

Ford Explorer

2023 Ford Explorer Owners Manual

Your comprehensive guide to operating and maintaining your Ford Explorer.

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and care of your 2023 Ford Explorer. Please read it thoroughly to familiarize yourself with the vehicle's features, controls, and safety systems. Keep this manual in your vehicle for future reference.



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SETUP AND INITIAL FAMILIARIZATION

Before driving your new Ford Explorer, it is important to understand its basic setup and controls.

Key Features and Controls

- **Ignition System:** Familiarize yourself with the push-button start system. Ensure the vehicle is in Park (P) and your foot is on the brake pedal to start the engine.

- **Seating and Mirrors:** Adjust your seat, steering wheel, and rearview/side mirrors for optimal visibility and comfort before driving.
- **Climate Control:** Understand how to operate the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system.
- **Infotainment System:** Learn the basics of the SYNC system, including radio, media, and navigation (if equipped). Refer to the dedicated SYNC manual for detailed instructions.

OPERATING YOUR FORD EXPLORER

This section covers the fundamental procedures for driving and utilizing your vehicle's features.

Starting and Driving

1. **Starting the Engine:** With the key fob inside the vehicle, press the brake pedal and then press the ENGINE START/STOP button.
2. **Transmission:** Use the rotary gear shift dial to select Park (P), Reverse (R), Neutral (N), or Drive (D).
3. **Driving Modes:** Your Explorer may offer various drive modes (e.g., Normal, Eco, Sport, Slippery, Trail). Select the appropriate mode for current driving conditions.

Safety Features

- **Seatbelts:** Always ensure all occupants are properly restrained with seatbelts.
- **Airbags:** Understand the location and function of the airbag system.
- **Driver-Assist Technologies:** Features like Lane-Keeping System, Blind Spot Information System (BLIS), and Pre-Collision Assist are designed to assist the driver but do not replace driver attention.

MAINTENANCE AND CARE

Regular maintenance is crucial for the longevity and performance of your Ford Explorer.

Routine Checks

- **Engine Oil:** Check engine oil level regularly and change according to the maintenance schedule.
- **Tire Pressure:** Maintain correct tire pressure as specified on the driver's side door jamb label.
- **Fluid Levels:** Regularly inspect coolant, brake fluid, and windshield washer fluid levels.
- **Lights:** Ensure all exterior and interior lights are functioning correctly.

Scheduled Maintenance

Refer to the separate *Scheduled Maintenance Guide* for detailed service intervals and requirements. Adhering to this schedule helps maintain your vehicle's warranty and performance.

TROUBLESHOOTING COMMON ISSUES

This section addresses common issues you might encounter and provides basic solutions.

Warning Lights

- **Check Engine Light:** If this light illuminates, it indicates a potential issue with the engine or emissions system. Consult a qualified technician.

- **Oil Pressure Warning:** Stop the vehicle safely as soon as possible and check the engine oil level. Do not drive with low oil pressure.
- **Brake System Warning:** This light indicates a problem with the brake system. Have the vehicle inspected immediately by a qualified technician.

Other Issues

- **Flat Tire:** Refer to the "Changing a Flat Tire" section in your manual for instructions on using the spare tire and jack.
- **Battery Dead:** Instructions for jump-starting your vehicle are provided in the manual. Ensure proper cable connection to avoid damage.

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WARRANTY INFORMATION

Your 2023 Ford Explorer is covered by a comprehensive warranty. Details regarding coverage, duration, and limitations are provided in a separate *Warranty Guide* booklet included with your vehicle. Please consult this guide for specific terms and conditions. Regular maintenance as outlined in this manual and the Scheduled Maintenance Guide is required to maintain warranty validity.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For further assistance, questions, or to locate an authorized service center, please refer to the contact information provided in your vehicle's documentation or visit the official Ford website.

- **Ford Official Website:** www.ford.com
- **Customer Service:** Refer to the contact numbers in your Warranty Guide or on the Ford website.

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