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WINDSTAR



The only minivan to earn five stars for safety.

Five stars. This is the highest government frontal crash rating for the driver and front passenger.* Only one minivan has earned this rating. Ford Windstar.

This is quite an impressive achievement and a strong statement of our "Safety First" philosophy. Windstar excels as well when it comes to other things you consider important for everyday family travel.

Roominess and comfort for seven passengers. Great versatility. An exceptionally smooth ride. Responsive V6 performance, too.

Windstar, in fact, offers the most powerful engine available in a minivan – the optional 3.8-liter SPI V6. No wonder so many families find Ford Windstar to be the perfect answer to their needs for comfortable, dependable and safe transportation.

*U.S. government data only useful in comparing vehicles within 500 pounds.



The New Northwood. Windstar. Style with substance.



When you add the earthtone accents of the new Northwoods Appearance Package to Windstar's safety, comfort and performance features, you're adding a lot of style to a superbly designed and substantially equipped minivan. Available for GL and LX models.

NORTHWOODS

Ford Windstar LX with Northwoods Appearance Package in unique Spruce Green Clearcoat Metallic/Light Prairie Tan Clearcoat Metallic two-tone.

Over 40 standard safety features.

Windstar has more than 40 standard safety features.

Among them is a 4-wheel anti-lock brake system to help you avoid an accident. But if one does occur, everyone is well safeguarded with features such as energy-absorbing crumple zones, dynamic side-impact protection, and new Second Generation air bags designed to further enhance protection for the driver and front passenger,* to name just a few. What's more, there's a new Family Security Package for the GL and LX models (see page 16). Offering a discount that gives you all-speed traction control at no extra cost, it provides the extra security you want – plus added value, too. When it comes to safety, you naturally put your family first. So does your Ford Windstar.

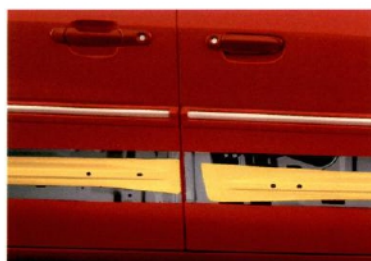
* Always wear your safety belt and secure children in the rear seat.



Standard 4-wheel anti-lock braking system (ABS) provides peace of mind by delivering straighter stops as well as more positive steering control under most driving conditions. And complementing the 4-wheel ABS is the optional all-speed traction control system, available with the 3.8-liter SPI V6 engine.



This panoramic convex rearview mirror, located in the optional overhead console, gives the driver or front passenger a commanding wide-angle view of the second-row seat all the way back to the rear of the vehicle. Available on GL and LX. Standard on Limited.



An intrusion beam in each side door provides protection in certain side-impact collisions. Intrusion beams are important components of Windstar's solid structural design.



Because family safety is of utmost importance, two optional integrated child safety seats are available for Windstar models equipped with a two-passenger, second-row bench seat.



Front and rear 5-mph bumpers help protect important vehicle components from damage.

BUCKLE UP WITH BIG BIRD!
And remember, kids in the back seat.



Ford Motor Company and Sesame Street are proud to be working in partnership to educate families across the country about automotive safety. This strategic alliance is dedicated to spreading the word to young families about the importance of wearing safety belts and safe seating practices. So remember, kids sit in the back, and everyone buckles up!

Family travel in luxury and comfort. Windstar Limited.

Ford Windstar Limited is the flagship of the Windstar fleet, adding a generous measure of luxury and ride comfort to an already superbly equipped minivan. Quad bucket seats with leather seating surfaces, a Premium Audio System, multi-function overhead console, plus larger P225/60R 16" tires for enhanced ride quality are just a few of the Windstar Limited's many standard features. A Remote Keyless Entry System is included, too, for some added security and peace of mind.

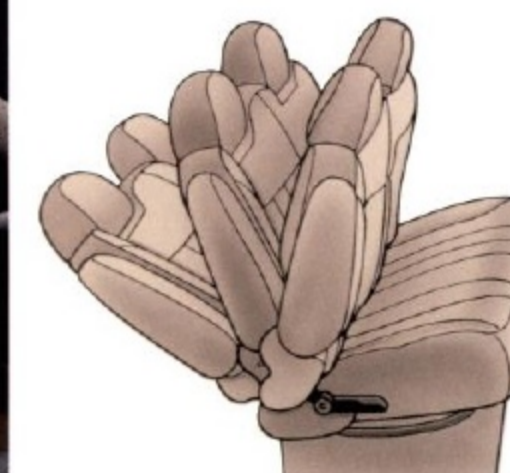
The luxurious Ford Windstar Limited in Deep Forest Green Clearcoat Metallic. Some equipment shown is optional.



