

A Tremor hits the 2026 Ford Explorer

Although it wasn't the first sport utility vehicle when it came out in 1991 as a replacement for the Bronco II, the Ford Explorer was the first mainstream SUV. Once the Explorer hit the streets, everyone had to have an SUV, and all the manufacturers answered by offering their own SUVs like the Explorer. Now, 35 years later, the Explorer remains one of the best-selling SUVs of all time in the American market.

The 2026 Ford Explorer SUV continues its role as a suburban family shuttle slotted between the larger Expedition and the smaller Escape in the brand's SUV lineup. With its three rows, powerful engines, top-notch features and offering more off-road capabilities this year, the Explorer continues to be a standout in its class.

After a much-needed mid-cycle refresh last year that gave the Explorer a new grille, headlights, and lower air inlets, along with new taillights, the Explorer continues to look much like it did when this sixth generation made its debut in 2020.

The Explorer's strong point is its family-friendly interior and third-row seat capability. While that back row is not as comfortable as some rivals, just knowing that it's there for when you need it buys some peace of mind. Fold it down, and it reveals a reasonable amount of cargo space.

New for 2026 is the off-road, go anywhere Tremor trim package. Replacing the Timberline trim, the Tremor should sound familiar as it is available on other Fords including the F-150, Super Duty, Expedition and Maverick.

The Explorer is available in six trim levels, each sculpturing the Explorer in a distinct way. The Active 100A is the base, but



doesn't feel that way, as it comes with 18-inch wheels, LED headlights, keyless entry and start, three zone climate control and a 13.2-inch touchscreen. Move up to the Active and a power liftgate, 10-way power seat and heated front seats are added. Step up to the ST-Line, and the Explorer changes into a sportier outfit by blacking out its grille, emblems and lower body clad-

ding along with 20-inch wheels, adaptive cruise control and BlueCruise (Ford's hands-free driving system). The new Tremor package fits the Explorer with 18-inch all-terrain tires, a 1-inch raised suspension, a limited slip rear differential, skid plates and grill-mounted auxiliary lights. To highlight the Tremor package, orange accents can be found both on the exterior and well as

the interior. The ST retaining the blacked-out look from the ST-Line and adds 21-inch wheels, a sport-tuned suspension, upgraded brakes and paddle shifters. Rounding out the lineup is the Platinum. It gets 20-inch wheels, a twin-panel sunroof, leather interior with suede inserts and heated second row seats.

Continues on page 22

AUTO•HOME•LIFE•COMMERCIAL

Lower Rates & Amazing Coverage
are only the beginning...

PROGRESSIVE[®]

INSURANCE AGENT

Ernesto A. Gonzalez, LUTCF

ADVANTAGE INSURANCE AGENCY

ernestoagonzalez@msn.com

915 855-2996

Call Us and Get a Quote by Phone!

11930 Vista del Sol, Ste. A at Zaragoza, El Paso, Texas 79936



**Mexico
Insurance
Available!**