

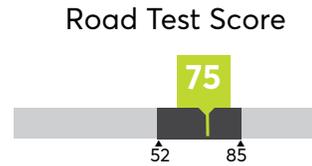
2017 Ford Escape

Recommended

CR Overall 23 MPG

Ranked # 10 of 16

Compact sport-utility vehicles



THE FOLLOWING TEST RESULTS ARE BASED ON THE: SE SUV AWD, 1.5-LITER 4-CYL. TURBO, 6-SPEED AUTOMATIC

Safety

Frontal Crash Prevention		
Forward Collision Warning (FCW)		Optional
Automatic Emergency Braking (AEB) City		N/A
Automatic Emergency Braking (AEB) Hwy		N/A
NHTSA Overall Crash Tests	★★★★	Excellent
CR Accident Avoidance	★★★★	Very Good
Braking	★★★★	Very Good
60 mph Dry		132 ft.
60 mph Wet		147 ft.
Emergency handling	★★★	Good
Avoidance maneuver, max. speed		50 mph

Performance

Acceleration	★★★	Very Good
0-60 mph		10.14 sec.
Routine handling	★★★★	Very Good
Transmission	★★★★	Excellent
Fuel economy	★★★	Good
Overall mileage		23 mpg
City mileage		15 mpg
Highway mileage		31 mpg

Comfort/Convenience

Ride	★★★★	Very Good
Noise	★★★★	Very Good
Front seat comfort	★★★	Good
Rear seat comfort	★★★	Good
Interior fit and finish	★★★	Good
Controls and display	★★★★	Excellent
Trunk/Cargo area	★★★	Good
Cargo volume		34 cu. ft.

Road Test

Solid, sophisticated, and athletic, the fun-to-drive Ford Escape delivers agile handling and a taut, yet supple ride. Its cabin is one of the quietest in the class. Overall, this small SUV feels more substantial than most of the competition. With its long list of desirable and high-tech options, a well-equipped Escape feels like a competitor to some luxury-branded small SUVs. Just keep in mind that it's not the roomiest in the class, and that the refinement comes with a hefty sticker price.

Pros

- Feels substantial for a small SUV
- Relatively quiet inside
- Nimble handling
- Taut-yet-absorbent ride
- Sync 3 infotainment system works well
- Optional 2.0-liter EcoBoost engine packs plenty of power

Cons

- Forward-collision warning is only optional on top-trim
- Automatic emergency braking isn't available at all
- Unimpressive fuel economy
- Relatively expensive, before incentives
- Lackluster front cloth seats
- Backseat isn't as roomy as rivals

Best version/options to get:

The best deal is an SE with the 1.5-liter EcoBoost engine and the SE Technology package, which includes desirable features like Sync 3 and blind-spot monitoring.

Notable changes:

The popular Ford Escape was completely redesigned for 2013. Thankfully, 2016 marked the end of the cumbersome and trouble-prone MyFord Touch infotainment system, which was replaced by the much improved Sync 3.

Significant updates arrived for 2017, starting with cosmetic changes that included fresh front and rear styling. More significant changes are underneath, with a reinforced structure that raised crash test performance in the IIHS small overlap test from Poor to Acceptable. More efficient 1.5-liter and 2.0-liter EcoBoost four-cylinder engines replace the previous 1.6-liter and 2.0-liter. Forward-collision warning was finally made an available option. Minor interior changes include easier-to-use climate controls and more center console storage space, enabled by an electronic parking brake.

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