The exceptional comfort your whole family deserves.



Above: The Windstar GL interior in Prairie Tan.
At left: The Windstar Limited interior with quad captain's chairs in Prairie Tan. Some equipment shown is optional.



If your Ford Windstar is a GL or an LX, your second-row passengers can recline their seat back, a very nice feature to have on long trips.



Front, middle and rear outboard seats include the comfort and protection of head restraints.



The added comfort of a rear high-capacity air conditioner and auxiliary heater is available with Windstar GL and LX and standard with Limited.



In Windstar Limited you'll find this handy storage drawer under the front passenger seat.

Inside Ford Windstar, you'll find everything as carefully designed and logically arranged as if you had custom-drawn the blueprints yourself – for the comfort and convenience of you and your family. The seating is firm and supportive, with plenty of head, shoulder, hip and leg room. Ford designers included many thoughtful features, too, such as solar tinted glass to help cool the interior faster, front and rear cup holders, handy storage compartments and height-adjustable lap/shoulder safety belts for personalized comfort. On the road, you'll appreciate the superbly engineered suspension system that delivers Windstar's smooth and quiet ride.



With its spacious interior, firm and supportive seating, convenient Family Entry System, and remarkably smooth ride, Windstar attends to your needs for physical comfort just as well as it satisfies your desire for peace of mind. Would you expect anything less in a minivan built by Ford?

Ford Windstar LX with Gold Appearance Package in Vibrant White; also available in Cabernet Red, Deep Emerald Green and Deep Navy Blue. The grille surround, badging, liftgate, bodyside moldings and wheels get a special gold trim treatment.



A wide open door to pleasurable family travel.

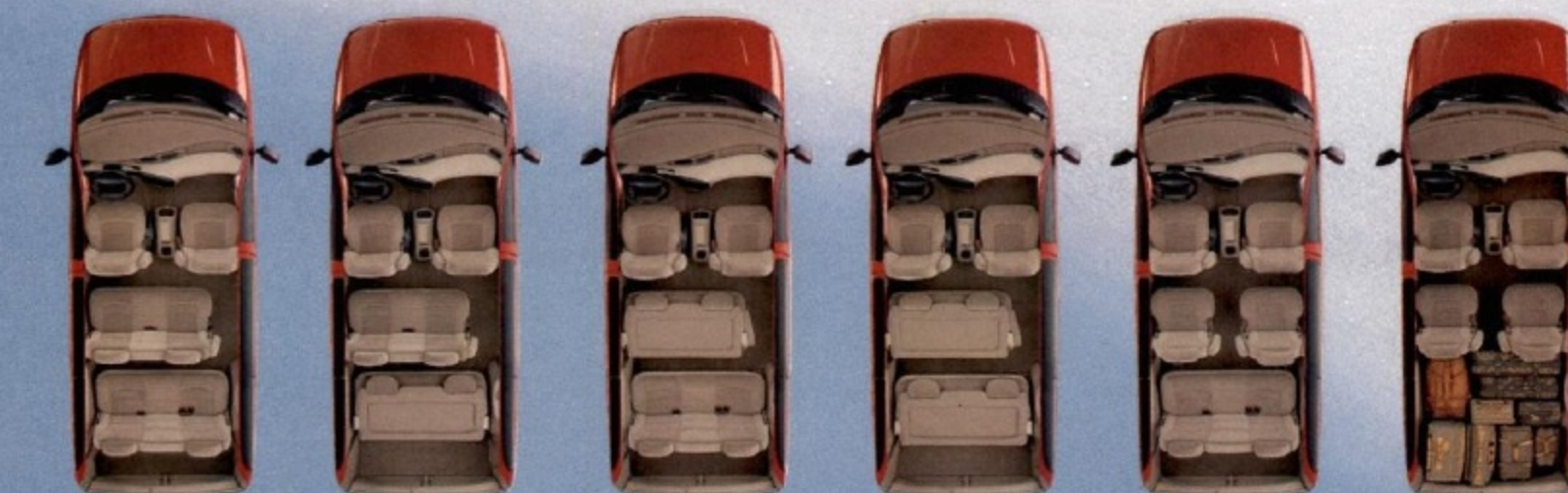
The Family Entry System features an extended driver's door (standard on all models) plus the tip/slide driver's seat (available in all Windstars; standard in the LX and Limited). The seat back tips forward, and the seat base slides forward; the seat returns to the original position.



