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## Essential Information

**Location of Spare Tire:** If you get a flat tire while driving, do not apply the brake heavily. Instead, gradually decrease your speed. Hold the steering wheel firmly and slowly move to a safe place on the side of the road. Your vehicle is equipped with a temporary spare tire located under the vehicle, just forward of the rear bumper. The temporary spare is designed for emergency use only and should be replaced as soon as possible. The jack and tools are located under the carpeted floor panel in the rear cargo area. For complete details on how to change your tire, refer to the *Roadside Emergencies* chapter in your Owner's Guide.

**Fuses:** If the vehicle's electrical components are not operating, a fuse may have blown. The fuse panel is located below the instrument panel on the driver's side. For more information regarding changing fuses, refer to the *Roadside Emergencies* chapter of your Owner's Guide.

**Fuel Type and Tank Capacity:** Your fuel tank capacity is 22.5 gallons (85.2L). Your vehicle is designed to use "Regular" unleaded gasoline with an octane rating of 87. Do not use gasoline labeled as "Regular" in high altitude areas that are sold with octane ratings less than 87. Do not use E85 fuels, as your vehicle was not designed to run on E85 fuels that are blended with a maximum of 85% ethanol.

**Tire Pressure:** Your tire pressure is properly set at the dealership according to the recommended specifications found on the Safety Compliance Certification Label or Tire Label located on the on the B-Pillar or the edge of the driver's door. Check your tire pressure at least once a month and before long trips (including spare). As an added safety feature, your vehicle may be equipped with a **Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS)** that illuminates a low tire pressure warning light  $\omega$  when one or more of your tires is significantly under-inflated. Improperly inflated tires can affect vehicle handling and can fail suddenly, possibly resulting in loss of vehicle control. Refer to the *Tires, Wheels and Loading* chapter in your Owner's Guide for more information.

**Fuel Pump Shut-Off Switch:** The fuel pump shut-off switch is a device intended to stop the electric fuel pump when your vehicle has been involved in a substantial jolt. The switch is located in the passenger's footwell, by the kick panel. After a collision, if the engine cranks but does not start, the fuel pump shut-off switch may have been activated. For more information regarding the fuel pump shut-off switch, refer to the *Roadside Emergencies* chapter of your Owner's Guide.

**Easy Fuel™ 'no cap' Fuel System:** Your vehicle has a 'no cap' fuel system which allows you to simply open the fuel filler door, insert the nozzle and start fueling. The Easy Fuel™ System is self-sealing and therefore protected against dust, dirt, water, snow and ice. If you need to fill your fuel tank with a portable fuel container, use the fuel funnel which is either attached to the underside of the spare tire cover or with the tire changing tools. Slowly insert the funnel into the Easy Fuel™ system and fill the tank with fuel from the container. When done, clean the funnel or properly dispose of it. Extra funnels can be purchased from your authorized dealer. **Do not** use aftermarket funnels as they will not work with the Easy Fuel™ system and may cause damage.

**Roadside Assistance:** Your new Ford Explorer comes with the assurance and support of 24-hour emergency roadside assistance. Roadside assistance includes such services as: lockout assistance, limited fuel delivery, battery jump starts, changing a flat tire, towing, and winch out. To receive roadside assistance in the United States, call 1 (800) 241-3673. In Canada, call 1 (800) 665-2006. For more information on coverage period and details of service, refer to your roadside assistance information.

**S.O.S. Post Crash Alert System:** Your vehicle is equipped with the S.O.S. Post Crash Alert system. This system provides audible and visual alarms in the event of a crash which causes the deployment of airbags or the activation of the safety belt pretensioners. The turn signals will flash and the horn will sound. To deactivate the system, press the hazard flasher control, or you can press  $\omega$  on your remote transmitter.



**A.  $\blacktriangle$  (Eject):** Press and hold to auto eject all CDs present in the system. Press  $\blacktriangle$  and a memory preset to eject from a specific slot.

**B. LOAD:** Press LOAD and a memory preset to load to a specific slot. Press and hold to autoloop up to six CDs.

**C.  $\blacktriangle$  /  $\blacktriangledown$  (Tune/Disc Selector):** Press and release to manually advance up/down the radio frequency or to select a desired disc. Press and hold for a fast advance through radio frequencies.

**D. CD:** Press to enter CD/MP3 mode. If a CD/MP3 is already loaded into the system, CD play will begin where it ended last. If no CD is loaded, NO DISC will appear in the display.

