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2004 Ford Explorer 4-Door XLT 4x4

VS.

2004 Chevrolet TrailBlazer LT 4x4

The TrailBlazer Challenge — What's New for 2004

- Optional electrical adjustable accelerator and brake pedals
- Monochromatic instrument panel
- Last-door locking feature
- New optional 17-inch bright aluminum wheels
- Use of both Continental and B.F. Goodrich tires
- New series of radios that incorporates XM satellite radio and navigation radio
- New Light Cashmere cloth reclining bucket seats
- New Light Cashmere premium two-tone leather seating surfaces
- Two new exterior colors: Medium Red Metallic and Sandstone Metallic

Chevrolet TrailBlazer Competitive Profile

Performance/Handling

- 4.2L DOHC I-6 engine produces 275 horsepower and 275 lb.-ft. of torque
- Variable valve timing and electronic throttle control
- Autotrac® full-time four-wheel drive system

Safety/Security

- Four-wheel disc Anti-lock Braking System (ABS)
- Dual-stage driver and front passenger frontal airbags
- Bumper underride compatibility
- Optional front-seat-mounted side-impact airbags
- 3-point safety belts in all seating positions

Comfort/Convenience

- Front bucket seats with 8-way power driver's seat
- Rear 65/35 split bench seats
- Standard dual-zone climate controls
- Rear air conditioner vents
- Driver information center
- Optional OnStar® communication and assistance service
- Available electrical adjustable accelerator and brake pedals
- Available XM satellite radio
- Available integrated navigation radio

Design/Styling

- Standard 16-inch aluminum wheels
- Optional 17-inch bright aluminum wheels

Quality/Reliability/Durability

- Electrocoated, hydroformed boxed frame with 8 crossmembers
- Composite underbody shield protects engine and front differential
- Optional composite transfer case and fuel tank skid plates

TrailBlazer Advantages over Explorer 4-Door

- TrailBlazer's I-6 engine produces 65 more horsepower than Explorer 4-Door's V-6 engine and 36 more horsepower than Explorer 4-Door's V-8 engine
- TrailBlazer has an available CD player with integrated navigation radio. This feature is not available on Explorer

Ford Explorer 4-Door Advantages over TrailBlazer

Performance/Handling

- Explorer 4-Door has an optional V-8 engine with more torque than TrailBlazer. A V-8 is not available on TrailBlazer
- Explorer 4-Door has an independent Short- and Long-Arm (SLA) rear suspension. TrailBlazer has a non-independent solid axle design
- Explorer 4-Door has a 5-speed automatic transmission. TrailBlazer offers only a 4-speed automatic transmission
- Explorer has AdvanceTrac.™ TrailBlazer does not offer a stability control system

Safety/Security

- Explorer 4-Door XLT has the optional Safety Canopy™ System that includes side curtain airbags to help protect the head and chest of first- and second-row occupants in the outboard seating positions. TrailBlazer's optional side-impact airbags help protect first-row occupants only
- Explorer 4-Door XLT has security approach lamps for easy nighttime entry. TrailBlazer does not have this feature
- Explorer 4-Door has speed-sensitive front windshield wipers — not available on TrailBlazer
- Explorer 4-Door XLT has a standard Tire Pressure Monitoring System (late availability) — not available on TrailBlazer

Comfort/Convenience

- Explorer 4-Door XLT has an optional folding third-row seat for 7-passenger seating. TrailBlazer does not offer a third-row seat
- Explorer 4-Door XLT's available 40/20/40 second-row seats include storage under the center seat and also include three folding sections. TrailBlazer offers only a 65/35 seat without underseat storage
- Explorer 4-Door has a driver's door keyless entry keypad — not available on TrailBlazer
- Explorer 4-Door XLT offers the convenience of the Reverse Sensing System (RSS). TrailBlazer does not offer this feature
- Explorer's rear liftgate glass opening is lower than TrailBlazer's, making loading and unloading easier

Quality/Reliability/Durability

- Explorer 4-Door has an aluminum hood and front fenders for corrosion resistance and light weight. TrailBlazer has conventional steel fenders and a steel hood
- Explorer 4-Door offers a corrosion warranty with unlimited mileage. TrailBlazer's corrosion warranty stops at 100,000 miles