The extended door and tip/slide driver's seat make getting into and out of the second-row seating area more convenient...



...and make it easier to load and unload groceries.



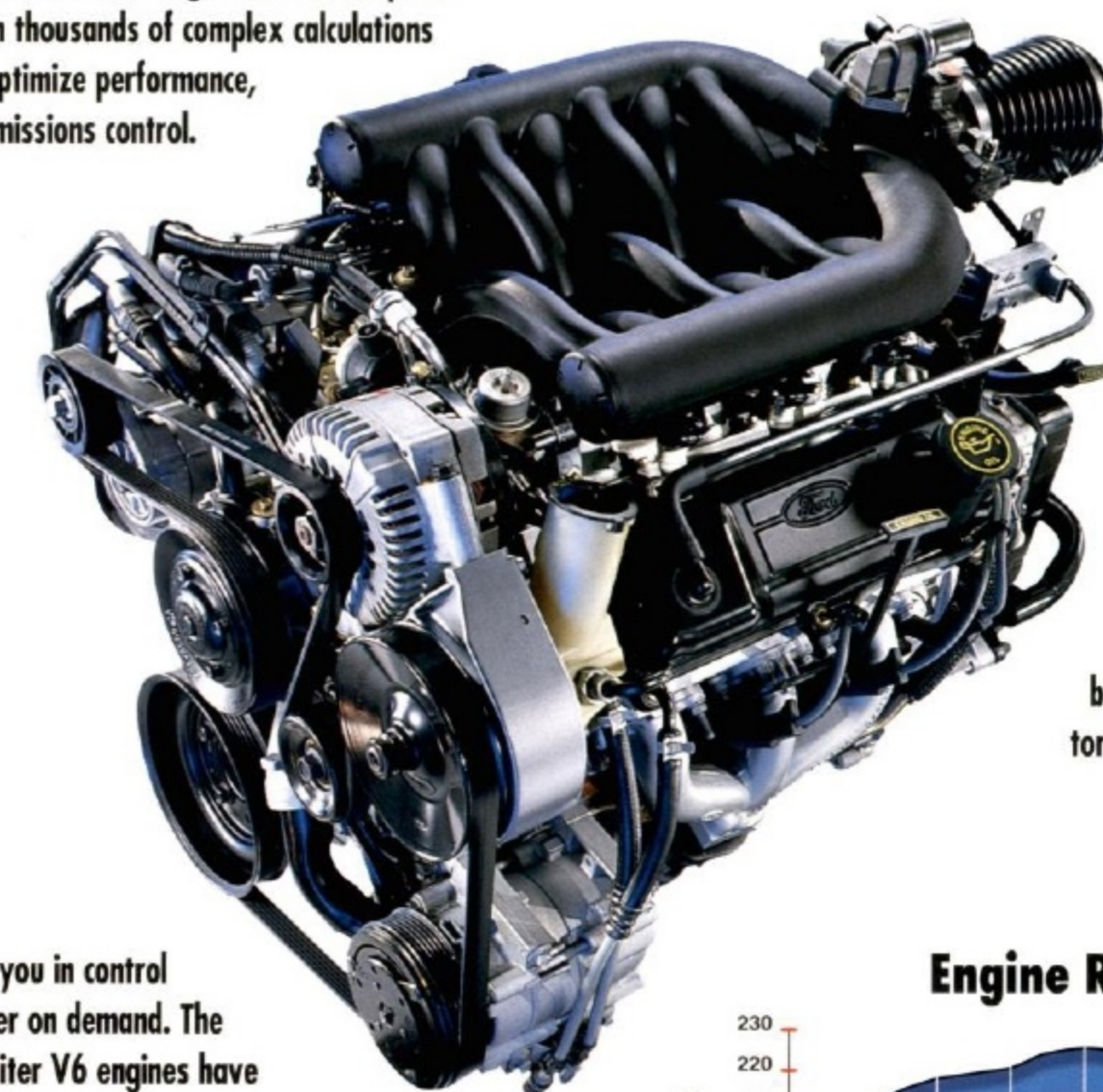
Windstar's versatility provides a variety of seating configurations, so you can arrange the interior to meet your exact people- and cargo-carrying needs. Remove the rear bench seats to take advantage of Windstar's generous 142.1 cu. ft. of cargo space, or fold the seat backs for a flat load surface.



