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**05 ESCAPE**

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**“THE ESCAPE IS A VERY CAPABLE SMALL SUV  
THANKS TO ITS POWERFUL V6 ENGINE,  
SPACIOUS CABIN AND CAR-LIKE HANDLING.”**

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## > Escape With The Leader.

Everywhere from urban fast lane to rugged backcountry, Ford SUVs empower you with confident capability. Escape, Explorer Sport Trac, Explorer, Expedition and Excursion – each proudly proclaims its Ford heritage, yet each clearly makes its own statement. Already the best-selling SUV in its class,\* Escape just keeps getting better. With its updated exterior and interior styling, smart new technology and aggressive attitude, the new 2005 Ford Escape leads the pack.

\*Based on CYTD small sport utility vehicle sales, April 2004.



Excursion

Expedition

Escape

Explorer

Explorer Sport Trac



Escape Limited \_ Silver Metallic  
available power moonroof

### 2005 Ford Escape

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### Keep Your "Feet" Firmly Planted

Independent Rear Suspension (IRS) – When making a sudden on-road maneuver or driving over an obstacle off-road, IRS helps keep you grounded by allowing each wheel to react independently. It flexibly counteracts the motion and delivers enhanced agility and control.

## > Escape Confidently.

Loose gravel. Fallen leaves. Uneven pavement. Loss of traction can occur unexpectedly. Escape's new available Intelligent 4WD System will get you through with confidence. The ultimate in 4-wheel-drive convenience, it smartly maximizes traction at all times, reacting to changing road conditions in the blink of an eye by automatically delivering torque to the axle that has the best traction. Incredibly complex, yet incredibly freeing, Escape's Intelligent 4WD System lets you keep your focus where it belongs – on the road.



### Free Yourself To Enjoy The Ride

Intelligent 4WD System – It's always on and always working. So no button, dial or lever is needed. This available system monitors traction (200 times per second – much faster than any person could) and automatically adjusts torque distribution as necessary. So relax and have fun – let Escape's Intelligent 4WD System do all the work for you.



### Extra Fun When You Get There

3500-lb. Towing Capacity – With Escape's Trailer Tow Package, you've got the power to bring your water toys (or other tow-behinds) along on your next vacation. Included in the XLT No Boundaries™ Package, and available on all XLT models and Limited.

Shown with Trailer Hitch Drawbar accessory.



### Double Your Adventure Potential

No Boundaries™ Rack System – Load up to 100 lbs. of gear in its rooftop position. Or double your carrying capability when you unlock the top rack, pull it down, snap it in place and load up to 100 lbs. of gear – on each rack. Exclusive to the XLT No Boundaries Package. See your Ford Dealer for available accessories (JAC Vertical Bike Holder shown).

Escape XLT with available XLT No Boundaries™ Package \_ Sonic Blue Metallic





### Maximize Your Power

Duratec 30-3.0L V6 Engine – Refined for 2005, this mighty 200-hp engine and its automatic transmission feature smoother shifting, an improved launch-performance feel and a smoother idle. Towing capability is 3500 lbs. when properly equipped. Standard on XLT Sport and Limited, and available on XLT.

## > Driven To Deliver More Fun.

Escape's refined Duratec 30-3.0L V6 engine features a new processor that's over 5 times faster than previous designs, greatly improving its overall performance. Escape's new Duratec 23-2.3L I-4 engine, standard on XLS and XLT, is smartly designed to deliver a quieter, smoother, more powerful ride and higher towing capacity than ever before. Factor in Escape's remarkably responsive power rack-and-pinion steering and 4-wheel independent suspension, and you'll be having more fun than you can imagine.



### Most Improved Player

NEW Duratec 23-2.3L I-4 Engine – This superior engine delivers a full 153 hp and 152 lb.-ft. of torque. And it features a 1500-lb. towing capacity when properly equipped. It's also available with your choice of manual (on XLS) or automatic transmissions. Standard on Escape XLS and XLT.



