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EXPLORER

Quick Reference Guide

IN-DASH SIX-CD OR AUDIOPHILE RADIO (if equipped)



- A Scan Function** – In radio mode, press to hear a sampling of all receivable stations. In CD mode, press to hear a brief sampling of all selections on the current CD.
- B Shuffle Function** – Press to engage the desired shuffle mode. SHUFFLE DISC randomly plays tracks from all CDs; SHUFFLE TRK plays all selections from the current CD in random order.
- C Loading CDs** – Press to open the CD door, then load a CD into the player. Press LOAD and then a preset number to select a slot. Press and hold LOAD to activate autoloader.
- D Volume/Power Control** – Press the control to turn the audio system on or off. Turn the control to raise or lower the volume.
Automatic Volume Control – For speed sensitive volume control, push and hold the volume control for five seconds. Press SEL to adjust the volume control levels from “0” (off) to “7” (high).
- E AM/FM and CD Select** – In radio mode, press AM/FM to select AM or FM frequency bands. In CD mode, press AM/FM to stop play and begin radio play. Press and hold AM/FM to activate
- F Disc/Tune Adjust** – In radio mode, press to move to the next frequency up or down the band. In CD mode, press to select a disc in the CD player.
- G DSP or COMP** – Press DSP and then SEL to choose the desired signal mode (DSP OFF, NEWS, JAZZ CLUB, HALL, CHURCH, STADIUM). COMP (compression) operates in CD mode to bring soft and loud CD passages together for a more consistent listening level. (To activate, press COMP until COMP ON is displayed.)
- H Seek Function** – In radio mode, press to move to the next receivable station up or down the band. In CD mode, press to select the next/previous track on the current disc.
- I Setting the Clock** – Press MENU until SELECT HOUR or SELECT MINUTE is displayed. Press SEL to set the time. Press MENU again to disengage the clock mode.
- J Setting Memory Preset Stations** – Select AM, FM1, or FM2 band, then select a station. Next, press and hold a control until the sound returns.

**CDs with adhesive labels and irregularly shaped CDs may get stuck in the CD player. Homemade CDs should be identified with permanent felt tip marker rather than adhesive labels.*

PREMIUM CASSETTE/SINGLE CD RADIO (if equipped)



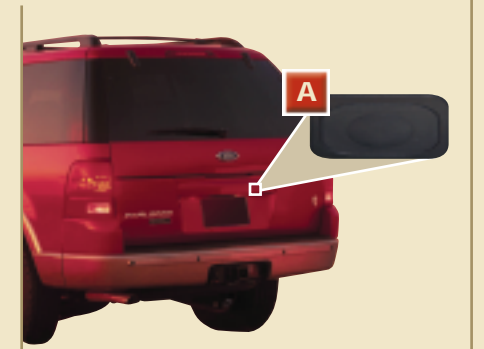
- A Volume/Power Control** – Press the control to turn the audio system on or off. Turn the control to raise or lower volume. If the volume is set above a certain level and the ignition is turned off, the volume will come back on at a “nominal” listening level when the ignition switch is turned back on.
- B AM/FM Select** – In radio mode, press to select AM or FM frequency bands. In tape or CD mode, press to stop play and begin radio play.
- C Seek Function** – In radio mode, press to find the next receivable station up or down the band. In tape mode, press to move to the next/previous selection on the tape. In CD mode, press to select the next/previous track of the disc.
- D Scan Function** – In radio mode, press to hear a sampling of all receivable stations. In tape or CD mode, press to hear a brief sampling of all selections. Press the control again to stop the scan mode.
- E Tune Adjust** – In radio mode, press to move to the next frequency up or down the band.
- F Tape/CD Select** – To begin tape play while in radio or CD mode, press the tape control. To begin CD play, press the CD control. Press the CD control again to toggle between single CD and CD changer play (if equipped).
- G Autoset Memory Preset** – Select AM, FM1, or FM2 band, then press AUTO to activate autoset memory preset, which allows you to set strong radio stations without losing your original manually set preset stations. Press again to deactivate autoset.
- H Setting the Clock** – Press and hold CLK and then press SEEK to set the hour. Press and hold CLK and then press TUNE to set the minute.
- I Select** – press to adjust sound output and distribution after selecting BASS, TREB, BAL or FADE.
- J Setting Memory Preset Stations** – Select AM, FM1 or FM2 band, then select a station. Next, press and hold a control until the sound returns.

