



This Quick Reference Guide is not intended to replace your vehicle Owner's Guide which contains more detailed information concerning the features of your vehicle, as well as important safety warnings designed to help reduce the risk of injury to you and your passengers. Please read your entire Owner's Guide carefully as you begin learning about your new vehicle and refer to the appropriate sections when questions arise.

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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 Owner's Guide and Driving Your SUV or Truck Supplement for detailed information on safe driving precautions and instructions.

Essential Information

Location of Spare Tire and Tools: The spare tire is located under the vehicle, just forward of the rear bumper. The spare tire winch drive nut is located at the rear center of the cargo area, under a lid. The jack, jack handle and lug nut wrench are located behind the rear seat, under the carpeted lid in the cargo floor. The tools are contained in a bag attached to the jack.

Fuses: If the vehicle's electrical components are not operating, a fuse may have blown. The fuse panel is located below the instrument panel on the driver's side; remove the cover to view the fuses. For more information regarding changing fuses, refer to the Roadside Emergencies chapter of your Owner's Guide.

Fuel Information: Use regular unleaded gasoline with an (R+M)/2 octane rating of 87. Ford Motor Company does not recommend using regular unleaded gasoline with an octane rating of 86 or lower in high altitude areas. The advertised fuel capacity of the fuel tank is equal to the rated refill capacity of the fuel tank as listed in the Maintenance and Specifications chapter of the Owner's Guide.

Tire Pressure: Your vehicle's tire pressure is properly set by your authorized dealer according to the recommended specifications found on the vehicle's tire label, located on the driver's door jamb. Check your tire pressure during routine maintenance and seasonal changes. If the Tire Pressure Monitoring System light stays illuminated after starting, immediately check the tires and inflate them to the proper pressure. Improperly inflated tires can affect vehicle handling and tire performance.

Fuel Pump Shut-Off Switch: The fuel pump shut-off switch is a device intended to stop the electric fuel pump when your vehicle has been involved in a substantial jolt. The switch is located in the passenger's footwell, by the kick panel. After a collision, if the engine cranks but does not start, the fuel pump shut-off switch may have been activated. For more information regarding the fuel pump shut-off switch, refer to the Roadside Emergencies chapter of your Owner's Guide.

Changing the Tires: The spare tire is not equipped with a Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS) sensor. The TPMS warning light will illuminate when the spare tire is in use. Replace the spare tire with a road tire as soon as possible. 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.

Roadside Assistance: During your Explorer's limited warranty period, the assurance and support of a 24-hour emergency roadside assistance program is included. Roadside assistance includes such services as fuel delivery, tire changes, jump starts and help when you are locked out of your vehicle. Complete your roadside assistance identification card and keep it handy (such as in your wallet) for quick reference. This identification card is located in your Ford Owner's Information portfolio. To receive roadside assistance in the United States, call 1-800-241-3673.

Rear Window Buffeting: When one or both of the rear windows are open, the vehicle may demonstrate a wind throb or buffeting noise; this noise is common among a wide range of vehicles and can be eliminated by simply lowering a front window approximately two to three inches.



A. (CD Eject): Press and hold to auto eject all CDs present in the system. Press and a memory preset to eject from a specific slot.

B. LOAD: Press LOAD and a memory preset to load to a specific slot. Press and hold to autoloop up to six CDs.

C. (Tune/Disc Selector): Press and release to manually advance up/down the radio frequency or to select a desired disc. Press and hold for a fast advance through radio frequencies or all loaded discs. Also use in menu mode to select various settings.

D. CD: Press to enter CD/MP3 mode. If a CD/MP3 is already loaded into the system, CD play will begin where it ended last. If no CD is loaded, NO DISC will appear in the display.

E. (Phone): If your vehicle is equipped with SYNC, press to access SYNC PHONE features. For more information, please refer to the SYNC supplement. If your vehicle is not equipped with SYNC, the display will read NO PHONE.

Navigation System (if equipped)

Your vehicle may be equipped with a Navigation System. Refer to the Navigation Supplement for further information on the operation of your system.

SATELLITE RADIO CONTROLS: (if equipped)

F. AUX: Press repeatedly to cycle through SAT1, SAT2, SAT3 (satellite radio mode if equipped), LINE IN (auxiliary audio mode), or FES/DVD (if equipped). Press AM/FM to return to radio mode.

L. FOLDER: In folder mode, press to access the previous or next folder on MP3 discs, if available. Satellite radio is available only with a valid SIRIUS radio subscription. Check with your authorized dealer for availability.