3.8L V6. The most powerful reason to drive Windstar.

Windstar delivers the most power in a minivan with the optional 3.8-liter SPI (Split Port Induction) V6. So plenty of power is available at your command, whether you need to accelerate quickly in a passing or merging situation; or to tow your boat or camper-trailer. Your family's safety is certainly the strongest reason to own a Ford Windstar, and the 3.8-liter SPI V6 is surely the most powerful reason to drive one.

The 3.0-liter and 3.8-liter V6 engines feature sequential electronic fuel injection for precise fuel metering to each cylinder; plus EEC-V, the latest generation of Ford's electronic engine control computer. EEC-V can perform thousands of complex calculations every second to optimize performance, driveability and emissions control.

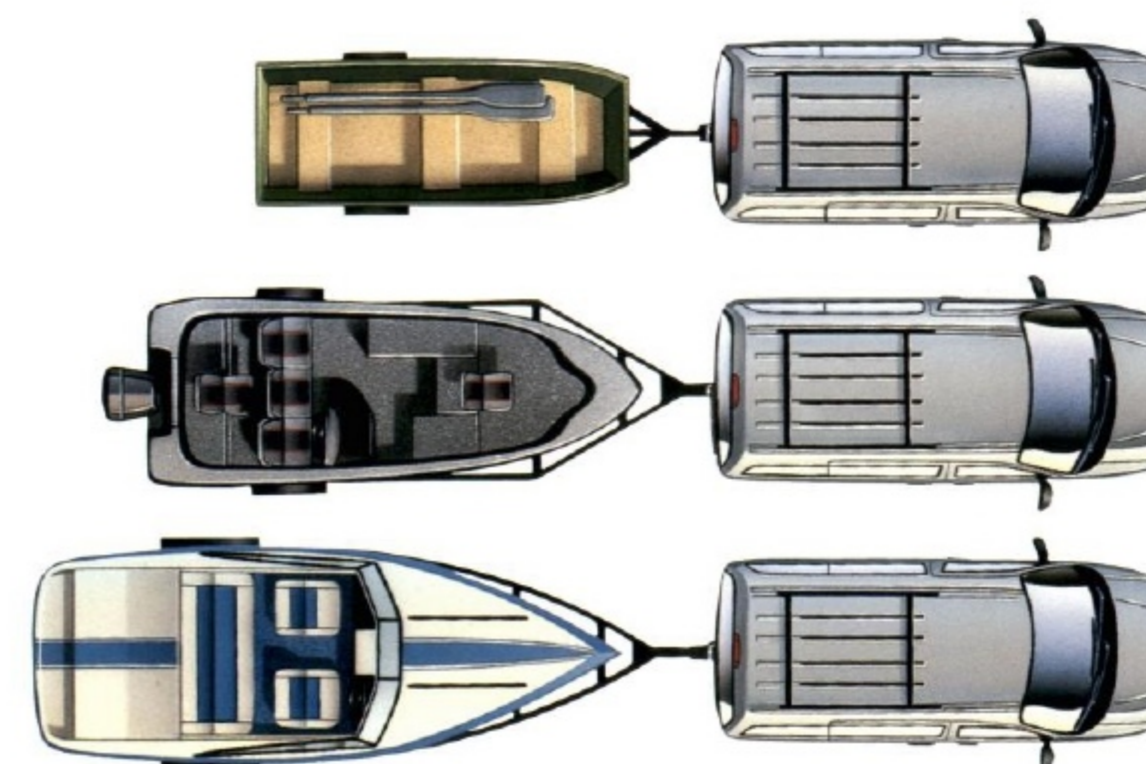
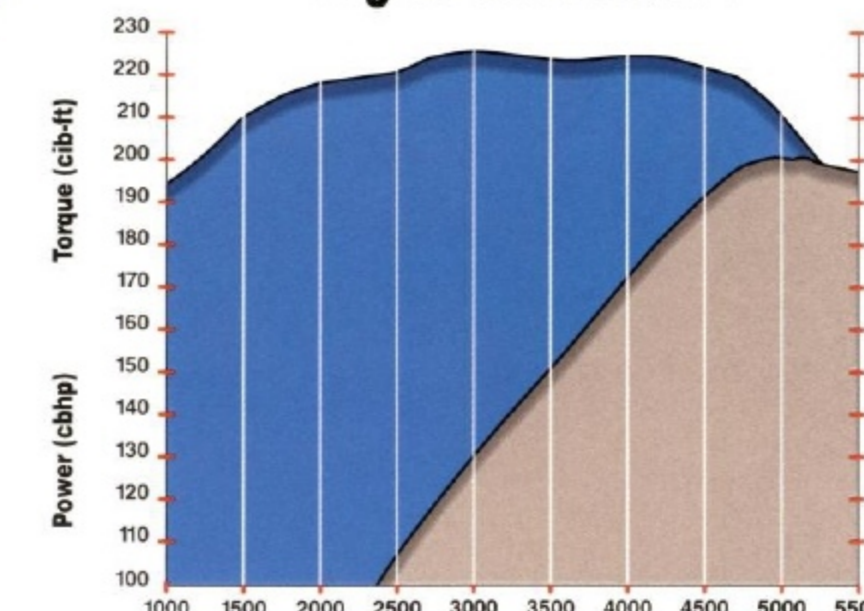


