EXPLORER SPORT

You like to do a lot of different things. Sometimes all at once. Explorer Sport is the kind of no-nonsense vehicle that can handle it. With its big 16" wheels and sporty two-door style, expansive interior, and 4-wheel power disc anti-lock brakes, Sport has a multi-faceted personality that’s right at home with your own. Adventurous on the outside. Accommodating on the inside. And downright protective at heart.

Shown at right with optional moonroof.
Road maps? Don’t need ’em. Especially when you’re behind the wheel of Explorer Sport. Available in 4x2 or rugged 4x4 capability, Explorer Sport takes you off the beaten path. So when Friday at 5 o’clock finally rolls around, and you’re ready to roam, you can go wherever you want. With whatever you want. Feel free to explore the local countryside, or maybe the local sports shop. Explorer Sport makes it well worth the trip.
EXPLORER SPORT
INTERIOR

Now here’s a commanding view of the road. Explorer Sport’s large gauges keep you informed. And you’ve got everything at your fingertips: power windows and door locks, air conditioning, and an AM/FM stereo with CD player. On XLT models, you’ll also get speed control, tilt steering and a remote keyless entry system with a driver’s door-mounted keypad. Opt for the Comfort Group and you add nice features like a power driver’s seat, automatic headlamps, an electrochromic auto-dimming rearview mirror and an overhead console with compass.

1 If a tree falls in the forest... well, you know how the story goes. With Explorer Sport’s optional 290-watt Pioneer® sound system with 6-disc in-dash CD player and 7 speakers, you’d have it cranked up so high you wouldn’t hear it anyway.

2 Between the front seats is a convenient center console with cupholders front and rear. Open it up and you’ll find plenty of space – even a handy, removable storage bag. So pack your stuff, and take it with you. Standard on XLS and XLT.

3 Power side mirrors with security approach lamps (XLT and XLT Premium) illuminate the ground around the front doors to make nighttime entries and exits easier and more secure.
Your “roughing it” days are definitely over. Especially when you’ve settled into Explorer Sport’s comfortable front bucket seats with adjustable head restraints. There’s plenty of room to seat four, with plenty of room to move around. And for your peace of mind, Explorer Sport features standard front airbags* and 4-wheel anti-lock brakes.

1. Let the sun shine in. Explorer Sport’s optional power moonroof tilts open at the touch of a button, or fully retracts when you want wide-open fun.

2. When the drive is long, the available front power lumbar supports are just what your back needs. And to take off the chill in a hurry, Explorer Sport also offers available front heated seats.

3. You always keep your cool, but how about those rear-seat passengers? Give them the option with available rear-seat climate and audio controls including headphone jacks. They’re conveniently located at the rear of the center console for easy access.

4. Finally, you can go exploring and actually bring home all the treasures you find. Or take them all with you when you go. Explorer Sport’s 71 cu. ft. of cargo space (with rear seat folded down) lets you slide in gear as large as a bike. Thanks to the 50/50 split rear seat you can even fold down just one side to free up cargo space and still fit a friend in back.

*Always wear your safety belt and secure children in the rear seat.
**SPECIFICATIONS**

### Cargo (cu. ft.)
- **Behind 2nd row**: 35.3
- **Maximum cargo volume**: 71.1

### Leg room
- **1st row**: 42.4"
- **2nd row**: 36.6"

### Hip room
- **1st row**: 56.2"
- **2nd row**: 43.6"

### Shoulder room
- **1st row**: 57.9"
- **2nd row**: 57.9"

### Head room
- **1st row**: 39.4"
- **2nd row**: 38.9"

### Exterior
- **Overall length**: 180.4"
- **Wheelbase**: 101.8"
- **Height**: 68.4”/68.3”
- **Overhang – front**: 34.6"
- **Overhang – rear**: 44.0"
- **Angle of approach**: 28.3˚
- **Ramp breakover angle**: 22.9˚/22.8˚
- **Load floor height**: 29.1"
- **Ground clearance (rear axle)**: 6.7"
- **Overall width**: 70.2"
- **Height of receiver**: 6.7"/6.83"