G. MENU: Press this button when satellite radio mode is active to access. Press OK to enter into the satellite radio menu. Press / to cycle through the following options: Category, Save Song, Delete Song, Delete All Songs and Enable Alerts/Disable Alerts. For more information, please refer to your Owner's Guide.

H. SEEK: Press to access the previous strong station or track. Press to access the next strong station or track.

I. TEXT/SCAN: Press and hold for a brief sampling of radio stations or CD tracks. Press again to stop. In CD/MP3 mode, press to display track title, artist name and disc title.

J. REW (Rewind): Press to manually reverse in a CD or MP3 track.

K. FF (Fast Forward): Press to manually advance in a CD or MP3 track.

M. SHUFFLE: Press to play the tracks on the current disc in random order.

N. / II OK (PLAY/PAUSE): This control is operational in CD and DVD mode (if equipped). When a CD or DVD is playing in the Family Entertainment System, press this control to play or pause the current CD/DVD. The CD/DVD status will display in the radio display.

OK - Your vehicle may be equipped with special phone and media features which will require you to confirm commands by pressing OK. For further information, refer to the SYNC supplement.

O. Memory Presets: To set a station, select frequency band AM/FM1/FM2, tune to a station, press and hold a preset button (1-6) until sound returns.

*If equipped.

Additional Features

Remote Entry System

The remote entry system allows you to lock or unlock all vehicle doors and the liftgate, open the liftgate window without a key, and activate the panic alarm. Press control **C** and release to unlock the driver's door. Press and release again within three seconds to unlock the passenger doors, the liftgate and liftgate glass. Press control **A** and release to lock all the doors and liftgate. Press control **D** to unlatch the liftgate window. Press control **B** to activate the alarm. The horn will sound and the parking lamps will flash for a maximum of three minutes. Press the control again or turn the ignition to the 3 (ON) position to deactivate. The remote entry system can also control the memory seat/adjustable pedals/easy entry-exit feature (if equipped). Press control **C** to automatically move the seat and adjustable pedals to the desired memory position (if equipped) (the seat position corresponds to the transmitter being used). **Car finder** Press twice within 3 seconds. The horn will chirp and the turn lamps will flash. It is recommended that this method be used to locate your vehicle, rather than using the panic alarm. For more information regarding the memory seats/adjustable pedals/easy entry-exit feature, refer to your Owner's Guide.



HomeLink® Wireless Control System (if equipped)

The HomeLink® Wireless Control System, located on the overhead console, provides a convenient way to replace up to three hand-held transmitters with a single built-in device. This feature will learn the radio frequency codes of most transmitters to operate garage doors, entry gate operators, security systems, entry door locks, and home or office lighting. To set the HomeLink® Wireless Control System, refer to your Owner's Guide. To operate, simply press and release the appropriate HomeLink® button. Activation will now occur for the trained product (garage door, gate operator, security system, entry door lock, home or office lighting, etc.).



USB Port (if equipped)

Your vehicle may be equipped with a USB port inside your center console. This feature allows you to plug in your media playing devices among other options. For more detailed information, please refer to the SYNC supplement or the SYNC section of the Navigation Supplement.

Family Entertainment System (FES) (if equipped)

Your vehicle may be equipped with a Family Entertainment System (Rear seat DVD player with wireless headphones and remote control). Refer to the Owner's Guide for further information on the operation of your system.

Auxiliary Input Jack

Your vehicle is equipped with an Auxiliary Input Jack (E) located inside the console bin. This allows you to plug and play auxiliary audio devices. Press AUX repeatedly on your audio system to access. When LINE IN appears in the display, plug in your auxiliary audio device. For more detailed information, please refer to your Owner's Guide.



Power Deployable Running Boards (if equipped)

The deployable running boards automatically move when the doors are opened to assist with entering and exiting the vehicle. With automatic power deploy, the running boards will extend down when the doors are opened, and with automatic power stow, the running boards will return to the stowed position when the doors are closed. To enable/disable the power running board feature, refer to the Message Center section of your Owner's Guide.

Seating

2nd Row Seats: The second row seats are designed for maximum utility. They can be positioned in up to three unique configurations: Upright (seating) position, Cargo mode, and E-Z entry mode (if equipped with 3rd row seat).

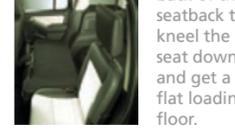
Before folding down the 2nd row seats, ensure that no



objects such as books, purses, or briefcases are on the floor in front of or under the seat. **1.** Lower the head restraints by pulling on the strap. **2.** Locate the recline handle on the side of the seat cushion by the door. **3.** Pull up on the handle and push the seatback forward toward the front of the vehicle.