The Rest of the Ford Story

- Explorer has been the best-selling SUV in America for 12 years running

2004 Ford Explorer 4-Door XLT 4x4	VERSUS	2004 Chevrolet TrailBlazer LT 4x4
4.0L SOHC V-6 210 @ 5100 254 @ 3700	STANDARD ENGINE HORSEPOWER (SAE net @ rpm) TORQUE (lb.-ft. @ rpm)	4.2L Vortec™ 4200 DOHC I-6 275 @ 6000 275 @ 3600
✓ 4.6L Triton™ SOHC V-8 239 @ 4750 ✓ 282 @ 4000	OPTIONAL ENGINE HORSEPOWER (SAE net @ rpm) TORQUE (lb.-ft. @ rpm)	— — —
✓ 5-speed Automatic Overdrive Transmission	STANDARD TRANSMISSION	4-speed Automatic Overdrive Transmission
Independent Short- and Long-Arm (SLA), Coil Springs, Shock Absorbers and Stabilizer Bar	FRONT SUSPENSION	Independent Short- and Long-Arm (SLA), Coil Springs, Shock Absorbers and Stabilizer Bar
✓ Independent Short- and Long-Arm (SLA), Coil Springs, Shock Absorbers and Stabilizer Bar	REAR SUSPENSION	Non-independent Rigid Axle, Coil Springs, Shock Absorbers and Stabilizer Bar
Control Trac® Push-button Permanent Full-time Four-wheel Drive System	4WD SYSTEM	Autotrac® Dial-operated Selectable Full-time Four-wheel Drive System
Power Disc/Disc with Four-wheel Anti-lock Braking System (ABS)	BRAKING SYSTEM	Power Disc/Disc with Four-wheel Anti-lock Braking System (ABS)
Power Rack-and-pinion	STEERING	Power Rack-and-pinion
Driver and Passenger Airbag Supplemental Restraint System (SRS), Optional Safety Canopy™ System	AIRBAGS	Driver and Passenger Dual-stage Airbag Supplemental Restraint System (SRS), Optional Side-impact Airbag (SRS)
DIMENSIONS (All dimensions are in inches unless otherwise noted.)		
✓ 113.8	WHEELBASE	113.0
189.5	OVERALL LENGTH	191.8
71.4	OVERALL HEIGHT	74.5
72.4	OVERALL WIDTH	74.6
60.9/61.2	TREAD WIDTH (F/R)	63.1/62.1
✓ 8.5	GROUND CLEARANCE	8.0
36.8	TURNING DIAMETER (curb-to-curb; ft.)	36.4
✓ 5/7	SEATING CAPACITY	5
✓ 39.9/38.9/39.0	HEAD ROOM (F/M/R)	40.2/39.6/—
✓ 59.1/58.9/52.4	SHOULDER ROOM (F/M/R)	58.5/58.5/—
✓ 55.0/54.2/45.3	HIP ROOM (F/M/R)	56.0/58.2/—
✓ 42.4/35.9/34.8	LEG ROOM (F/M/R)	42.9/37.0/—
✓ 79.9/44.5/13.7	CARGO VOLUME (cu. ft.) (behind 1st row/2nd row/3rd row)	80.1/43.7/—
✓ 22.5	FUEL TANK CAPACITY (gal.)	22
✓ 7000	TRAILER TOWING (max. lbs.) ⁽¹⁾	6100
15/21 (4.0L) 15/19 (4.6L)	EPA ESTIMATED MPG (city/hwy.)	15/21
✓ \$32,045	PRICE (MSRP)*	\$32,545
3 years/36,000 miles	BASIC WARRANTY	3 years/36,000 miles
3 years/36,000 miles	POWERTRAIN WARRANTY	3 years/36,000 miles
✓ 5 years/unlimited mileage	CORROSION WARRANTY	6 years/100,000 miles
3 years/36,000 miles	ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE	3 years/36,000 miles

Bold and ✓ = Ford advantage.

(1) Properly equipped.

* Includes base MSRP, destination charge, and option package if applicable. Title, tax and registration fees extra. Package contents and price may vary by region and are subject to change.

Feature Availability

Feature	Explorer	TrailBlazer
Independent rear suspension	S	NA
Driver's door entry keypad	S	NA
Reverse Sensing System	O	NA
Exterior mirrors with security approach lamps	S	NA
Speed-sensitive windshield wipers	S	NA
5-speed automatic transmission	S	NA

S = Standard O = Optional NA = Not available

Additional Insights

- TrailBlazer does not have an available third-row seat or an independent rear suspension — two key features available on Explorer 4-Door
- The 275-horsepower engine is TrailBlazer's key feature. Although TrailBlazer's I-6 engine has more horsepower than both of Explorer 4-Door's engines, Explorer 4-Door can tow 900 pounds more than TrailBlazer
- TrailBlazer's narrower rear door openings could make entry and exit difficult

