Ford Escape

2009 Ford Escape Owner's Manual

Your comprehensive guide to operating and maintaining your Ford Escape.

Introduction

Welcome to the owner's manual for your 2009 Ford Escape. This document provides essential information regarding the safe operation, proper maintenance, and general care of your vehicle. Familiarizing yourself with this manual will help ensure a long and reliable service life for your Ford Escape.

Please read all sections carefully before operating your vehicle. Keep this manual in your vehicle for quick reference.



Image: Front cover of the 2009 Ford Escape Owner's Manual Guide Book. The cover features the Ford logo and the title "2009 Escape Owner's Manual".

Vehicle Setup and Initial Checks

Before your first drive, it is important to perform initial setup and checks to ensure safety and proper function.

Key Features and Controls

- **Ignition System:** Insert the key into the ignition. Turn to ACC for accessories, ON for power, and START to crank the engine.
- **Door Locks:** Use the remote key fob or the power door lock switch on the driver's door to lock/unlock all doors.
- **Seat Adjustment:** Locate the levers or buttons on the side of the seat to adjust position, recline, and lumbar support.
- **Mirror Adjustment:** Use the control knob on the driver's door panel to adjust side mirrors. The rearview mirror can be manually adjusted.

Pre-Drive Checklist

1. Adjust seats and mirrors for optimal visibility.
2. Fasten seat belts securely.
3. Check all fluid levels (engine oil, coolant, brake fluid, washer fluid).
4. Verify tire pressure and condition.
5. Ensure all lights (headlights, tail lights, turn signals) are functional.

Operating Your Ford Escape

This section covers the basic procedures for starting, driving, and parking your vehicle.

Starting the Engine

- Ensure the transmission is in Park (P) or Neutral (N).
- Press the brake pedal firmly.
- Turn the ignition key to the START position and release once the engine starts.

Driving Tips

- Always maintain a safe following distance.
- Use turn signals for all lane changes and turns.
- Avoid sudden acceleration or braking.
- Be aware of your surroundings and check mirrors frequently.

Parking

- Shift the transmission to Park (P).
- Engage the parking brake.
- Turn off the engine and remove the key.

Maintenance Schedule and Procedures

Regular maintenance is crucial for the longevity and performance of your Ford Escape. Adhere to the recommended service intervals.

Routine Checks (Every 5,000 miles or 6 months)

- Change engine oil and filter.
- Inspect tire pressure and rotate tires.
- Check all fluid levels and top up as needed.
- Inspect brakes (pads, rotors, lines).
- Check battery terminals and fluid level (if applicable).

Periodic Maintenance (As per schedule)

- Replace air filter (engine and cabin).
- Inspect spark plugs.
- Check transmission fluid.
- Inspect suspension components.
- Replace fuel filter.

Refer to the detailed maintenance schedule in the printed manual for specific intervals based on driving conditions.

Troubleshooting Common Issues

This section provides solutions for minor issues you might encounter with your vehicle.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Engine will not start	Dead battery, empty fuel tank, faulty starter.	Check battery terminals, add fuel, or consult a mechanic.
Warning light illuminated	Low fluid, sensor malfunction, engine issue.	Identify the specific light and refer to the manual's warning light section. Seek professional diagnosis if necessary.
Brakes squeal or grind	Worn brake pads, foreign object, rust.	Have brakes inspected by a qualified technician immediately.

For complex issues or persistent problems, it is recommended to contact an authorized Ford service center.

Technical Specifications

Key technical data for the 2009 Ford Escape (may vary by trim level and engine option).

- **Engine Options:** 2.5L I4, 3.0L V6
- **Transmission:** 4-speed automatic, 6-speed automatic (V6)
- **Fuel Tank Capacity:** Approximately 16.5 gallons (62.5 liters)
- **Tire Size:** P225/65R17 (common size, check door jamb for exact specification)
- **Oil Type:** SAE 5W-20 (check manual for specific recommendations)
- **Curb Weight:** Approximately 3,300 - 3,600 lbs (1,497 - 1,633 kg)

These specifications are general. Always refer to your vehicle's specific documentation for precise details.

Warranty Information

Your 2009 Ford Escape came with a limited warranty from the manufacturer. Details regarding coverage, duration, and exclusions are provided in a separate warranty booklet that accompanied your vehicle at the time of purchase. Typically, this includes:

- **Bumper-to-Bumper Warranty:** Covers most vehicle components for a specified period/mileage.
- **Powertrain Warranty:** Covers engine, transmission, and drive systems for a longer period/mileage.
- **Corrosion Warranty:** Covers perforation due to rust.

Please consult your original warranty booklet or an authorized Ford dealer for precise terms and conditions, as coverage may vary.

Customer Support and Service

For further assistance, service, or genuine Ford parts, please contact:

- **Authorized Ford Dealership:** Your primary resource for all service, maintenance, and warranty needs.
- **Ford Customer Service:** Refer to the contact information provided in your original vehicle documentation or visit the official Ford website for your region.
- **Online Resources:** The official Ford website often provides additional resources, FAQs, and service locator tools.

When contacting support, please have your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) readily available.

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