To place the 2nd row 60/40 seats in cargo mode:

(if equipped with a 3rd row seat) **1.** Fold down the 2nd



row seat as indicated. **2.** Lift the cargo mode lever located on the back of the seatback to kneel the seat down and get a flat loading floor. A moderate force may be required to move the seat forward and down.

To return to the upright (seating) position from cargo mode: **1.** Push the seat rearward until the latch is engaged. (A moderate force may be required to move the seat). **2.** Return the seatback to the upright position.

Note: The seatback cannot be returned to the upright position until the seat is returned from the cargo mode and try lifting it again. The seatback will not raise, reposition the seat into cargo mode and try lifting it again.

To enter the 3rd row seat: (if equipped)

1. Fold the seatback down (as indicated) and release the side handle.

2. Pull the side handle up again until the rear of the seat releases from the floor. **3.** Rotate the seat upward and away from the 3rd row.

To return the 2nd row seat to the upright (seating) position from E-Z entry mode:

1. Return the seat from the E-Z entry position and latch it to the floor with a moderate speed. **2.** Bring the seatback to an upright position.

Note: If the seatback will not return to the upright position, tumble the seat forward again and then re-latch it to the floor. Be sure that cargo or other objects are not trapped underneath the seatback.

3rd Row Seats: (if equipped)

Before folding the 3rd row seats, ensure that no objects such as books, purses or briefcases are on the seat cushions and that the seat belts are unbuckled. **1.** Fold the head restraints down by pulling on the strap located under the restraint. **2.** Pull up on the handle located behind the seatback while pushing the



seatback forward and down into the seat cushion.

Note: For 3rd row power folding seat (if equipped), the control buttons are located on the driver-side rear quarter trim panel (accessible from the liftgate area). Be sure to fold the head restraints before powering the 3rd row seat into the folded position.

To return the 3rd row seats to the upright (seating) position:

1. Pull up on the handle located on the seatback, rotating the seatback upward until you hear a click, locking it in the upright position. **2.** Lift up on the head restraint until it locks into its original position.



2008 EXPLORER
QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

The 2008 Ford Explorer

was engineered with your lifestyle in mind – tough enough to take on what the road ahead gives you, yet sophisticated. Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with your new Ford Explorer by reading this Quick Reference Guide, which discusses features, specifications and general information. For detailed information, consult your Owner's Guide.

Use extreme caution when using any device or feature that may take your attention off the road. Your primary responsibility is the safe operation of the vehicle. Only use non-essential features or devices when it is safe to do so.



2008 EXPLORER INSTRUMENT PANEL



2008 EXPLORER DUAL AUTO TEMPERATURE CONTROL*

- 1. Headlamp Control**
The headlamp control is located on the lower left portion of the instrument panel. The first clockwise position controls the parking lamps, instrument panel lamps, license plate lamps and tail lamps. The second clockwise position controls the headlamps. Pull the control out to activate the fog lamps and aid visibility in fog, snow or rain. The autolamps feature (if equipped) automatically activates/deactivates your headlamps as necessary. To use the autolamps feature, rotate the control counter-clockwise; to deactivate the feature, place the control in the O (Off) position.
- 2. Parking Brake Release**
Pull the release lever to release the parking brake. Driving with the parking brake engaged will cause the brakes to wear out prematurely and reduce fuel economy.
- 3. Turn Signal and Wiper / Washer Control**
Move the control down to activate your left turn signal; move the control up to activate your right turn signal. To use your windshield wipers, push the end of the stalk briefly to cause a single swipe of the wipers. With a quick push and hold, the wipers will swipe three times with washer fluid. With a long push and hold, the wipers and fluid
- 4. Speed Control**
To engage speed control, press ON, then press and release SET+. To set a higher speed, press and hold SET +, then release the control when you have reached your desired speed. To set a lower speed, press and hold SET - until you have reached your desired speed, or depress the brake pedal and press the SET + control. To return to a previously set speed, press RES. To disengage speed controls, depress the brake pedal or press OFF.
- 5. Service Engine Soon Light**
The Service Engine Soon indicator light is located in the instrument cluster and illuminates when the engine