Windstar's 200-hp, 3.8-liter V6 option delivers more power than any other minivan, thanks in part to its SPI (Split Port Induction) system. The 3.8-liter V6 provides an excellent balance of powerful low-rpm torque and increased power at higher engine speeds.

Ford Windstar's performance puts you in control with reliable power on demand. The 3.0-liter and 3.8-liter V6 engines have many advanced-design features, including a 100,000-mile scheduled tune-up interval (under normal driving conditions with routine fluid/filter changes).

100,000

Engine RPM Chart



Windstar tows up to 2,000 pounds. Towing capacity increases to 3,500 pounds in Windstars equipped with the optional 3.8-liter V6 and the Trailer Towing Package. Trailer weights must be reduced by passenger and cargo weight in the towing vehicle.

Windstar GL in Deep Navy Blue Clearcoat Metallic, shown pulling a jet boat.



Equipment

EXTERIOR

	3.0L 470B	GL 472B	GL 473B	LX 477B	Limited 479B
Family Entry System – extended driver's door	S	S	S	S	S
Family Entry System – tip/slide driver's seat	O	P	P	S	S
Right-hand sliding side door with concealed drip rail system	S	S	S	S	S
Dual sail-mounted mirrors (right-hand convex)	S	S	S	–	–
Electric remote dual sail-mounted mirrors (right-hand convex)	P	P	P	–	–
Heated electric remote dual sail-mounted mirrors	–	O	O	S	S
Northwoods Appearance Package: unique Spruce Green Clearcoat Metallic/Light Prairie Tan Clearcoat Metallic two-tone; luggage rack, wheels, floor mats and door/liftgate nomenclature with earthtone accents	–	–	O	O	–
LX "Gold" Appearance Package (see page 12)	–	–	–	O	–
Luggage rack	–	O	P	P	P
Bodyside moldings	–	P	P	S	S
Stone abrasion protection on rocker panels with front and rear stone cuffs	S	S	S	S	S
Solar tinted glass all around	S	S	S	S	S
Privacy glass ⁽¹⁾	O	O	P	P	P
Two-tone paint (may be deleted for credit)	–	–	–	P	–
Flip-open rear quarter windows (power with Power Convenience Group)	S	S	S	S	S
Front fog lamps	–	–	–	O	S
15" sport wheel covers	S	S	S	–	–
15" cast aluminum wheels w/argent center	–	O	O	–	–
15" cast aluminum wheels w/bright center	–	–	–	S	–
16" polished cast aluminum wheels	–	–	–	–	S

COMFORT/CONVENIENCE

Air conditioning	P	P	P	S	S
High-capacity rear air conditioning and auxiliary heater	–	O	P	P	S
Locking glove compartment	S	S	S	S	S
Second-row left-hand storage bin	S	S	S	S	S
Light Group: Includes front map/dome lamp, glove compartment lamp, second-row left-hand side rail lamps (plus third-row in Limited) and two under-instrument panel lamps	O	O	P	S	S
Premium Light Group: Includes front fog lamps, automatic on/off headlamps, and electrochromic (auto-dim) mirror	–	–	–	O	S
Interior Convenience Group: Includes covered left-hand rear storage bin, covered center bin and cargo net	–	O	O	S	S
Tachometer and speed control indicator (included with optional 3.8-liter V6 in GL)	–	–	–	S	S
Floor console	–	O	O	O	O
Overhead console	–	O	P	P	S
Puddle lights	–	–	–	S	S
Day/night rearview mirror	S	S	S	S	–
Front and rear cup holders	S	S	S	S	S
Front and rear floor mats (dealer-installed)	O	O	O	P	P
Leather-wrapped steering wheel	–	–	–	S	S
Dual overhead visor mirrors	S	S	S	–	–
Dual illuminated visor mirrors	–	–	–	S	S
Height-adjustable lap/shoulder safety belts	S	S	S	S	S

