5 Tether anchors located in the floor behind the seats help to secure child safety seats in 2nd and 3rd rows. Lower seat-mounted anchors are also located in the 2nd row (outboard positions) and 3rd row.

*Includes Chevrolet TrailBlazer/Blazer, Jeep Grand Cherokee, Dodge Durango, GMC Envoy and Toyota 4Runner. **Always wear your safety belt and secure children in the rear seat.







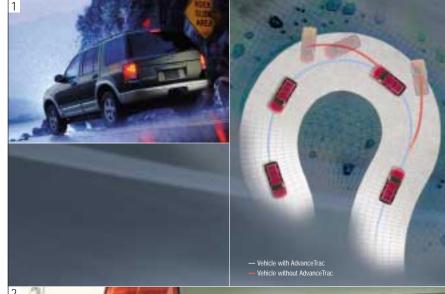


DRIVING DYNAMICS

No matter what kind of driving you do, Explorer's advanced driving dynamics systems can help make it more capable, comfortable and secure. Every Explorer features an independent rear suspension that delivers a smooth ride and precise handling. The optional AdvanceTrac[™] Stability Control System further enhances the manners of V8-powered 4x2 and 4x4 models. Available All-Wheel Drive* helps limit wheel-slip to improve all-weather traction, without the need for any driver input. And the 4x4 Control Trac® system provides versatile capability, allowing the driver to choose 4x4 AUTO, 4x4 HIGH and 4x4 LOW settings. Driving dynamics systems can be ordered in different Explorer engine and drivetrain combinations to meet a wide range of driving needs.

1 Explorer's available AdvanceTrac Stability Control System enhances handling, especially on slippery road surfaces or on rough terrain. Using advanced sensors, it constantly monitors driving input and the vehicle's responses, then actively steps in, if necessary, to help maintain control. In certain understeer or oversteer situations, AdvanceTrac makes braking, traction control and throttle adjustments to correct vehicle direction to follow steering input. In fact, the system actually controls each individual wheel to counteract excessive vehicle rotation and possible vehicle spinout. And it does it almost imperceptibly.

2 The standard independent rear suspension gives Explorer its outstanding ride and handling. This suspension design allows each rear wheel to respond to road impacts without affecting the opposite wheel, resulting in a remarkably smooth, comfortable ride. Because it helps to optimize tire-to-road contact, the suspension also provides responsive handling and driving control. Its design even allowed us to raise the ground clearance while reducing step-in height.





*Late availability.



INTERIOR COMFORT & CONVENIENCE

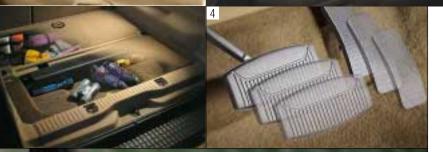
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- 1 The **290-watt digital Audiophile sound system** features a 6-disc in-dash CD player and seven premium speakers. Standard on Limited and Eddie Bauer. Optional on XLT, XLT Sport and NBX.
- 2 Keep the troops entertained with the rear-seat DVD entertainment system." The DVD player comes with a fold-down 7" LCD screen and two wireless headphone sets. You can also play music CDs separately from the in-dash audio system. Available on most models.
- 3 The **rear-cargo under-floor storage** is like a secret compartment.
- 4 It's easy to find the right driving position with power adjustable pedals. They're optional on XLT, XLT Sport and NBX; standard on Eddie Bauer and Limited, with memory settings.

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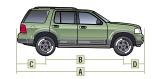




Explorer has always been about space. Need people space? There's room for seven with the optional 3rd-row seat. Need cargo space? Just fold the optional 3rd-row seat down into the floor. You can even fold the 2nd-row seat multiple ways to take on people or cargo. It's a standard 60/40 split or a very flexible 40/20/40 split (with the optional 3rd-row seat). Handy storage compartments give you space to tuck things away. There's even a space under the cargo floor, thanks to the independent rear suspension. It allows for a lower rear floor and more interior room. Explorer also features a stiff bodyshell with a fully boxed frame designed for a quiet, solid ride.