DUAL AUTOMATIC CLIMATE CONTROL (if equipped)



- A Temperature Selection** – To control the temperature for the driver and passenger, select the desired temperature by pressing the driver's or passenger's temperature controls.
- B Outside Temperature** – Press to display the outside air temperature. Press again to disengage.
- C Automatic Operation** – In this mode, the system will automatically determine fan speed and airflow location to achieve the temperature selected.
- D A/C Control** – Press to manually enable or disable the air conditioning in all modes except Defrost and Floor and Defrost.
- E Dual Operation** – Press DUAL to enable/disable the dual zone temperature feature.
- F Manual Override Controls** – When pressed, these six controls will override automatic operation. To return to automatic operation, press AUTO.

REAR LIFTGATE GLASS RELEASE BUTTON



- A** To open the liftgate window, with the liftgate unlocked, push the control button on the **right side** under the license plate lamp shield, or press the control on the remote entry key fob.
To lock the liftgate window and the liftgate, use the power door locks or press the door lock switch on the left side of the cargo area.
The liftgate door and window should be closed before driving. If not, possible damage may occur to your vehicle. Always close the liftgate window before opening the liftgate. The liftgate glass and the liftgate should never be open at the same time.

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Fuel Tank Capacity – Your vehicle's fuel tank can accommodate 85.2L (22.5 gallons) of gasoline. Your vehicle is designed to use "Regular" unleaded gasoline with pump (R+M)/2 octane rating of 87 for optimum performance. The use of gasoline with lower octane ratings may degrade performance.

Tire Pressure – Your tire pressure is properly set at the dealership according to the recommended specifications found on the Certification Label located on the front door latch pillar on the driver's side and the Tire Information Label located on the inside of the fuel filler door. Please check your tire pressure during routine maintenance and seasonal changes.
Warning: Improperly inflated tires can affect vehicle handling and can fail suddenly, possibly resulting in loss of vehicle control.

Fuses – If electrical components in the vehicle are not working, a fuse may have blown. For more information about changing a fuse, please consult your Owner's Guide.

Fuel Pump Shut-Off Switch – After a collision, if the engine cranks but does not start, the fuel pump shut-off switch may have to be reset. The switch is located in the passenger's foot well, by the kick panel. For complete details on resetting the switch, please consult your Owner's Guide.

Changing the Tires – If you get a flat tire while driving, do not apply the brake heavily. Instead, gradually decrease your speed. Hold the steering wheel firmly and slowly move to a safe place on the side of the road. The spare is identical to the other tires on your vehicle, although the wheel will not match.

Location of the Spare Tire and Tools

Item	Location
Spare Tire	Under the vehicle, just in front of the rear bumper
Spare Tire Winch Drive Nut	At the rear center of the cargo area under a lid
Jack, Lug Nut Wrench, Jack Handle, and Wheel Chock	Behind the rear seat, under the carpeted floor lid in the cargo floor

Roadside Emergencies – To fully assist if you should have a vehicle concern, Ford Motor Company offers a complimentary roadside assistance program. This program is separate from the New Vehicle Limited Warranty. The service is available: 24 hours, seven days a week for the Basic Warranty period (Canada) or New Vehicle Limited Warranty period (U.S.) of three years or 60,000 km (36,000 miles). Roadside assistance will cover:

- Changing a flat tire
- Jump-starts
- Limited fuel delivery
- Lock-out assistance
- Towing of your vehicle

Roadside Assistance Centers

Country	Phone Number
United States	(800) 241-3673
Canada	(800) 665-2006

For complete details on any roadside assistance concern, see the Roadside Emergencies section or the Customer Assistance section in your Owner's Guide.