**E.  $\omega$  (Phone):** If your vehicle is equipped with SYNC®, press to access SYNC® PHONE features. For more information, please refer to the SYNC® supplement. If your vehicle is not equipped with SYNC®, the display will read NO PHONE.

**SATELLITE RADIO CONTROLS:**  
**F. AUX:** Press repeatedly to cycle through SAT1, SAT2, SAT3 (satellite radio mode, if equipped), SYNC® (if equipped), LINE IN (auxiliary audio mode), or FES/DVD (if equipped). Your vehicle may be equipped with satellite radio service based satellite radio service that broadcasts music, sports, news and entertainment programming. For more information and a complete list of SIRIUS satellite radio channels, visit [www.sirius.com](http://www.sirius.com) in the United States, [www.sirius-canada.ca](http://www.sirius-canada.ca) in Canada, or call SIRIUS at 1-888-539-7474.

**G. MENU:** Press when satellite radio (if equipped) is active to access SATELLITE RADIO MENU. Press OK and then  $\blacktriangle$  /  $\blacktriangledown$  to cycle through options of: Category, Save Song, Delete Song, Delete all songs, and Enable/Disable alerts. For more information on these and other menu features, refer to your Owner's Guide.

**H. SEEK:** Press to access the previous  $\blacktriangleleft$  or the next  $\blacktriangleright$  strong radio station, satellite radio channel (if equipped) or CD track.

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was engineered with your lifestyle in mind – tough enough to take on what the road ahead gives you, yet sophisticated enough to make the trip enjoyable. Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with your new Ford Explorer by reading this Quick Reference Guide, which discusses features, specifications and general information. For more detailed information including important safety information, please consult your Owner's Guide.

Use extreme caution when using any device or feature that may take your attention off the road. Your primary responsibility is the safe operation of the vehicle. Only use non-essential features and devices when it is safe to do so.



2009 EXPLORER  
INSTRUMENT PANEL

### 1. Headlamps, Fog Lamps, Panel Dimmer Control

Turn the control one position to the right to turn on the parking lamps, instrument panel lamps, license plate lamps and tail lamps. Turn the control to the second position on the right to turn on the headlamps. Turn the control one position to the left to activate the autolamp feature, which automatically turns the exterior lamps on and off, based on available daylight. Pull the control towards you to activate the fog lamps. (The fog lamps will not operate when the control is turned off (O) or when the high beams are on). Use the panel dimmer control to adjust the level of brightness on the instrument panel during parking lamp and headlamp operation. Move the control to the full right position, past the detent, to turn on the interior lamps.

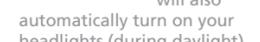


2. **Parking Brake Release**  
Pull the lever to release the parking brake. Driving with the parking brake engaged will cause the brakes to wear out prematurely and reduce fuel economy.

### 3. Multi-function Lever

Rotate the end of the control up to increase the speed of the wipers and rotate down to decrease the speed of the wipers. Briefly press the end of the stalk for a single swipe of the wipers without washer

fluid. A quick push and hold results in three swipes with washer fluid while a longer push and hold activates the wash pattern for up to five seconds. Pull the lever toward you briefly to activate the 'flash to pass' feature. For better visibility, your vehicle will also automatically turn on your headlights (during daylight) if your windshield wipers and autolamps are on. To operate your rear window wiper, turn the rear wiper control to the 1 or 2 speed settings or O (off). For a rear wash cycle, turn the rear wiper control to the position. To turn on the highbeams, push the lever away from you. Pull the lever toward you to deactivate.



4. **Speed Control** (if equipped)  
To set the speed control, press and release ON. Accelerate to the desired speed. Press and release the SET + control. Take your foot off the accelerator pedal. The speed control indicator light will illuminate in the cluster. To set a higher speed: press and hold SET+ until the desired speed is reached, or briefly press SET+ to increase the speed by small amounts. To set a lower speed: press and hold SET- until the desired speed is reached, or briefly



press SET- to decrease the speed by small amounts. Press RES all U/C to return to the previously set speed. To turn speed control off, press OFF.

5. **Service Engine Soon Light**  
The Service Engine soon light illuminates briefly when the ignition is turned on. If it remains on or is blinking after the engine is started, the On Board Diagnostics System (OBD-II) has detected a malfunction. Drive in a moderate fashion and have your vehicle serviced immediately by an authorized dealer.