SEATING

7-passenger seating	S	S	S	S	S
Dual high-back front buckets with integral head restraints	S	–	–	–	–
Dual high-back front buckets with integral head restraints and adjustable second-row recliners	–	S	S	–	–
Dual low-back front buckets with adjustable head restraints, 6-way power tip/slide driver's seat and power lumbar support for driver, and passenger seat back map pocket	–	–	–	S	–
Quad low-back front buckets with leather seating surfaces, adjustable head restraints, 6-way power tip/slide driver's seat, power lumbar support for driver (passenger side also in Limited), and passenger seat back map pockets (cloth included in LX; leather trim optional)	–	–	–	P	S

	3.0L 470B	GL 472B	GL 473B	LX 477B	Limited 479B
6-way power driver's seat, power lumbar and tip/slide	–	O	O	–	–
Low-back buckets with second- and third-row bench with power driver's seat	–	O	O	–	–
2- and 3-passenger cloth rear benches with forward-folding seat back and quick release for easy removal (third-row seat only in Limited)	S	S	S	S	S
Third-row adjustable seat track (7" fore/aft) ⁽²⁾	–	S	S	S	S
High-back buckets with second- and third-row seat/bed ⁽³⁾	–	O	O	–	–
Quad buckets and third-row bench seat ⁽⁴⁾	–	–	O	O	–

SAFETY/SECURITY

Second Generation driver and front passenger air bags	S	S	S	S	S
Front 3-point lap/shoulder belts; rear 3-point lap/shoulder belts for outboard passengers; lap belt for center rear	S	S	S	S	S
Head restraints on front, middle and rear outboard seats	S	S	S	S	S
Integrated child safety seats (in second row)	O	O	O	O	–
Childproof lock on sliding side door	S	S	S	S	S
Security Group: Includes programmable transmitter and perimeter anti-theft system	–	–	–	O	O
Remote Entry System: Locks/unlocks all doors, includes panic alarm, plus horn chirp for lock confirmation when remote unlocking feature is activated	–	O	O	P	S
4-wheel anti-lock brake system	S	S	S	S	S
All-speed traction control (requires 3.8-liter V6)	–	O	O	O	O
Family Security Package: All-speed traction control, self-sealing tires, remote entry system, perimeter anti-theft, and programmable visor transmitter (requires 3.8L engine on GL). Includes illuminated visor mirrors and heated electric remote dual sail-mounted mirrors on GL	–	O	O	O ⁽⁵⁾	–

FUNCTIONAL

3.0-liter V6 engine with electronic 4-speed automatic overdrive transaxle	S	S	S	–	–
3.8-liter SPI V6 engine with electronic 4-speed automatic overdrive transaxle	–	P	P	S	S
Sound insulation package	S	S	S	S	S
Power Convenience Group: Power locks, power mirrors, power windows (includes one-touch-down power driver's window and rear quarter flip-out glass) and accessory delay feature	P	P	P	S	S
Speed control/tilt steering wheel	O	P	P	S	S
Automatic load-leveling rear air suspension	–	–	–	O	O
Interval windshield wipers with dual washer jets	S	S	S	S	S
Rear window interval wiper with washer	S	S	S	S	S
Electric rear window defroster	O	P	P	P	S
20-gallon fuel tank	S	S	S	–	–
25-gallon fuel tank	–	O	O	S	S
Trailer towing package (requires 3.8-liter V6)	–	O	O	O	O
5-mph impact bumpers front and rear	S	S	S	S	S
Locking steering column with energy-absorbing design	S	S	S	S	S
Conventional spare tire: Replaces T125/90 R15 minispare with either P205/70 R15 or P215/70 R15 BSW tires on steel wheels (P215/70 spare tire provided for vehicles with P215/70 R15 or P225/60 R16 tires)	O	O	O	O	O

AUDIO

AM/FM stereo with four premium speakers	S	S	S	–	–
AM/FM stereo/cassette with four premium speakers	O	P	P	S	–
Premium AM/FM stereo/cassette with four premium speakers	–	–	–	O	S
Ford JBL Audio System with premium speakers, subwoofer, 145 watts	–	–	–	O	O
Premium AM/FM stereo/single compact disc radio and four premium speakers	–	O	O	O	O
Second-row audio controls in an overhead console (with lockout features) plus mini headphone jacks	–	O	P	P	S
6-disc remote-controlled CD changer (dealer-installed)	O	O	O	O	O

S = Standard. O = Optional. P = Included in Preferred Equipment Package.
(1) Requires Power Convenience Group. (2) Except when seat bed is ordered. (3) Requires tip/slide driver's seat. (4) Low-back front buckets with power driver's seat. High-back without power driver's seat. (5) Self-sealing tires not available on LX with Northwoods Appearance Package.

