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2021 FORD EXPLORER

## New Appearance Options

### After Complete Redesign, Ford Explorer Updates Look for Discerning Buyers

PRESS RELEASE

America's all-time best-selling SUV adds new appearance options for 2021, expanding what was already the broadest Ford Explorer lineup ever.

Explorer XLT gets an available new XLT Sport Appearance Package featuring 20-inch Carbonized Gray-painted 10-spoke wheels, Carbonized Gray-painted grille bars and mesh insert, liftgate appliqué, lower bodyside cladding insert and skid plate elements. Dual chrome exhaust tips, Carbonized Gray Explorer hood badge, unique Explorer branded front floor mats, stretch diamond instrument panel appliqués, Light Slate seats with Medium Slate stitching for all rows, plus unique door trim panel inserts with contrast stitching complete the look.

An expanded wheel lineup adds two new wheel options for eight options across the range – including 18-inch painted aluminum wheels now standard for the base Explorer and 20-inch hand-polished aluminum wheels available for the Limited edition.

#### CAPABILITY

With its quick-shifting 10-speed automatic transmission, available intelli-



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gent four-wheel drive plus a Terrain Management System featuring seven selectable drive modes, Explorer is built to tackle virtually any adventure. Explorer equipped with the 3.0-liter EcoBoost can tow up to 5,600 pounds with the Class III Trailer Tow Package, while 2.3-liter EcoBoost-powered Explorer can tow up to 5,300 pounds with the Class III Trailer Tow Package.

#### NEW COLORS

Available new exterior colors include Carbonized Gray, Infinite Blue Metallic Tinted Clearcoat and Stone Gray. Advanced technology offerings include an available wireless charging pad, FordPass Connect Wi-Fi for up to 10 devices, and SYNC 3 with Apple CarPlay, Android Auto and Waze navigation compatibility.

#### EXPLORER ST

The latest SUV from Ford Performance – Explorer ST – returns for 2021 as the most powerful, most fun-to-drive Explorer to date. Its specially tuned 3.0-liter EcoBoost engine produces 400 horsepower and 415 lb.-ft. of torque<sup>2</sup>, enabling a top track speed of 143 mph.

#### QUIET CABIN

The current generation

Explorer is designed to provide its quietest interior ever, thanks to a first-for-Ford breakthrough that helps keep noise out and delivers a more comfortable ride for passengers.

“We’ve spent a lot of time learning about what our Explorer customers want and love in their SUV, and near the top of the list is a comfortable vehicle they can enjoy with their loved ones,” said Craig Patterson,

#### BY THE NUMBERS

**Base Price:** \$32,225  
**Wheelbase:** 119.1 in.  
**Length:** 198.8 in.  
**Width:** 89.3 in.  
**Height:** 69.9 in.  
**Engine:** 2.3-liter EcoBoost I-4 (300 hp, 310 ft.-lbs)  
**Transmission:** 10-speed automatic  
**EPA Mileage:** 21 city, 28 highway

Ford SUV marketing manager. “Whether it’s taking the family up north for the weekend or taking a date to the movies on Saturday night, a quieter interior allows them to better connect with those who are along for the journey.”

Explorer passengers will enjoy that sense of peace and relaxation courtesy of three sound-reduction features – a first-for-Ford dual-wall dashboard, acoustic glass and Active Noise Control, available only on Limited Hybrid – designed to combat engine, road and wind noise in the cabin.

Explorer’s dual-wall dashboard significantly reduces the traveling sound that comes with a running engine. It mimics a semi-anechoic chamber similar to those used in noise, vibration and harshness testing.