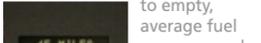
6. **Hazard Flasher Control**  
The hazard flasher is located on the steering column, just behind the steering wheel. Press to activate all front and rear direction signals. Press again to deactivate.



7. **Message Center** (if equipped)  
The message center displays important vehicle information through a constant monitoring of vehicle systems and will display features such as: trip odometer, compass, distance to empty, average fuel economy and a language selector. The system will also notify you of potential vehicle problems with a display of system warnings followed by a long indicator chime.



8. **Low Tire Pressure Warning Light**  
This light illuminates when the ignition is turned on. If the light does not turn on or begins to flash, contact your authorized dealer as soon as possible. For more information, please refer to Tire pressure monitoring system (TPMS) in the Tires, Wheels and Loading chapter of your Owner's Guide.



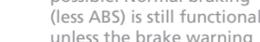
9. **ABS Warning Light**  
The ABS light illuminates briefly when the ignition is turned on. If the ABS light remains on or continues to flash, a malfunction has been detected. Contact your authorized dealer as soon as possible. Normal braking (less ABS) is still functional unless the brake warning light is also illuminated.



10. **Power Adjustable Pedals** (if equipped)  
Press the bottom of the control to move the pedals closer to you or the top of the control to move the pedals further away from you. The pedals should only be adjusted when the vehicle is stopped and in Park (P).



11. **AdvanceTrac® with Roll Stability Control™ (RSC) Stability Enhancement system**  
Your vehicle is equipped with an AdvanceTrac® stability system. This system focuses on three main areas: Traction control (which helps avoid wheel spin and loss of



12. **Overdrive Control**  
Drive with the vehicle in Overdrive (D) for the best fuel economy. You can deactivate overdrive by pressing the transmission control switch on the side of the shift handle. Use this during heavy city traffic where you are continuously shifting in and out of overdrive, hilly terrain, heavy loads, trailer towing and when engine braking is required. To return to overdrive, simply press the transmission control switch again.



13. **Heated Seats** (if equipped)  
Your vehicle may be equipped with heated seats. Press to activate/deactivate.



traction), Electronic Stability Control (which helps avoid skids or lateral slides), and Roll Stability Control™ (which helps avoid a vehicle roll-over). These features work together to help you to maintain stability and steerability of your vehicle during a variety of road conditions. If your vehicle becomes stuck in the snow, mud or sand, try turning off the AdvanceTrac® system to allow wheel spin and help increase momentum to dig the vehicle out. The system defaults to on and the control will illuminate when turned off.



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SYNC®  
Your vehicle may be equipped with SYNC® – a hands-free communications and entertainment system with special phone and media features. For more information, please refer to the SYNC® Supplement or to the SYNC® section in the Navigation Supplement. Please also feel free to visit [www.SyncMyRide.com](http://www.SyncMyRide.com).



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DUAL AUTOMATIC TEMPERATURE CONTROL (IF EQUIPPED)

A. Driver/Passenger Side Temperature Control: Press to increase or decrease the temperature on the driver or passenger side of the vehicle. Pressing the passenger side control will activate dual zone where the driver and passenger are able to select their own individual settings. If the passenger side controls are not activated, the driver side controls will determine the temperature setting for the entire vehicle (single zone).

B. **AUTO**: Press to engage full automatic operation. The system will automatically determine fan speed, airflow distribution, A/C on or off and either outside or recirculated air to heat or cool the vehicle to reach the desired temperature.

C. **Fan Speed**: Press to increase or decrease fan speed.

D. **OFF**: Outside air is shut out and the fan will not operate. **Note**: If your vehicle is equipped with the auxiliary climate control system, the auxiliary fan can still operate with the front system off.

E. **Manual Override Controls**: Press to manually determine where airflow is directed. To return to fully automatic control, press AUTO.

F. **Windshield Defroster** : Outside air is distributed through the windshield defroster vents.

G. **DUAL**: Press to activate dual zone mode where the driver and passenger have control of their individual temperature settings. Press again to return to single zone where the driver's settings will determine the temperature for the entire vehicle.

H. **Rear Window Defroster** : Press to clear the rear window of thin ice and fog. The defroster turns off automatically after ten minutes or when the ignition is turned off. To manually turn off the defroster before ten minutes have passed, press the control again.