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From the rugged exterior styling to the bountiful amenities, every No Boundaries vehicle is equipped to help you enter the next territory. In order to help you fully appreciate the countless features of your new Explorer, we invite you to explore this easy-to-use Quick Reference Guide. Using the image of the instrument panel located in the center of the guide, locate the feature you would like to learn more about. Each numbered feature is briefly described to the left of the instrument panel image. For more information, please consult your Owner's Guide.



This vehicle handles differently from an ordinary passenger car in driving conditions which may occur on streets and highways and off-road. DRIVE WITH CARE AND WEAR A SAFETY BELT AT ALL TIMES. Ford urges you to read the Owners' Guide and Driving Your SUV or Truck Supplement for further information on safe driving precautions and instructions.

2 Headlamp and Panel Dimmer Control



Rotate clockwise to the first position to turn on the parking lamps. Rotate to the second position to also turn on the headlamps. Rotate counterclockwise to activate autolamp, which provides light-sensitive automatic on-off control of the exterior lights and keeps the lights on for 20 seconds after the ignition is turned OFF.

When the control is in any position except high beams or off, pull the control toward you to activate the foglamps (if equipped).

Use the instrument panel dimmer control, which is located to the right of the headlamp control, to adjust the brightness of the instrument panel during headlamp and parklamp operation.

3 Turn Signal and Wiper/Washer Control

For front-wiper operation, rotate the ring on the left to the desired interval, low- or high-speed position. When in the intermittent position, rotate the control up for fast and down for slow intervals. In addition, the speed-sensitive front wipers automatically adjust as the vehicle's speed changes when the control is set for intermittent operation. Push the end of the stalk briefly for a single wipe (no wash). Push and hold for three swipes with wash. The ring on the right operates the rear-window wiper. Rotate the control to the normal-speed (INT 2), intermittent (INT 1), or washer position.



4 ABS Warning Lamp



Illuminates briefly when the ignition is turned to the ON position. In an emergency, apply continuous force on the brake pedal when braking on slippery surfaces - do **not** pump your brakes. Any pulsation or noise you may feel or hear under these braking conditions is normal.

5 Hazard Flasher Control

Press to activate all hazard flashers simultaneously in an emergency to warn traffic of vehicle breakdown, approaching danger, etc. Press the control again to turn the flashers off. The hazard flashers can be operated when the ignition is off.

6 Service Engine Soon Lamp

Illuminates briefly to ensure the system is functional. If it illuminates while driving, it can mean that one of the engine's emission systems has failed or that your fuel cap is not properly installed.



A loose fuel cap can cause the "Check Fuel Cap" lamp to illuminate or create a "Check Fuel Cap" warning message in the optional message center. These warnings reset once the cap is tightened and your vehicle is driven a short distance. To prevent activation of these warning systems, always secure your fuel cap by turning it clockwise 1/8 of a turn until it stops.

7 Gearshift/Overdrive Control

Overdrive is the normal drive position for the best fuel economy. Only deactivate (OFF) overdrive when: driving with a heavy load, towing a trailer up or down steep hills, or when additional engine braking is desired. To deactivate, press the switch located on the end of the gearshift lever. When the battery is disconnected or a new battery is installed, the engine must relearn its idle and fuel trim strategy. Therefore, the transmission

may shift firmly. This is considered normal and will not affect function or durability. For more information, please consult your Owner's Guide.

8 Message Center (if equipped)

Please see Additional Features for more details.

9 Premium Cassette/Single CD Radio (if equipped)

Please see reverse side for more details.

10 In-Dash Six-CD Radio (if equipped)

Please see reverse side for more details.

11 Control-Trac Four-Wheel Drive Control (if equipped)

4X4 Auto automatically delivers full power to the rear axle and to the front axle as required for increased traction. This is appropriate for normal on-road driving. 4X4 High provides four-wheel drive with full power to all four wheels. 4X4 Low provides four-wheel drive with full power to both axles and includes a lower gear ratio for low speed. 4X4 High and 4X4 Low should **not** be used on dry or merely wet pavement.