SPECIFICATIONS







Exterior	4x2/4x4		
A. Overall length	189.5"		
B. Wheelbase	113.8"		
C. Overhang – rear	44.1"		
D. Overhang – front	31.6"		
E. Overall width	72.1"		
F. Height	71.4"		
G. Ground clearance (rear axle)	8.5"		
H. Loadfloor height	30.7"		
I. Ramp breakover angle	18.2 ⁻		
J. Angle of departure	23.9		
K. Angle of approach	27.7°		
Interior 1st row			
Head room	39.9"		
Shoulder room	59.1"		
Hip room	55.0"		
Leg room	42.4"		
2nd row			
Head room	38.9"		
Shoulder room	58.9"		
Hip room	54.2"		
Leg room	35.9"		
3rd row			
Head room	39.0"		
Shoulder room	52.4"		
Hip room	45.3"		
Leg room	34.8"		
Maximum cargo volume (cu. ft.)	5-pass./7-pass		
With 2nd-row seat upright	48.6/44.5		
With rear seats folded	86.2/79.9		
With 3rd-row seat upright	- /13.7		

STANDARD FEA	TURES
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chanical	
L SOHC V6 engine	
heel disc anti-lock braking system (ABS)	
peed electronic automatic transmission with overdrive lockout	
e ratio – 3.55:1 ly-on-frame construction	
I tank – 22.5-gallon capacity	
ver rack-and-pinion steering	
bilizer bars – Front and rear	
pension – 4-wheel independent	
ety/Security	
sonal Safety System [™] for driver and front passenger – Dual stage	
bags, dual threshold airbags, safety belt pretensioners, energy	
nagement retractors, safety belt usage sensing, driver's seat position sing, crash severity sensing, and restraint control module	n
olock – Doors lock automatically when driving	
tery saver	
t-Minder™ safety belt reminder	
ke/shift interlock	
npers – Energy-absorbing	
I pump inertia shutoff switch	
ght-adjustable safety belts – 1st and 2nd rows CH – Lower anchors (2nd row outboard and 3rd row) and tether anc	hors
d and 3rd rows) for child safety seats	1101 3
note keyless entry with illuminated entry	
uriLock [™] – Passive anti-theft system	
e intrusion door beams	
ting	
assenger seating	
-row 60/40 split-folding bench seat	
erior essory delay for power features (includes interior cargo area lock)	
conditioning	
ist handles	
t hooks – 2 in rear seat area, 2 in cargo area	
ne lights – Front and cargo area	
nt center floor console with storage bin, 2 front and 2 rear cupholde	rs,
ver point, coin holder, tissue/map holder and pen holder d floor tie-down hooks – 4	
p pockets with 20-oz. beverage holders	
ver door locks with rear door child safety locks	
ver lock switch in cargo area	
ver windows with one-touch-down driver's side feature	
ed control	
rage area under rear cargo floor	
steering column ors with covered mirrors (dual illuminated on XLT, XLT Sport, NBX,	
lie Bauer and Limited)	
erior	
le – Black	
dlamps – Complex reflector	
gate with flip-up glass and exterior release	
er, fold-away outside mirrors (heated on Eddie Bauer and Limited)	
racy glass (rear doors, rear quarter windows and liftgate window)	
f rails – Black (chrome on Limited)	
ar tinted alass (windshield and front doors)	
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ar tinted glass (windshield and front doors) Ier tow – Class II receiver with 4-pin connector dshield wipers – Front: speed-sensitive, dual-intermittent with was	her:

MODEL-SPECIFIC FEATURES/OPTIONS

				XLS
				XLS Sport
				XLT
				XLT Sport
				Mechanical
				4.6L SOHC V8 engine
	—	—	—	16" full-face steel wheels (16" steel spare)
			—	16" painted cast aluminum wheels (16" steel spare)
_	—	—		17" machined aluminum wheels (17" aluminum spare)
-			—	P235/70R16 all-season BSW tires
				P235/70R16 all-season OWL tires P245/65R17 all-terrain OWL tires
				AdvanceTrac [™] Stability Control System* Control Trac [®] 4WD system (4x4)
				Full-time AWD system (all-wheel drive)
		—	—	Limited slip rear axle
	—	—		Off-Road Package (4x4 only, see description on page 21)
				Safety/Security
_	_			Autolamp – Automatic on/off headlamps
				Safety Canopy™ System
_	-		-	Security approach lamps – Mounted in side mirrors
-				Seating
				Cloth trim with 1st-row low-back bucket seats Cloth trim with 1st-row low-back sport bucket seats, power
				driver's seat and driver/front passenger manual lumbar supports
_	_			Leather seating surfaces (vinyl 3rd row, if equipped)
—	—			3rd-row cloth bench seat with 2nd-row 40/20/40 split-folding
				bench (vinyl 3rd row when ordered with leather seating surfaces)
				Interior
				AM/FM stereo with single CD/cassette player (80 watts)
	—			AM/FM Audiophile stereo with 6-disc in-dash CD player (290 watts)
_				Auxiliary rear climate controls Cargo shade (not available with optional 3rd-row seat)
				Electrochromic auto-dimming rearview mirror
				Floor mats – Color-keyed carpeted (front and rear)
				High-series center floor console – Includes storage bin, 2 front
				and 2 rear cupholders, front/rear power points, coin holder,
		-		tissue/map holder, pen holder and rear heat/AC vents
			-	Leather-wrapped steering wheel Overhead console – Includes 2 map/dome lights, ticket clip,
_				sunglasses holder, and garage door opener holder (not available
				with auxiliary rear climate controls or moonroof)
	—			Power adjustable accelerator and brake pedals
—	—			Rear-seat DVD entertainment system – Includes DVD player,
				ceiling-mounted pull-down 7" color LCD screen, remote control,
				video jacks for games and wireless headphone sets**
		_		Exterior
_				Bodyside cladding – Lower, molded-in color Bodyside cladding – Lower, painted-platinum with two-tone fascias
				Crossbars for roof rails
_	_			Fog lamps
				Grille – Chrome
_	—			Keyless entry keypad – Driver's door-mounted
—	—			Power moonroof
_	—			Reverse sensing system
				Running boards – Black Side step bars – Black on XLS Sport, platinum on XLT Sport
				Trailer tow prep package – Class III/IV (included with AdvanceTrac [™])
_				Wheel-lip moldings – Medium dark platinum molded-in color;
				painted platinum on XLT Sport

Standard 🗆 Optional — Not Available

*Requires V8 engine and power adjustable pedals. Includes 3.73 non-limited slip rear axle. **Requires moonroof and Safety Canopy™ System in combination or auxiliary climate controls.



		NBX
		Eddie Bauer
		Limited
		Mechanical
		4.6L SOHC V8 engine
		17" machined aluminum wheels (17" aluminum spare)
	_	17" satin-nickel cast aluminum wheels (17" aluminum spare)
		17" chromed cast aluminum wheels (17" aluminum spare)
		P245/65R17 all-terrain OWL tires
		P245/65R17 all-terrain BSW tires
		AdvanceTrac [™] Stability Control System*
		Control Trac® 4WD system (4x4)
_ 🗆		Full-time AWD system (all-wheel drive)
	—	Off-Road Package (4x4 only, see description lower right)
		Safety/Security
		Autolamp – Automatic on/off headlamps
	T	Safety Canopy™ System
		Security approach lamps – Keyless entry-activated, mounted in side mirrors
		Seating
		Unique "Impulse" cloth trim, 1st-row low-back sport bucket seats with
	_	power driver's seat and driver/passenger manual lumbar supports
_		Luxury leather seating surfaces, 1st-row heated power bucket seats
	-	with driver/passenger manual lumbar supports and 2-position
		driver's memory seat (two-tone on Eddie Bauer)
		3rd-row cloth bench seat with 2nd-row 40/20/40 split-folding bench
		(vinyl 3rd row when ordered with leather seating surfaces)
		Interior
		AM/FM stereo with single CD/cassette player (80 watts)
		AM/FM Audiophile stereo with 6-disc in-dash CD player (290 watts)
		Auxiliary rear climate controls
		Cargo area soft liner – Color-keyed, includes storage bag
		Cargo shade (not available with optional 3rd-row seat)
		Dual-zone electronic automatic temperature controls
		Electrochromic auto-dimming rearview mirror
	1-	Floor mats – Heavy-duty rubber with deep grooves (front and rear)
-		Floor mats - Color-keyed carpeted (front and rear)
		High-series center floor console – Includes storage bin, 2 front and
		2 rear cupholders, front/rear power points, coin holder, tissue/map
		holder, pen holder and rear heat/AC vents
_		Homelink [®] universal transmitter
		Leather-wrapped steering wheel (color-keyed on Eddie Bauer and Limited)
_		Message center
		Overhead console – Includes 2 map/dome lights, ticket clip, sunglasses
		holder, and garage door opener holder (not available with auxiliary rear
		climate controls or moonroof)
		Power adjustable accelerator and brake pedals – Includes memory
		feature on Eddie Bauer and Limited models
		Rear-seat DVD entertainment system - Includes DVD player, ceiling-
	1	mounted pull-down 7" color LCD screen, remote control, video jacks for
	-	games and wireless headphone sets**
_		Steering wheel-mounted audio and climate controls