### It's Time To Floor It

NEW Floor Shifter – Escape's new centrally located shifter, included with the automatic transmission, is guaranteed to induce a sporty attitude in even the most reserved.



### Stops You In Your Tracks

4-Wheel Anti-Lock Brake System (ABS) – This important feature is now standard on all Escape models. When ABS detects impending wheel lockup, it automatically manages brake-pressure levels to optimize braking power and steering control.

Escape XLT Sport \_ Redfire Metallic  
available power moonroof



## > Escape Hybrid Excels In The City.

Introducing the cleanest, most fuel-efficient SUV.\* The all-new Escape Hybrid meets strict Super Ultra Low Emission Vehicle (SULEV) and Advanced Technology Partial Zero Emission Vehicle (AT-PZEV) standards. The hybrid system really thrives in "stop-and-go" situations. It actually saves fuel when you're stopped in traffic or driving at low speeds by running in pure electric mode. In fact, Escape Hybrid achieves over 35 mpg\*\* in city driving. So one tank of gas could take you 400-500 miles. Ready, set, go!

\*Based on Ford preliminary data. \*\*FWD configuration. Ford preliminary estimates of EPA city cycle. Actual mileage may vary based on driving habits.

### Zips And Sips

2.3L Atkinson Cycle I-4 Engine – The 2.3L gasoline engine uses special Atkinson cycle combustion to improve efficiency. It combines with the electric motor to give Escape Hybrid: a sporty 155 hp; acceleration and performance comparable to Escape's conventional V6 engine; plus the fuel efficiency of an I-4.



### Power On Demand

Battery Pack – Sealed beneath the cargo-area floor, Escape Hybrid's nickel-metal-hydride (Ni-MH) battery is rated at 330 volts. A regenerative braking system recharges the Ni-MH battery each time you brake, so you don't ever need to plug it in.



### Plot Your Course

Hybrid Energy/Navigation/Audiophile System – This available system supplies a wealth of information and entertainment. For starters, it can show you the hybrid energy-flow graphic and display your current fuel economy. Thanks to global positioning satellite technology, it can also display a complete map or guide you to your destination with turn-by-turn instructions. And for your amusement, there's an awesome Audiophile Sound System including a 6-disc CD changer.

### Full Of Hybrid Ingenuity

The First "Full" Hybrid SUV – Escape Hybrid is driven by a 2.3L I-4 Atkinson cycle gasoline engine and an electric motor powered by a nickel-metal-hydride battery pack. Only full hybrids, like Escape Hybrid, can drive on the gas engine, on electric battery power alone, or on both at the same time. The system automatically chooses the best power method for any driving situation, giving you extra power when it's needed and otherwise conserving fuel.



Escape Hybrid – Titanium Green Metallic available Appearance Package  
See your local Ford Dealer or visit [fordvehicles.com/escapehybrid](http://fordvehicles.com/escapehybrid) for more information.



### Get The Facts – Instantly

NEW Message Center – Escape Limited drivers can find out everything from average fuel economy to the fact that they've got a lamp out somewhere, just by glancing at this LCD display tucked into the bottom of the tachometer.

## > Clearly In Command.

It's important to feel in control on the road. In the new Ford Escape, you will. We restyled its interior just to make sure. White backgrounds and clear numbering make the warm-steel-framed tachometer and speedometer easy to read. Large buttons and dials make it easy to control everything from the standard air conditioning to the standard 4-speaker, 6-disc in-dash audio system on all XLT models and Limited. And, we added a sporty new floor shifter accented in warm steel for automatic transmission models. Now you're ready to take control.



### Time To Tone It Down

Auto-Dimming Rearview Mirror – Standard on Limited, this smart mirror automatically darkens when it senses the harsh light of another vehicle's headlamps behind you, saving your eyes from that nasty glare without any effort on your part.



### Big Or Small, It Holds 'Em All

Dual Cupholder with Removable Insert – Not only did we make the cupholders deeper for a more secure fit, we also added an insert that can be removed to fit larger cups for those really big thirsts.