To shift between 4X4 Auto and 4X4 High, press either button at a stop, or while driving at any speed. To shift to and from 4X4 Low, bring the vehicle to a stop and keep the brake pedal depressed. Next, place the gearshift in N (Neutral), then press the 4X4 Low control, or press 4X4 Auto or 4X4 High if you are in the 4X4 Low mode.

When shifting from one four-wheel drive position to the next, a mechanical noise may be heard. This is normal and no service should be required.

12 Climate Control System (if equipped)

Please see reverse side for more details.

13 Power Adjustable Foot Pedals (if equipped)



Press and hold the rocker control to adjust the accelerator and brake pedal toward you or away from you. Adjust the pedals only when the vehicle is stopped and the gearshift lever is in the P (Park) position.

14 Speed Control

To operate, the speed control must be ON and the vehicle's speed must be at or above 48 km/h (30 mph). To set a speed, press SET +. To set a higher speed, press SET + again. To set a lower speed, press COAST/CST -. Pressing RES will return to a previously set speed. To turn the speed control off, press OFF, or depress the brake pedal to disengage.



15 Reverse Sensing System (RSS) (if equipped)

The RSS sounds a tone to warn the driver of obstacles near the rear bumper when the R (Reverse) gear is selected. The system detects obstacles within approximately 2 meters (6 ft.) behind the rear bumper, or near the rear periphery, while the vehicle moves in reverse at speeds less than 5 km/h (3 mph). The system defaults to ON, but the RSS control allows you to disable the system when the ignition is ON, and the gear selector is in R (Reverse).

The RSS may not detect small objects, particularly those close to the ground. The system may also operate incorrectly under inclement weather conditions, especially if the rear bumper sensors are covered with dirt, snow, or ice.

16 Brake Release

Pull the release lever (rearward) to release the parking brake. To set the parking brake, press the parking brake pedal down until the pedal stops. The BRAKE warning lamp in the instrument cluster will illuminate (when the ignition is turned ON).

Turn Signal and Wiper/Washer Control

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ADDITIONAL FEATURES

Remote Entry System



Press this control once to unlock the driver's door, and twice to unlock all doors and liftgate. The optional memory seat feature will automatically move the driver's seat to the desired memory position when this control is pressed once. Please consult your Owner's Guide for complete details on activating/deactivating the memory seat feature.



Press this control once to lock all doors and liftgate. Pressing the control a second time will chirp the horn and flash the lights to confirm that all doors are closed and locked.



Press this control to unlatch the liftgate window.



Press this control to activate the panic alarm. To deactivate, press the control again, or turn the ignition to ACC or ON.

Please note: When the key is removed from the ignition, the easy entry/exit feature (if equipped) automatically moves the driver's seat backwards slightly (if room is available). It will automatically move the seat forward to the original position when the key is inserted into the ignition.

AdvanceTrac™ System (if equipped)



By monitoring vehicle speed, yaw, lateral acceleration, and intended direction, the AdvanceTrac system provides enhanced traction and stability on slippery surfaces, or in emergency maneuvers. The system defaults to on; however, if equipped with four-wheel drive, the stability control does not function in 4L.



If your vehicle should become stuck, try switching the system off by pressing the AdvanceTrac button on the center console. When the system is functioning, a yellow icon will flash.

Message Center (if equipped)



The message center displays important vehicle information through a constant monitor of vehicle systems (with the ignition in the ON position). The system will notify you of potential vehicle problems with a display of system warnings followed by a long indicator chime. You may select display features on the message center by pressing the INFO or SETUP button. The RESET button may be used to reset select functions in the Info and Setup menus.

For complete details on the message center display features, please consult your Owner's Guide.

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Heated Front Seats (if equipped)

Push the control located on the outboard side of the front seat cushion to activate the heated seats. The heated seat icon in the climate control system will illuminate. Push again to deactivate.



Homelink Universal Transceiver (if equipped)

This three-button control, located on the overhead console, is a convenient way to replace up to three hand-held transmitters. The control can be programmed to operate garage doors, entry gates, security systems, entry door locks, and home or office lighting. For more information, please consult your Owner's Guide.