

## Street Truck Swagger

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Instead, it leans into attitude, the kind of low-slung, street-focused presence that feels more at home cruising a boulevard than climbing a muddy trail.

That's intentional.

Ford didn't just build another appearance package here. The Lobo taps into decades of street truck culture, particularly within Hispanic communities, where trucks are expressions of identity as much as transportation.

You can see it in the stance, the lighting, and the overall vibe. This is a truck that wants to be noticed.

And it is.

The lowered look and 22-inch wheels give it a planted, almost performance-oriented posture. The signature light bar across the grille is bold without being gaudy, and the ground effects package adds just enough aggression. In traffic, it stands out in a way most F-150s simply don't.

Under the hood, things get even better.

The optional 5.0-liter V8 is the right call here. With 400 horsepower and 410 pound-feet of torque, it delivers a smooth, confident surge that feels more



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Ride quality is a mixed bag, though.

The lowered suspension and street-focused tuning give the Lobo sharper

responses than a typical F-150. It's not harsh, but it's firmer than what traditional truck buyers might expect.

That trade-off feels intentional, but it's worth noting.

The Mobile Office Package on my tester added useful touches like a work surface and storage

solutions, turning the truck into a genuinely functional workspace. It's the kind of feature you don't think about until you use it, and then you wonder why more vehicles don't offer it.

Materials are solid, if not luxurious. This is still an

STX-based truck, and it shows. You won't find high-end finishes, but everything feels durable and well assembled. The 12-inch touchscreen running Sync 4 is responsive and easy to navigate, which matters more in daily use than flashy graphics.

Fuel economy lands right where you'd expect for a V8-powered full-size pickup. The EPA estimates 16 mpg city and 24 highway, and that feels realistic based on a week of mixed driving.

At \$63,780 as tested, the Lobo occupies an interesting space.

It's more expensive than a basic F-150, but still well below high-end trims like Lariat or Platinum. That positioning makes sense. This is a lifestyle truck, aimed at buyers who care about style and presence as much as capability.

And that's where it succeeds.

The Lobo isn't trying to be everything to everyone. It's not the best off-roader, and it's not the most luxurious F-150. But it offers something different, a factory-built street truck with real personality and cultural relevance.

#### AT A GLANCE

##### WHAT WAS TESTED?

2025 Ford F-150 4x4 SuperCrew (\$51,230). Options: Equipment Group 200A (\$1,535), 5.0-liter V8 engine (\$2,340), Lobo package (\$4,695), mobile office package (\$760), spray-in bedliner (\$625). Price as tested (including \$2,595 destination charge): \$63,780

##### BY THE NUMBERS

Wheelbase: 145.4 in.  
Length: 209.4 in.  
Width: 79.9 in.  
Height: 76.9 in.  
Engine: 5.0-liter Coyote V8 (400 hp, 410 lbs. ft.)  
Transmission: 10-speed automatic  
MPG: 16 city, 24 highway

##### RATINGS

Style: 10  
Performance: 9  
Price: 5  
Handling: 7  
Ride: 7  
Comfort: 8  
Quality: 7  
Overall: 8

##### WHY BUY IT?

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The Lobo's spacious cabin with practical storage and a large touchscreen emphasizes everyday usability over luxury.

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