

2023 Explorer



2023 Explorer trim level differences

Base

The most affordable Explorer starts you off with:

- 18-inch alloy wheels
- LED headlights
- Power liftgate
- Triple-zone automatic climate control
- Cloth seats
- Power-adjustable driver's seat
- 35/30/35-split folding second-row bench seat
- 50/50-split folding third-row seats
- 8-inch touchscreen infotainment system
- Apple CarPlay and Android Auto smartphone integration
- FordPass Connect services including remote engine start and Wi-Fi access
- Satellite radio
- Six-speaker sound system

XLT

The XLT trim adds the following features:

- Heated exterior mirrors
- Roof rails
- Keyless access with push-button engine start
- Upgraded interior trim
- Power-adjustable front passenger seat
- Heated front seats
- Second-row captain's chairs (reduces seating capacity from seven to six people)
- Second-row USB ports

ST-Line

The ST-Line builds on the XLT trim with sporty styling cues and more:

- 20-inch alloy wheels with a machined-finish surface
- Dark-tinted headlights and taillights
- Black grille and exterior trim
- Rain-sensing windshield wipers
- Power-folding exterior mirrors
- Ambient interior lighting
- Simulated leather and suede upholstery
- Navigation system
- Wireless smartphone charging
- 12-speaker Bang & Olufsen premium sound system
- Surround-view camera system (gives you a top-down view of the Explorer and its surroundings for tight parking situations)
- Ford Co-Pilot360 Assist+ safety features detailed above

Timberline

This is the version you want for exploring off-road. It is based on XLT trim, and it comes with the safety equipment found on the ST-Line. Additionally, the Timberline has:

- All-wheel drive
- Limited-slip rear differential (helps maximize available traction)
- 18-inch black alloy wheels with all-terrain tires
- Off-road suspension tuning with added ground clearance
- Underbody skid plates
- Trailer towing equipment
- Unique front styling
- Front tow hooks
- Simulated leather upholstery with cloth inserts
- Heated second-row seats

ST

For enjoying the journey as much as the destination, the performance-tuned Explorer ST expands on the ST-Line model's styling modifications with:

- Turbocharged V6 engine
- Transmission paddle shifters
- Trailer towing equipment
- Quad exhaust outlets
- Sport suspension tuning
- 12.3-inch digital instrument panel
- Sport-bolstered front seats
- Leather upholstery with simulated suede inserts
- Heated steering wheel

Platinum

This is the luxury version of the Explorer. In addition to the King Ranch features, it has:

- 21-inch alloy wheels with a polished finish
- Adaptive headlights (swivel as you turn the steering wheel for better illumination in curves)
- Satin aluminum grille and exterior trim
- Exclusive wood interior trim
- Diamond-pattern leather upholstery

The Explorer's hybrid powertrain is available for the Platinum trim. In addition, the ST with the High package, the King Ranch and the Platinum are available with these upgrades:

- Technology package
 - 10.1-inch touchscreen infotainment system
 - 14-speaker premium sound system
- Premium Technology package
 - Technology package plus massaging front seats

King Ranch

The King Ranch is an upscale Western-themed version of the Explorer. In addition to the Limited trim features, it includes:

- Turbocharged V6 engine
- Heated, power-folding exterior mirrors with LED turn signal indicators
- Exterior approach lighting
- Hands-free liftgate
- Wood interior trim
- Leather-wrapped interior panels
- Unique leather upholstery
- Power-adjustable tilt-and-telescoping steering wheel
- Memory for the driver's settings
- Power-release second-row captain's chairs
- Power-folding third-row seat
- 12.3-inch digital instrumentation panel
- Rear automatic braking (brakes if sensors detect an imminent collision with an object behind the vehicle)



Get In SYNC With Your Explorer

Each trim of the 2023 Ford Explorer comes equipped with the SYNC 3 system on a 10.1-inch LCD capacitive touchscreen, which makes it easy to swipe and pinch-to-zoom your way through maps, apps, and other features. You can hook up your phones easily using Apple CarPlay or Android Auto compatibility, allowing you to make hands-free calls and texts while also streaming your favorite music.

While the Base, XLT, Timberline, and ST trims each come with a standard six-speaker audio system, you might consider an upgrade if you are a true audiophile. Each of these trims, except the Base, can get a 12-speaker B&O Sound System by Bang & Olufsen, one of the leading audio companies in the world. This B&O System is also a standard feature on the ST-Line, Limited, Platinum, and King Ranch trims. If you want to get blown away by music, you can get the ST, Platinum, and King Ranch with 14 speakers strategically placed throughout the Explorer's cabin.



Comfortable and Spacious Interior

The 2023 Explorer features an exceptional choice of seating materials inside its passenger compartment. The Base and XLT feature cloth seat materials, with the XLT adding heated seats in the front and a set of second-row captain's chairs. The ST-Line and Timberline have ActiveX trimmed seats with Miko inserts and red stitching. These have a bold appearance and are also easier to keep clean.

The Explorer gives you a great deal of cargo space as well. The liftgate opens up to 18.2 cu.ft. of space, using a power liftgate switch on most trims. If you need more space, simply fold down the rear row of seats to free up 47.9 cu.ft.. Finally, the trunk on the Explorer can give you an impressive 87.8 cu.ft. for cargo just by folding down the second and third rows of seats.



Impressive Safety Features

- Automatic high-beam headlights
- Forward collision mitigation (warns you of an impending collision and applies the brakes in certain scenarios)
- Blind-spot warning with rear cross-traffic warning (alerts you if a vehicle is in your blind spot during a lane change or while in reverse)
- Lane departure mitigation (warns you of a lane departure when a turn signal isn't used and can automatically steer to maintain lane position)
- Rear parking sensors (alert you to obstacles that may not be visible behind the vehicle when parking)
- Trailer sway damping (adjusts vehicle brakes to help control trailer movement if a trailer begins to sway)







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