

Luxurious worker – the 2026 Ford F-150 King Ranch

Since 1981, the Ford F-Series has been the best-selling vehicle in the United States, and is the second best-selling automobile of all time, trailing the Toyota Corolla. And with reason, the F-150, the most common version of the F-Series, is highly versatile and has something to offer nearly every full-size truck shopper. This week, I am in America's most popular vehicle, decked out in fine leather and a drivetrain that is both powerful and fuel efficient. Let's look at the Ford F-150 King Ranch.

Today's F-150 remains part of the 14th generation of F-150s that came out in 2021. While its silhouette and aggressive grilles are instantly recognizable, its aluminum-alloy body design is more traditionally utilitarian compared to its competitors, mainly the boxy GM twins and the bold Ram. Seems that being slightly conservative from the rest has paid dividends for Ford.

One thing that makes the F-150 so appealing is the various ways it can be had. It is available in nine different trim levels,



three cab styles and three bed lengths. And there are four different engine options to pick from, not including two that are trim-level specific (Raptor and Raptor R).

The King Ranch that the tester arrived as is one of two top-tier luxury trim levels available, the other being the Platinum. Going with the King Ranch, the F-150 cabin is decked out in special rich leather that emits a luxurious vibe. Ford has been in partnership with King Ranch since 1999, and the King Ranch logo, the "Running W", is boldly shown in the cabin of the F-150, reminding its occupants of the special F-150 that they are in.

Luxury aside, the F-150 is all about the work and convenience features it has to offer. Not only is the cabin big and comfortable, but it can be used as a place to do

office work. For example, at the touch of a button, the gear shift lever can be folded flat into the center console to create a large flat workspace- almost like having your own desk at your side. Or if you find yourself working too hard and need to take a nap, the new F-150 can be ordered with fold-flat front seats to be used for sleeping.

Raptor versions aside, the F-150 is offered with two different turbocharged V6 engines as well as a V8. And they also offer a hybrid powertrain, called the PowerBoost. The PowerBoost powertrain consists of Ford's twin-turbocharged 3.5-liter EcoBoost V-6, along with a 35-kilowatt electric motor. Combined, the two make an impressive 430 hp and 570 lb-ft.

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