		NBX
		Eddie Bauer
		Limited
		Exterior
	I —	Bodyside cladding - Lower, molded-in black with two-tone black bumpers
	-	Bodyside cladding – Lower, painted Arizona Beige accent color
		Bodyside cladding – Lower, painted monochromatic body color
		Crossbars for roof rails
		Fog lamps
		Grille – Black
—	—	Grille – Satin-nickel
— —		Grille – Chrome
		Keyless entry keypad – Driver's door-mounted
		Power moonroof
—		Reverse sensing system
- •		Running boards – Color-keyed
—	—	Side step bars – Black
-	—	Tow hooks – Front
		Trailer tow prep package – Class III/IV (included with AdvanceTrac™)
		Wheel-lip moldings – Molded-in black on NBX, painted Arizona Beige on
		Eddie Bauer, painted monochromatic body color on Limited
	-	Yakima® LoadWarrior roof rack with extension and Explorer logo on
		front air dam
		ine and power adjustable pedals. Includes 3.73 non-limited slip rear axle. of and Safety Canopy [™] System in combination or auxiliary climate controls.
Group Pa	ckag	es
XLS Sport		ip ainted cast aluminum wheels

- 6" painted cast aluminum wheels P235/70R16 all-season OWL tires
- Medium Dark Platinum wheel-lip moldings
- · High-series floor console · Black side step bars

XLT Sport Group

- 17" machined aluminum wheels
- P245/65R17 all-terrain OWL tires
- · Platinum gloss bodyside cladding, wheel-lip moldings, side step bars and two-tone front and rear fascias

NBX Appearance Package

- 17" machined aluminum wheels
- P245/65R17 all-terrain OWL tires
- Two-tone black bumpers
- Black bodyside cladding, wheel-lip moldings and side step bars
- Yakima® LoadWarrior roof rack with extension and Explorer logo
- · Unique "Impulse" cloth trim
- Rubber floor mats with Explorer logo
- Cargo area soft liner with storage bag

Off-Road Package[†] (available on 4x4 models only)

- Skid plates for the fuel tank and transfer case
- Specially tuned shocks/suspension
- Front tow hooks
- [†]Not available with Zinc Yellow exterior paint.

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Horsepower	4.0L SOHC V6	4.6L SOHC V8	
(hp @ rpm)	210 @ 5100	239 @ 4750	
Torque (lbft. @ rpm)	254 @ 3700	282 @ 4000	

Trailer Towing Applications

Axle Ratio	Maximum Loaded Trailer Weight (lbs.) 4.0L V6		
3.55	3280	4x2 Class II	
	3400	4x4 Class II; AWD Class II	
3.73 ¹	5560	4x2 Class III/IV	
	5400	4x4 Class III/IV	
3.73LS	5800	4x2 Class III/IV	
	5380	4x4 Class III/IV; AWD Class	
		III/IV	
	4.6L V8		
3.55	3280	4x2 Class II	
	3420	4x4 Class II; AWD Class II	
3.73LS	7160 ²	4x2 Class III/IV	
	7000 ²	4x4 Class III/IV; AWD Class III/IV	

Maximum weights shown are for properly equipped vehicles with required equipment and a 150-lb. driver. Weight of additional options, equipment, passengers and cargo must be deducted from this weight. For additional information, see your Ford Dealer.

Included with AdvanceTrac™ Stability Control System. ²Deduct 500 lbs. with 3rd-row seat with auxiliary climate controls.



Silver Birch Metallic

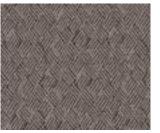
Mineral Grey Metallic

Black

Ford uses clearcoat paint for beauty and protection. Colors shown are representative only. See your dealer for actual paint/trim options.



FABRICS



Medium Parchment Cloth Standard on XLS



Medium Parchment Cloth Standard on XLT



Medium Parchment Leather Optional on XLT Standard on Eddie Bauer (two-tone) and Limited



Midnight Grey Cloth Standard on NBX



Graphite Cloth Standard on XLS



Graphite Cloth Standard on XLT



Graphite Leather Optional on XLT



Midnight Grey Leather Standard on Limited



16" Full-Face Steel Wheel Standard on XLS



16" Painted Cast Aluminum Wheel Standard on XLT with 3rd-row seat or Trailer Tow Package



17" Satin-Nickel Wheel Standard on Eddie Bauer



16" Painted Cast Aluminum Wheel Standard on XLS Sport and XLT



17" Machined Aluminum Wheel Standard on XLT Sport and NBX



17" Chromed Cast Aluminum Wheel Standard on Limited



