2027 FORD EXPLORER

Explorer ST Goes Sinister

PRESS RELEASE

For the past several years, the Ford Explorer ST has proven that a three-row family SUV can still be performance tuned. The ST badge became a point of pride for a community of enthusiasts who treat their SUVs as an extension of their identity, and for 2027 Ford is rewarding that passion with the optional Explorer ST Sinister package.

The package is a factory-original, high-performance salute to the ST community, inspired by the gloss-black wheels, blacked-out trim and dark accents owners have been adding to their own vehicles.



The 2027 Ford Explorer ST adds an optional Sinister package with blacked-out styling and 21-inch gloss-black wheels, joining a lineup that ranges from the Active to the off-road Tremor.

SINISTER PACKAGE

The Sinister package delivers a blacked-out, aggressive appearance with dark-accented ST badging, amber running lights and 21-inch gloss-black wheels.

Beyond the styling, the Explorer ST is built to move. With a sport-tuned suspension and a twin-turbocharged 3.0-liter EcoBoost V6 rated at 385 horsepower, the ST provides sports-car acceleration and handling in a family-sized package.

ST EXPERIENCE

To help owners get the most from their SUVs, the Explorer ST Experience is returning. The purchase of a 2026 or 2027 Explorer ST includes an invitation to a one-day professional driving school. Launching in the fall of 2026, the tour is traveling across the country to teach owners how to use the ST's performance the way Ford engineers intended.

THE LINEUP

The Explorer lineup includes the versatile Active, sporty ST-Line, off-road Tremor, high-performance ST and luxurious Platinum.

The Explorer Tremor is built for drivers who want more off-road adventure. It rides on 18-inch wheels with all-terrain tires and adds auxiliary off-road lights, accented tow hooks and improved approach and departure angles. Standard four-wheel drive with a Torsen limited-slip differential helps maintain traction on slippery and sandy surfaces, and an off-road-tuned suspension adds an extra inch of ride height. Underbody protection at the front and rear guards vital components.

POWERTRAINS

The Explorer's 2.3-liter EcoBoost four-cylinder engine produces 300 horsepower and 310 lb-ft of torque, balancing performance and efficiency. The twin-turbocharged 3.0-liter EcoBoost V6 is offered on the ST and available on the Tremor for drivers who want more power.

ROOM AND TOWING

Either engine can tow up to 5,000 pounds when properly equipped. The Explorer seats six or seven and offers 16.3 cubic feet of cargo space behind the third row, 46 cubic feet behind the second row and 85.8 cubic feet behind the first row.

TECHNOLOGY

Inside, the Explorer features the Ford Digital Experience and Ford Co-Pilot360 Assist 2.0, along with available massaging front seats and a 14-speaker Bang & Olufsen premium audio system. A panoramic fixed-glass roof with power shade is an option on every series.

The Ford Connectivity Package, with one year included, is standard on all models, and a seven-year package is available as a one-time purchase. BlueCruise hands-free highway driving hardware is standard on the ST, Tremor with the 3.0-liter engine and Platinum, and a seven-year BlueCruise subscription is offered on ST-Line, Tremor, ST and Platinum.

The Tremor Convenience Package adds ambient lighting, an auto-dimming rear-view mirror, rain-sensing wipers, driver's seat memory and power-folding third-row seats. A second-row bench seat is available on the ST.

PRICING

The 2027 Explorer Active starts at $38,680. The ST-Line is priced at $44,415, the Tremor at $49,415, the Platinum at $50,875 and the ST at $53,875. Prices exclude destination and delivery. Pricing for the ST Sinister package had not been announced at press time.

BY THE NUMBERS

Base price: $38,680
Wheelbase: 119.1 in.
Length: 198.7 in.
Width: 78.9 in.
Height: 69.6–70.2 in.
Engine: 2.3L EcoBoost I-4, 300 hp, 310 lb-ft
Max towing: 5,000 lbs.