### Amazing Sound From Deep Within

MACH® 300 Audio System with 8" Subwoofer – This available 6-disc in-dash CD setup features 320 watts of peak power channeled through 7 strategically placed speakers, including an 8" subwoofer (tucked below the cargo-area trim) that provides deep, powerful bass tones. It's also SIRIUS Satellite Radio\* capable.

\*Call SIRIUS toll-free at (888) 539-7474 for more information. See your Ford Dealer for installation and activation details.

Escape XLS with XLS Blast Package – Blazing Copper Metallic available roof-rail crossbars



Escape Limited – Ebony Black Interior available Limited Luxury Comfort Package

## > Escape At Its Finest.

The stylish comfort of Escape's redesigned interior makes every journey fun. When you're headed out with family and friends, everyone'll have plenty of room to relax. Thanks to Escape's wide stance, you get a full 100 cu. ft. of passenger space. Those up front can kick back in dual reclining seats and take advantage of the 41.6" of leg room, plus 40.4" of head room. Escape Limited drivers will love the new premium leather-trimmed seats with perforated inserts and the 6-way power-adjustable driver's seat. Standard, of course.

### Just Say "Ahhh"

Heated Driver and Front-Passenger Seats – There's nothing better than the radiating warmth of heated seats on a chilly morning commute. Included in the available Limited Luxury Comfort Package.



### Keep Things Tidy

NEW Floor Console – Redesigned to deliver even more convenience, Escape's handy floor console features CD storage space within the padded armrest, new cupholders with a removable insert, an essential power point, and another storage bin up front.



### Lighten Up

Power Moonroof – Catch a breeze on sunny summer days or search for the Big Dipper on cool, cloudless nights – with the push of a button. Includes mini-overhead console with storage bin and map lights. Available on all XLT models and Limited.



### Supporting Your Adventures

NEW Premium Cloth Seats – Advanced pressure-mapping technology was used to redesign Escape's sporty, reclining front bucket seats, delivering more comfort and support. 6-way power driver's seat shown in new Medium/Dark Pebble premium cloth, also available in Medium/Dark Flint premium cloth. Standard on Escape XLT and XLT Sport.



Escape XLT \_ Medium/Dark Pebble Interior  
available Leather Comfort Group  
and Safety Package



Escape XLT 4WD \_ Black  
available side step bars

## > Freedom Meets Flexibility.

Escape's capability enables you to make the most of life, and its adaptable interior helps you enjoy the journey. Craving the adventure of a road trip? Or would you rather just run around town? With the rear seats folded down, a cavernous 62.5-cu.-ft. cargo area gives you room to gear up for a week-long vacation on the waterfront or a weekend of do-it-yourself projects. And even with the seats up, you still have 29.3 cu. ft. of space behind the 2nd row to fill with fun stuff. Either way, the new Ford Escape's got you covered.



### Take A Load Off

Dual-Access Rear Cargo Area – Raise the entire liftgate to load large items easily, or keep it closed to hold existing cargo in place while you stow small stuff quickly through the separate flip-up liftglass.



### Echoes With Possibility

Cavernous Interior – With both sides of the 60/40 split-folding rear seats down, Escape gives you a full 62.5 cu. ft. of cargo space to fill with gear for your upcoming adventure, or bounty from your next shopping trip.



### Quick-Change Artist

Standard 60/40 Split-Folding Rear Seats – Need to cart your latest find back home or over to a friend's place? These seats make it fast and easy to reconfigure Escape's spacious cargo area.



### Cut The Clutter

NEW Cargo Convenience Group – Perfect for stowing the day's shopping or a week's worth of outdoor gear, this available group combines the retractable cargo-area cover with a new cargo-area storage bin. Of course, both feature heavy-duty construction for long-lasting durability.

Escape XLS \_ Norseia Blue Metallic  
available aluminum wheels, side step bars and roof-rail crossbars

## > Escape The Unexpected.

We can't always anticipate what'll happen next in life. Fortunately, the new Escape offers you peace of mind. Every Escape starts with sturdy unibody construction, combining body and chassis components to form a single, rigid structure that's lightweight, yet incredibly strong. And every door gets ultra-high-strength steel reinforcement for extra protection in side-impact collisions. For 2005, we've advanced Escape's historic emphasis on safety with the standard Personal Safety System™ and available new Safety Package.



