

2026 Ford Explorer...

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The Active 100A, Active, and ST-Line are powered by Fords EcoBoost turbocharged 2.3-liter four-cylinder that makes 300 horsepower and 311 lb-ft of torque. The Tremor and Platinum also come standard with the turbo four, but the more powerful EcoBoost V6, which uses a twin turbocharged 3.0-liter that makes 400 horsepower and 415 lb-ft. of torque, is available as an option. The performance-oriented ST gets the EcoBoost V6 as standard equipment.

The tester arrived as the Explorer Tremor with the optional EcoBoost V6. It carries a price tag of \$64,705.

I recall previous Explorers having an interior design that generally favored function over form. That changed last year as Ford has focused on comfort and upgraded materials and has incorporated new soft-touch surfaces on the center console and door panels, and new color schemes. A redesigned



dashboard is shaped to provide front passengers with more space. Second row seats continue to be roomy and getting into the standard third row is easy thanks to a mechanism that moves the second-row seat out of the way at the touch of a button. Also new is the Ford Digital Experience - a new software system that is designed to easily integrate a user's favorite apps and provide native streaming and internet browsing.

as I recall it needed just a second more to reach the same speed. So far, I have been surprised with how well the Tremor's off-road suspension does in city driving. The damping feels composed and smooth throughout and it takes corners well, so far never hinting of floating or being unstable. I hope to take the Explorer Tremor off-road, to get a taste of what it can do.

The Explorer sure has come a long way sin-

The main emphasis of the Explorer is to be able to haul passengers and cargo. The first two rows of seats provide great comfort for its occupants. The standard third row seat is a bit tight for me but won't pose a problem for children. Maximum cargo capacity is about 87 cubic feet, typical for this class.

ce it hit stardom back in the 1990's. Like many of us, it has gotten bigger as time has gone by. But it has aged well and grown to be more luxurious, comfortable and capable. While it may not get the credit and recognition that it deserves, the Ford Explorer set a trend in this country that is still alive and well.

-- Christopher A. Randazzo

By The Numbers:

2026 Ford Explorer Tremor 4WD

Base Price:\$48,00 (est)
Price as Tested:\$64,705
Layout:front-engine / four-wheel drive
Engine:3.0 liter turbocharged V6
Transmission:10 - speed automatic
Horsepower:400 hp
Torque:415 ft-lbs
EPA Fuel Economy:17 mpg city / 22 mpg highway

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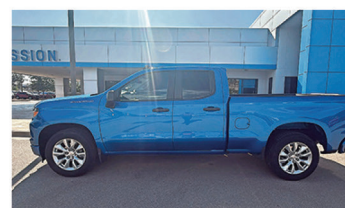
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