Color and Trim



Windstar 3.0L	Interior Trim Color
Exterior Paint Colors	Graphite
Toreador Red Clearcoat Metallic	■
Deep Navy Blue Clearcoat Metallic	■
Caribbean Green Clearcoat Metallic	■
Silver Frost Clearcoat Metallic	■
Vibrant White Clearcoat	■

Windstar GL and LX	Interior Trim Colors
Exterior Paint Colors	Dark Denim Blue, Graphite, Prairie Tan
Light Prairie Tan Clearcoat Metallic	■
Cabernet Red Clearcoat Metallic	■ ⁽¹⁾
Toreador Red Clearcoat Metallic	■ ⁽¹⁾
Spruce Green Clearcoat Metallic	■ ⁽²⁾
Deep Navy Blue Clearcoat Metallic	■ ⁽¹⁾
Deep Forest Green Clearcoat Metallic	■ ⁽¹⁾
Light Denim Blue Clearcoat Metallic	■
Deep Emerald Green Clearcoat Metallic	■ ⁽¹⁾
Silver Frost Clearcoat Metallic	■
Vibrant White Clearcoat	■
Caribbean Green Clearcoat Metallic	■ ⁽¹⁾


Windstar Limited	Interior Trim Color
Exterior Paint Colors	Prairie Tan
Light Prairie Tan Clearcoat Metallic	■
Cabernet Red Clearcoat Metallic	■
Spruce Green Clearcoat Metallic	■
Deep Forest Green Clearcoat Metallic	■
Vibrant White Clearcoat	■

NOTE: The Windstar 3.0L, Windstar GL, LX and Limited feature a monochrome paint treatment. Windstar LX includes a two-tone treatment in the Preferred Equipment Package 477B which may be deleted for credit. See your Ford Dealer for LX two-tone paint combinations.

(1) Monotone only.
(2) Two-tone only.

ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE

Every new Ford includes the assurance of a 24-hour emergency Roadside Assistance Program provided during the 3-year/ 36,000-mile bumper-to-bumper warranty. Ask your Ford Dealer for complete details on this program which includes such services as fuel delivery, tire change, jump start, or even help when you're locked out of your vehicle.

 Ford Credit offers a wide variety of financing and leasing programs to qualified buyers which can be arranged right at the dealership. Ask your Ford Dealer for the facts on these programs.

PRODUCT CHANGES AND OPTIONS AVAILABILITY

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combines spaciousness with Ford's reputation for toughness. And, of course, you have the high level of ride comfort for which Ford Windstar is well known. Choose from two sequential electronic fuel-injected V6 powerplants: the standard 3.0 liter; and the 3.8-liter SPI, the most powerful engine available in a minivan.

EXTERIOR

Solar tinted glass all around
Dual sail-mounted mirrors (right-hand convex)
Body-color grille opening panel
Aero headlamps with clear lenses and replaceable halogen bulbs
Rocker panels with PVC corrosion protection
Intermittent windshield wipers and rear wiper
Full wheel covers

INTERIOR

Dual high-back vinyl front bucket seats
Second Generation driver and front passenger air bags
AM/FM stereo with digital clock
Color-keyed front passenger area carpeting
Courtesy light switches on all doors and liftgate
Two cup holders
Rubber rear cargo area floor mat
Front and rear dome lights
Color-keyed cloth molded front headliner
Day/night rearview mirror
Rear quarter flip-out glass; fixed second row and liftgate glass

FUNCTIONAL

3.0-liter SEFI V6 engine
4-speed electronic overdrive transaxle with overdrive lockout
4-wheel anti-lock brake system
Power rack-and-pinion steering
MacPherson front struts with stabilizer bar and gas-pressurized shock absorbers
Twist-beam rear axle with variable-rate coil springs and gas-pressurized shock absorbers
Fully integrated welded steel frame
5,300-lb. Gross Vehicle Weight Rating