### Standard Features

**Mechanical**
- 4.0L SOHC V6 engine
- 4-wheel power disc brakes with anti-lock braking system (ABS)
- 100,000-mile tune-up interval

**Battery**
- Saver

**Body on frame construction**

**Electronic 2-speed shift-on-the-fly 4-wheel-drive system**
(4x4 models only)

**Fuel tank**
- 16.8-gallon capacity

**Power rack-and-pinion steering**

**Wheelbase**
- 101.8"

### Safety/Security

**Airbags**
- Driver and front passenger

**Belt-Minder® safety belt reminder**

**Fuel pump inertia shutoff switch**

**Height-adjustable shoulder safety belts**
- Front rear upper tether anchors and lower anchors for child safety seats

**Safety belt energy management retractors**
- Front

**Safety belt pretensioners**
- Front

**SecuriLock™ – Passive anti-theft system**

**Rear upper tether anchors and lower anchors for child safety seats**

**Height-adjustable shoulder safety belts**
- Front

**Headlamps-on alert chime**

**Fuel pump inertia shutoff switch**

### Exterior Features

**Roof rails**

**Rear defroster**

**Solar tinted glass**
- Windshield, front doors and 2nd-row flip glass

**2nd-row flip-open windows**

**Privacy glass**
- Fixed rear quarter windows and liftglass

**Tachometer**

**Power windows**
- With one-touch-down driver’s side feature

**Power points**
- 2 in front, 1 in rear

**Power door locks**

**Floor mats**
- Color-keyed front and rear

**Center floor console**
- With 4 cupholders, padded armrest, removable soft-pack storage bag and convenience clip

**Assist handles**
- 2 front

**Power outside mirrors**
- Security approach lamps in outside mirrors

**Steel spare**
- Full-size steel wheel

**Limited slip rear axle**

**Tilt steering wheel**

**Power moonroof**

**Power rack-and-pinion steering**

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### Mechanical

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**Air conditioning**

**Assist handles**
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**Floor mats**
- Color-keyed front and rear

**Power door locks**

**Power lock switch in cargo area**

**Power windows – 2 in front, 1 in rear**

**Power windows – With one-touch-down driver’s side feature**

**Tachometer**

**Exterior**

**2nd-row flip-open windows**

**Privacy glass**
- Fixed rear quarter windows and liftglass

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**Trailer tow – Class II receiver with 4-pin connector**

**Windshield wipers – Front: speed-sensitive intermittent with washer; rear: 2-speed intermittent with washer**

*Standards are based on publicly available information and Fords certification data at time of printing. Some features discussed may be optional. Vehicles shown may contain optional equipment. Features shown may be offered only in combination with other options or subject to additional ordering requirements. Following the publication of the catalog, certain changes in standard equipment, options and the like, or product delays, may have occurred which would not be included in these pages. Your Ford Dealer is the best source for up-to-date information. Ford Division reserves the right to change product specifications at any time without informing obligations.*

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**Standard** | **Optional** | **Not Available**

*Late availability. **Available as part of Premium Sport Group.*
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*New for 2003.

Ford uses clearcoat paint for beauty and protection. Colors shown are representative only. See your dealer for actual paint/trim options.
1. The sturdy Trailgate® table accessory provides a quick and easy table for tailgate parties or roadside picnics. It's height adjustable and fits right into the available hitch receiver.

2. The rooftop frame-mount bike carrier by Yakima® fits the roof rails. It features a padded locking downtube arm and cable guides to protect brake and shifter cables.

3. This Yakima® kayak carrier installs without tools on the roof rails and carries up to four kayaks. Requires tie-downs and crossbars (available separately).

4. Stand back. Way back. You can still start your Explorer Sport with the remote start accessory. It turns on the ignition from up to 500 ft. away.

5. No need to ask directions. The satellite navigation system uses global positioning satellites to track your vehicle, then guides you to your destination.

6. With the keyless entry keypad you can have instant access. Just enter your personal identification number and it locks/unlocks the doors. It mounts without screws.

16" Bright Cast Aluminum Wheel
Standard on XLT Premium, optional on XLT

See your dealer for these and other great Ford Dealer-installed accessories.