### "Sees" Where You Can't

Reverse Sensing System — This helpful system audibly alerts you to objects behind the vehicle when backing up. The closer you get, the quicker it beeps. Included in the available Limited Luxury Comfort Package.



### Help From Above

NEW Safety Package — This available package gives Escape 2 new front-seat side-impact airbags and 2 side-curtain airbags, in addition to the 2 front airbags in the standard Personal Safety System. That's a grand total of 6 airbags providing added side-impact and rollover protection. A segment-exclusive rollover sensor in the Safety Canopy™ System directs deployment of the side-curtain airbags in the event of a rollover or certain side-impact collisions. These airbags deploy from the headliner on both sides of the vehicle and remain inflated longer to help further protect occupants.

### Your Best Defense Is A Good Offense

Head Restraints and 3-Point Safety Belts — Escape has both features standard in all seating positions. Plus, the driver and front passenger get height-adjustable shoulder belts.

### Let These Bear The Brunt

Crumple Zones — Strategically placed at the front and rear of every Escape, these areas help absorb the force of an impact and direct it away from you and your passengers.

### Keeping Things Secure

Essential Security Features — Our Securilock® passive anti-theft system and remote keyless entry system with panic alarm are both standard on every Escape. Another great standard feature, our battery saver with headlamps-off delay, "saves" your battery from running down by shutting off any lights (interior or exterior) accidentally left on after you've exited the vehicle. A perimeter alarm in the available Convenience Group helps deter would-be thieves.

### Tailor-Made Protection

NEW Personal Safety System — Standard on every 2005 Escape, this innovative system enhances protection for the driver and front passenger. Utilizing a network of smart sensors, it customizes the deployment level of the dual-stage front airbags based on 4 criteria: whether a front passenger is present and his/her weight range; the position of the driver's seat; whether the front safety belts are in use; and the overall severity of the crash. These details help the system deploy the front airbags in just the right manner, at just the right time. A clever little indicator light (shown at right) illuminates to let you know the front-passenger airbag has been automatically disabled if there's something (or someone) small on the front-passenger seat. It's just another reminder that we're passionately committed to delivering outstanding vehicles that can truly improve your life.



Always wear your safety belt and secure children in the rear seat.

# > Specifications

## MODEL HIGHLIGHTS

Each series includes the standard equipment of the previous series, except where additions/exceptions are noted.



### XLS

Duratec 23 - 2.3L I-4 engine • 5-speed manual transmission or available 4-speed automatic • 15" styled-steel wheels • Grey molded-in-color front and rear bumpers and bodyside moldings • Black roof side rails • AM/FM stereo with single-CD player and clock • Cloth seats



### XLT

4-speed automatic transmission • 16" aluminum wheels • Front fog lamps • Roof rails with 2 horizontal crossbars • Privacy glass • AM/FM stereo with 6-disc in-dash CD changer • Premium cloth seats with 6-way power driver's seat • Speed control • Perimeter alarm • Floor mats



### XLT Sport

Duratec 30 - 3.0L V6 engine • 16" bright machined-aluminum wheels • P235/70R16 all-season OWL tires • Painted Dark Shadow Grey front and rear bumpers, bodyside moldings and wheel-lip moldings • Black side step bars



### Limited

Monochromatic exterior appearance • Premium leather-trimmed seats • Overhead console with dual storage bins • Automatic headlamps • Auto-dimming rearview mirror • Message center • Illuminated visor vanity mirrors

### Escape Hybrid

See your local Ford Dealer or visit [fordvehicles.com/escapehybrid](http://fordvehicles.com/escapehybrid) for details.