- will be activated for up to ten seconds. The bars of varying length are for intermittent wipers. Rotate the windshield wiper control upward for fast intervals and downward for slow intervals. The control ring on the right side of the control operates the rear window wiper; rotate the control to the INT1 (8-10 second interval) or INT2 (3-4 second interval) position to activate the rear window wiper. To wash the rear window, rotate (and hold as desired) the rear wiper/washer control to either position.
- 6. Hazard Flasher Control**
The hazard flasher is located on the steering column, just behind the steering wheel. Press the flasher control and all front and rear direction signals will flash; press again to deactivate the feature.
- 7. Message Center (if equipped)**
With the ignition in the ON position, the message center, located in the instrument cluster, displays important vehicle information through a constant monitoring of vehicle systems. The message center displays features such as trip odometer, compass, distance to empty, average fuel economy and a language selector. The message center also provides vehicle system checks and will notify you of potential vehicle problems with a display of system warnings.
- 8. Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS) Warning Light**
When the TPMS warning light is lit, one or more of your tires is significantly under-inflated. You should stop and check the tires as soon as possible, and inflate them to the proper pressure, as indicated on the vehicle's tire label. Driving on a significantly under-inflated tire causes the tire to overheat and can eventually lead to tire failure. Outside temperatures affect tire pressure; refer to the Owner's Guide for additional tire information.
- 9. ABS Warning Light**
Your anti-lock braking system (ABS) detects the onset of wheel lockup during brake applications and helps prevent wheels from locking during extreme braking situations. The ABS warning light will illuminate when you start the vehicle's engine. If the light remains illuminated, continues to flash, or fails to illuminate, see an authorized dealer's service department immediately.
- 10. Power Adjustable Foot Pedals (if equipped)**
Press and hold the control to adjust the position of the accelerator and brake pedal toward or away from you, to a maximum of three (3) inches of travel. The accelerator and brake pedal should only be adjusted when the vehicle is stopped and the gearshift lever is in the P (Park) position.

- 11. AdvanceTrac® with Roll Stability Control™ (RSC) Stability Enhancement System**
The AdvanceTrac® with RSC system enhances your vehicle's stability during maneuvers that require all available tire traction, like in wet/snowy/icy road conditions and/or when performing emergency maneuvers. In an emergency lane change, the driver may experience better overall vehicle traction, and may have better control of the vehicle. The Advance-Trac® with RSC button allows the driver to turn off certain features of the AdvanceTrac with RSC system for vehicle speeds below 25 mph (40 km/h). To deactivate, please refer to the Owner's Guide for additional information.
- 12. Heated Windshield (if equipped)**
The heated windshield control is located on the instrument panel just under the climate controls behind the gear shift lever. To activate the heated windshield, push the control. During initial start-up, the windshield may have a shimmering appearance. This is normal operation and will only last for approximately one minute. The heated windshield will turn off automatically after a period of eight minutes if the outside temperature is below 40°F or a period of four
- minutes when the outside temperature is above 40°F or when the engine is turned off. To manually turn off the heated windshield before the specified time has passed, push the control switch again.
- 13. Gearshift/Overdrive (O/D) Control**
Overdrive is the normal driving position for the best fuel economy, and can be deactivated by pressing the transmission control switch on the side of the gearshift lever. This position allows for all forward gears except overdrive, provides engine braking and should be used when driving conditions cause excessive shifting from O/D to other gears, such as city traffic, hilly terrain and trailer towing.
- 14. Heated Seats (if equipped)**
The heated seat control is located in the lower center of the instrument panel. To operate the heated seats, push the control to activate and push again to deactivate.

- A. Temperature Controls:** To control the temperature on the driver's side in single zone mode, press the driver temperature control; the climate system's display indicates the selected temperature. The passenger side can also be controlled by selecting the passenger temperature control, the temperature will appear in the display.
- B. AUTO:** Press to select the desired temperature shown in the display window. The system will automatically determine the fan speed, the direction of the airflow, and outside or recirculated air to heat or cool the vehicle to the selected temperature.
- C. Fan Speed:** Press to manually increase and decrease fan speed.
- D. OFF:** Outside air is shut out and the fan will not operate. **Note:** If your vehicle is equipped with the auxiliary climate control system, the auxiliary fan can still operate with the front system off.
- E. Manual Override Controls:** Press to manually determine where airflow is directed. To return to fully automatic control, press AUTO.
- F. Windshield Defroster:** Outside air is distributed through the windshield defroster vents.
- G. DUAL (Single/Dual Electric Temperature Control):** The control allows the driver to have full control of the cabin temperature settings (single zone) or allows the passenger to have control of their individual temperature settings (dual zone control). Press to turn on dual zone mode; press again to return to single zone.
- H. Rear Window Defroster:** The rear defroster control is located on the instrument panel. Press the rear defroster control to clear the rear window of thin ice and fog. The ignition must be in the 3 (ON) position to operate the rear window defroster. The defroster turns off automatically after ten minutes or when the ignition is turned to the 1 (OFF/LOCK) or 2 (ACC) position. To manually turn off the defroster before ten minutes have passed, press the control again.

*if equipped