

Ford Explorer

2014 Ford Explorer Owner's Manual

Comprehensive Guide for Your Vehicle

INTRODUCTION

This owner's manual provides essential information regarding the operation, maintenance, and safety of your 2014 Ford Explorer. To ensure safe and efficient use of your vehicle, please read this manual thoroughly and keep it accessible for future reference. All information, illustrations, and specifications contained in this manual are based on the latest product information available at the time of publication.

SETUP AND INITIAL FAMILIARIZATION

Before operating your Ford Explorer, it is recommended to familiarize yourself with its key components and controls. This section covers initial setup procedures.

Vehicle Entry and Seating

- **Key Fob Operation:** Use the key fob to lock and unlock doors. Press the unlock button once for the driver's door, or twice for all doors.
- **Adjusting Seats:** Locate the manual or power seat adjustment controls, typically on the side of the seat base. Adjust the seat position for optimal comfort and control.
- **Steering Wheel Adjustment:** Adjust the steering wheel tilt and telescope to a comfortable driving position.

Dashboard Overview

Familiarize yourself with the instrument cluster, warning lights, and primary controls such as headlights, wipers, and climate control. Refer to the specific diagrams in your physical manual for detailed locations.

OPERATING YOUR VEHICLE

This section details the procedures for starting, driving, and stopping your 2014 Ford Explorer, along with information on various vehicle features.

Starting and Driving

- Starting the Engine:** Ensure the transmission is in Park (P) or Neutral (N). Insert the key and turn to the START position, or press the engine start/stop button while pressing the brake pedal.
- Transmission Operation:** Select the appropriate gear (P, R, N, D) using the gear selector. Always apply the brake pedal when shifting from Park.
- Braking System:** Understand the function of the foot brake and parking brake. The Anti-lock Braking System (ABS) assists in maintaining steering control during hard braking.

Infotainment and Connectivity

Your Explorer may be equipped with the Ford SYNC system. Refer to the dedicated SYNC manual or the relevant section in this manual for detailed instructions on pairing Bluetooth devices, using navigation, and controlling audio functions.

MAINTENANCE AND CARE

Regular maintenance is crucial for the longevity and performance of your vehicle. Follow the recommended service schedule.

Scheduled Maintenance

- Oil Changes:** Adhere to the manufacturer's recommended oil change intervals, typically every 7,500 to 10,000 miles or every 6 to 12 months, whichever comes first.
- Tire Rotation:** Rotate tires every 5,000 to 7,500 miles to ensure even wear and extend tire life.
- Fluid Checks:** Regularly check engine oil, coolant, brake fluid, power steering fluid, and windshield washer fluid levels.

Tire Care

Maintain correct tire pressure as specified on the tire placard located on the driver's side door jamb. Inspect tires for wear and damage regularly.

TROUBLESHOOTING COMMON ISSUES

This section provides guidance on addressing minor issues you might encounter with your vehicle.

Engine Not Starting

- Battery:** Check battery terminals for corrosion and ensure they are tight. If the battery is dead, jump-start the vehicle according to the instructions in your manual.
- Fuel Level:** Ensure there is sufficient fuel in the tank.
- Immobilizer:** Verify that the correct key is being used and that the security system is not engaged.

Warning Lights

If a warning light illuminates on the instrument cluster, consult the warning lights section of this manual for its meaning and recommended action. Some lights may indicate a serious issue requiring immediate professional attention.

SPECIFICATIONS

Key technical specifications for the 2014 Ford Explorer.

Category	Specification
Engine Type	V6 or EcoBoost I4 (depending on trim)
Fuel Type	Unleaded Gasoline
Transmission	6-speed Automatic
Seating Capacity	7 Passengers
Tire Pressure (Front/Rear)	Refer to vehicle tire placard

Note: Specific specifications may vary based on trim level and optional equipment. Always refer to your vehicle's specific documentation for precise details.

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For detailed information regarding your vehicle's warranty coverage, please refer to the separate Warranty Guide provided with your vehicle. For technical assistance or service, contact an authorized Ford dealership.

You can find additional support and resources on the official Ford website: www.ford.com/support

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