## STANDARD FEATURES

### Mechanical

4-wheel independent suspension  
100,000-mile tune-up interval\*  
Front-wheel drive  
Fuel tank - 16.5-gallon capacity  
Intelligent 4WD System (4WD models only)  
Power rack-and-pinion steering  
Stabilizer bar - Front  
Unibody construction

### Safety/Security

3-point safety belt restraint system for all seating positions  
4-wheel Anti-lock Brake System (ABS)  
Battery saver with headlamps-off delay  
Belt-Minder® safety belt reminder  
Brake/shift interlock with automatic transmission  
Fuel pump inertia shutoff switch  
Headlamps-on alert chime  
Height-adjustable shoulder safety belts - Front  
Key-in-ignition alert chime  
LATCH system for child-safety seats - Rear outboard positions  
Personal Safety System™ - See page 17\*\*  
Remote keyless entry system with 2 key fobs  
SecuriLock® passive anti-theft system  
Side-impact door beams

### Seating

Dual reclining front bucket seats  
Rear 60/40 split-folding seat  
Removable rear-seat cushion

### Interior

Accessory delay for power windows  
Air conditioning  
Assist handles - 2 front, 2 rear†  
Cargo-area floor hooks (4)  
Floor console - Storage bin and dual cupholder with removable insert  
Glove compartment with lock  
Head restraints - Adjustable (5)  
Illuminated entry system  
Power door locks with child-safety rear door locks  
Power point - Front console  
Power windows - With one-touch-down driver's-side feature  
Rear floor heat ducts  
Tachometer  
Tilt steering wheel  
Visor vanity mirrors - Dual covered

### Exterior

Headlamps - Aerodynamic halogen  
Liftgate with flip-up glass  
Power sideview mirrors with manual-fold feature  
Rear-window defroster  
Roof rails (with crossbars on XLT, XLT Sport and Limited)  
Solar-tinted glass (door glass and rear window)  
Windshield wipers - Front: variable-intermittent with washer; rear: 2-speed with washer

\*Under normal driving conditions with routine fluid and filter changes.  
\*\*Always wear your safety belt and secure children in the rear seat.  
†Rear assist handles not available with Safety Package.

## MODEL-SPECIFIC FEATURES & OPTIONS

	XLS Manual FWD or 4WD	XLS FWD or 4WD	XLT FWD or 4WD	XLT Sport FWD or 4WD	Limited FWD or 4WD
<b>Mechanical</b>					
Duratec 23-2.3L I-4 engine	●	●	—	—	—
Duratec 30-3.0L V6 engine	—	—	○	●	●
5-speed manual transmission	●	—	—	—	—
4-speed automatic transmission	—	●	●	●	●
15" styled-steel wheels	●	●	—	—	—
15" aluminum wheels	—	—	○	—	—
16" aluminum wheels	—	—	—	●	●
16" bright machined-aluminum wheels	—	—	—	—	●
Full-size spare - Non-matching, temporary (late availability)	—	—	○	○	○
P225/75R15 all-season BSW tires	●	●	—	—	—
P235/70R16 all-season BSW tires (OWL on XLT 4WD)	—	—	●	●	●
P235/70R16 all-season OWL tires (XLT FWD only)	—	—	○	●	—
Power front disc/rear drum brakes (XLT, XLT Sport and Limited FWD only)	—	—	—	●	●
Power 4-wheel disc brakes (V6 4WD only)	—	—	—	●	●
<b>Safety/Security</b>					
Safety Package - Includes Safety Canopy™ System (side-curtain airbags with rollover sensors for both rows of seating) and front-seat-mounted side-impact airbags	○	○	○	○	○
<b>Seating</b>					
Cloth trim	●	●	—	—	—
Cloth trim - Premium-grade	—	—	●	●	—
Leather Comfort Group - Includes leather-trimmed seats and leather-wrapped steering wheel	—	—	○	○	●
6-way power driver's seat	—	—	●	●	●
Driver and front-passenger seatback map pockets	—	—	●	●	●
<b>Interior</b>					
AM/FM stereo with single-CD player, clock and 4 speakers	●	●	—	—	—
AM/FM stereo with single-CD/cassette, clock and 4 speakers	—	—	○	○	○
AM/FM stereo with 6-disc in-dash CD changer, clock and 4 speakers	—	—	●	●	●
AM/FM MACH® 300 Audio System with 6-disc in-dash CD changer, clock and 7 speakers including an 8" subwoofer	—	—	○	○	○
Auto-dimming rearview mirror	—	—	—	—	●
Cargo Convenience Group - Includes cargo-area retractable cover and storage bin	○	○	○	○	○
Convenience Group - Includes speed control, perimeter alarm and front and rear carpeted floor mats	○	○	●	●	●
Floor console - Flow-through with manual transmission short-throw floor shifter, storage bin and dual cupholder with removable insert	●	—	—	—	—
Floor console - Flow-through with automatic transmission floor shifter, storage bin and dual cupholder with removable insert	—	●	●	●	●
Limited Luxury Comfort Package - MACH® 300 Audio System with 6-disc in-dash CD changer, clock, 7 speakers including an 8" subwoofer, and automatic volume control - Premium leather-trimmed seats - Heated driver and front-passenger seats - Heated sideview mirrors - Reverse Sensing System	—	—	—	—	○
Message center	—	—	—	—	●