FUNCTIONAL (CONT'D)

20-gallon fuel tank
P215/70R15 BSW tires (four)
Heavy-duty steel wheels (15"x6.0")
T125/90R15 mini spare tire
58 amp-hr battery (54C CCA)
130-amp alternator

OPTIONS

Electric rear window defroster (included in Preferred Equipment Package 481B)
25-gallon fuel tank (requires 3.8-liter V6 engine)
Privacy glass (requires Power Convenience Group)
Engine block heater
AM/FM stereo/cassette (included in Preferred Equipment Package 481B)
Conventional spare tire
Power Convenience Group (included in 480B)
3.8-liter engine
Air conditioning (included in Preferred Equipment Package 481B)
Cloth seats (included in Preferred Equipment Package 481B)
Dual high-back cloth front bucket seats (included in Preferred Equipment Package 481B)

COLORS

EXTERIOR PAINT	INTERIOR TRIM
Toreador Red Clearcoat Metallic	Graphite
Deep Navy Blue Clearcoat Metallic	Graphite
Caribbean Green Clearcoat Metallic	Graphite
Silver Frost Clearcoat Metallic	Graphite
Vibrant White Clearcoat	Graphite



481B

- Air conditioning • Electronic rear window defroster • AM/FM stereo/cassette
- High-back front cloth bucket seats with armrests
- Power windows, door locks and mirrors
- Speed control and tilt steering wheel



BIG BIRD'S RULES TO LIVE BY:

- ALWAYS WEAR A SAFETY BELT WHILE DRIVING OR RIDING IN A CAR OR TRUCK.
- NEVER USE A SAFETY BELT TO RESTRAIN MORE THAN ONE PERSON.
- CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER SHOULD ALWAYS BE PROPERLY RESTRAINED IN THE REAR SEATS.
- INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR AND WEIGHING LESS THAN 20 POUNDS SHOULD BE CARRIED IN REAR-FACING CHILD SAFETY SEATS IN THE REAR SEAT.
- NEVER PLACE REAR-FACING SAFETY SEATS IN THE FRONT PASSENGER SEAT IF THE VEHICLE IS EQUIPPED WITH AN ACTIVATED PASSENGER'S AIR BAG.
- CHILDREN UP TO 4 YEARS OF AGE AND WEIGHING BETWEEN 20 AND 40 POUNDS SHOULD BE CARRIED PROPERLY RESTRAINED IN CHILD SAFETY SEATS.
- NEVER ALLOW CHILDREN (OR ANY OCCUPANT) TO SLIDE THE SHOULDER BELT BEHIND THEM.
- SEATS SHOULD BE MOVED AS FAR BACK AS PRACTICAL FROM AIR BAGS.



BUCKLE UP WITH BIG BIRD!

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Preferred Equipment Packages

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indstar, in addition to its outstanding comfort, versatility and impressive list of standard features, provides something else of importance to families – great value. Simply select the Windstar model with the preferred equipment package that best meets your particular needs.

WINDSTAR LIMITED



479B

The most luxuriously equipped Windstar available

- Package 477B features • Premium Light Group • Polished aluminum wheels • P225/60R16SL tires

WINDSTAR LX



477B

- Package 473B features • Quad low-back bucket seats and third-row bench with adjustable seat track • Front and rear floor mats
- Two-tone paint • Remote Entry System
- Interior Convenience Group • Cast aluminum wheels

WINDSTAR GL



473B

- Package 472B features • High-capacity air conditioning and auxiliary heater • Overhead console • Privacy glass • Light Group • Luggage rack

472B

- Package 470B features • Tip/slide driver's seat • AM/FM stereo/cassette and digital clock • Electric rear window defroster • Bodyside moldings • 3.8-liter SPI V6
- Speed control/tilt steering wheel

WINDSTAR 3.0L



470B

- Air conditioning • Power Convenience Group
- AM/FM stereo



- Full 15" sport wheel cover (standard on 3.0L, GL and Van)
- 15" cast aluminum wheel with argent center (optional on GL)
- 15" cast aluminum wheel with bright center (standard on LX)
- 16" polished cast aluminum wheel (standard on Limited)
- 15" cast aluminum wheel with light prairie tan painted inserts (GL Northwoods Appearance Package)
- 16" cast aluminum wheel with full face painted light prairie tan (LX Northwoods Appearance Package)
- 15" cast aluminum wheel with gold painted inserts (LX Gold Appearance Package)



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