	XLS Manual FWD or 4WD	XLS FWD or 4WD	XLT FWD or 4WD	XLT Sport FWD or 4WD	Limited FWD or 4WD
<b>Interior (continued)</b>					
Overhead console with dual storage bins (not available with power moonroof)	—	—	●	●	●
Painted warm-steel finish on instrument panel and front-door switch bezels	—	—	—	—	●
Visor vanity mirrors - Illuminated	—	—	—	—	●
<b>Exterior</b>					
Automatic headlamps	●	●	●	—	—
Bumpers and bodyside moldings - Molded-in-color grey	—	—	—	●	—
Bumpers and bodyside moldings - Painted Dark Shadow Grey	—	—	—	—	●
Bumpers and bodyside moldings - Painted body-color	—	—	—	●	●
Fog lamps - Front, round	—	—	—	●	●
Grille - Black surround with black mesh center	●	●	●	●	—
Liftgate molding and door handles - Molded-in-color black	●	●	●	●	—
Liftgate molding and door handles - Painted body-color	—	—	—	—	●
Power moonroof with sunshade and mini-overhead console	—	—	○	○	○
Privacy glass (rear doors/quarter windows and rear window)	—	—	●	●	●
Roof-rail crossbars	○	○	○	○	○
Side step bars†† - Black	○	○	○	○	○
Trailer Tow Package - Includes Class II 3500-lb. receiver and trailer wiring harness with 4-pin connector	—	—	○	○	○
Wheel-lip moldings - Painted Dark Shadow Grey on XLT Sport; painted body-color on Limited	—	—	—	●	●
XLS Blast Package - 16" painted-grey aluminum wheels - P235/70R16 all-season OWL tires - MACH® 300 Audio System - Privacy glass (rear doors/quarter windows and rear window) - Warm-steel-colored center finish panel and floor-shifter ring	—	○	—	—	—
XLT No Boundaries™ Package§ - No Boundaries Rack System - Class II Trailer Tow Package - Molded-in-color grey wheel-lip moldings - Black side step bars - 16" painted aluminum wheels - P235/70R16 all-terrain OWL tires - Unique premium cloth trim - Front and rear appearance skid plates	—	—	○	—	—

● Standard ○ Optional — Not Available

††Requires 15" aluminum wheels on XLS models.  
§Not available with moonroof. Requires Duratec 30-3.0L V6 engine.

## ENGINES

	2.3L I-4	3.0L V6
Horsepower (hp @ rpm)	153 @ 5800	200 @ 6000
Torque (lb.-ft. @ rpm)	152 @ 4250	193 @ 4850
Towing capacity§§ (lbs.)	1500	3500#

§§Maximum capacity shown is for properly equipped vehicle with required equipment and a 150-lb. driver. Weight of additional options, equipment, passengers and cargo must be deducted from this weight. For additional information, see your Ford Dealer.  
#With Class II Trailer Tow Package.

