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# ESCORT



IT'S NEW AND IT'S SMART WITH A STORY TO TELL.



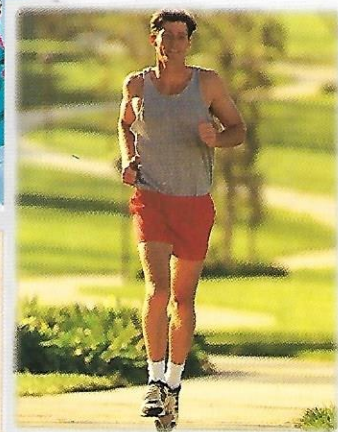
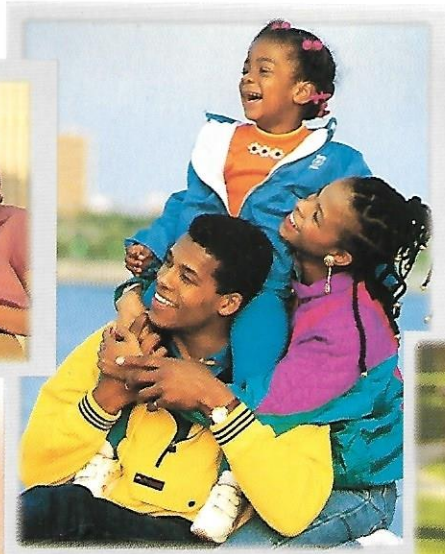
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**e** **s** **c** **o** **r** **t.**  
**W** → **SMART**



The popular Ford Escort has been redesigned and re-engineered to give you even more for your money. There's 25% more power. Improved steel safety cell construction. 100,000-mile tune-up interval (under normal driving



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ditions with routine fluid and filter changes). A user-friendly integrated control panel. Even the stereo system  
s a boost with premium speakers. It's been smoothly restyled, too. More value in a trusted name. Smart going.



ESCORT  
**SPORTS**

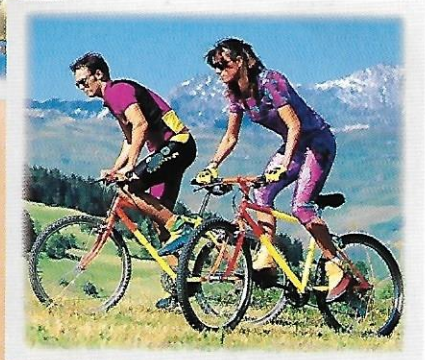
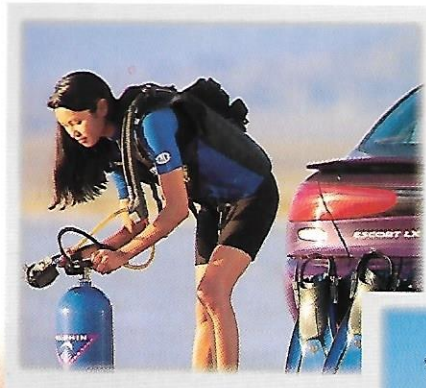
ALL DRESSED UP *And* ANY



When decked out with the attractive sport package, the Escort LX sedan takes on an undeniably stylish attitude. Outside, a bright oval-tipped exhaust pipe and rear liftgate spoiler complement 14" aluminum wheels.



HERE TO GO.....



cial "Sport" badges are included. Inside, specially upholstered seats feature rear integrated head restraints. Instrumentation includes a tachometer. The sport package is designed to enhance Escort's smart, sleek new look.

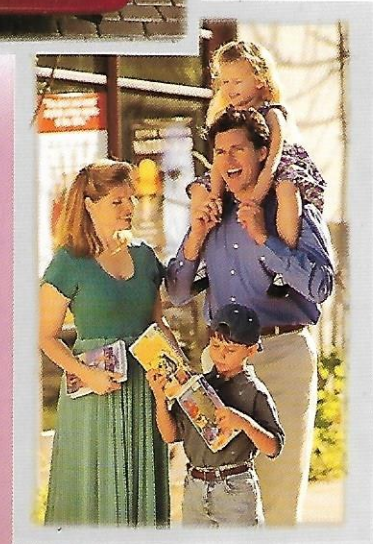


ESCORT  
**wagon** Smooth Outside





# BIG inside...



The new wagon, besides sharing all the impressive performance, convenience and comfort attributes of the Escort  
van model, provides 63.4 cubic feet of cargo area when the rear seat backs are folded down. The split-fold fea-  
ture (shown at left) lets you fold both backs down when cargo takes priority, or just one for cargo and passengers.



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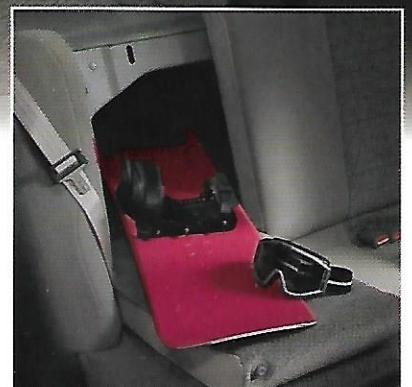


The optional trunk-mounted 6-disc changer includes the premium sound system. LX sedan only.

The LX 60/40 split/fold rear seat provides exceptional passenger/cargo versatility.



**Trunk-Mounted 6-Disc Changer**

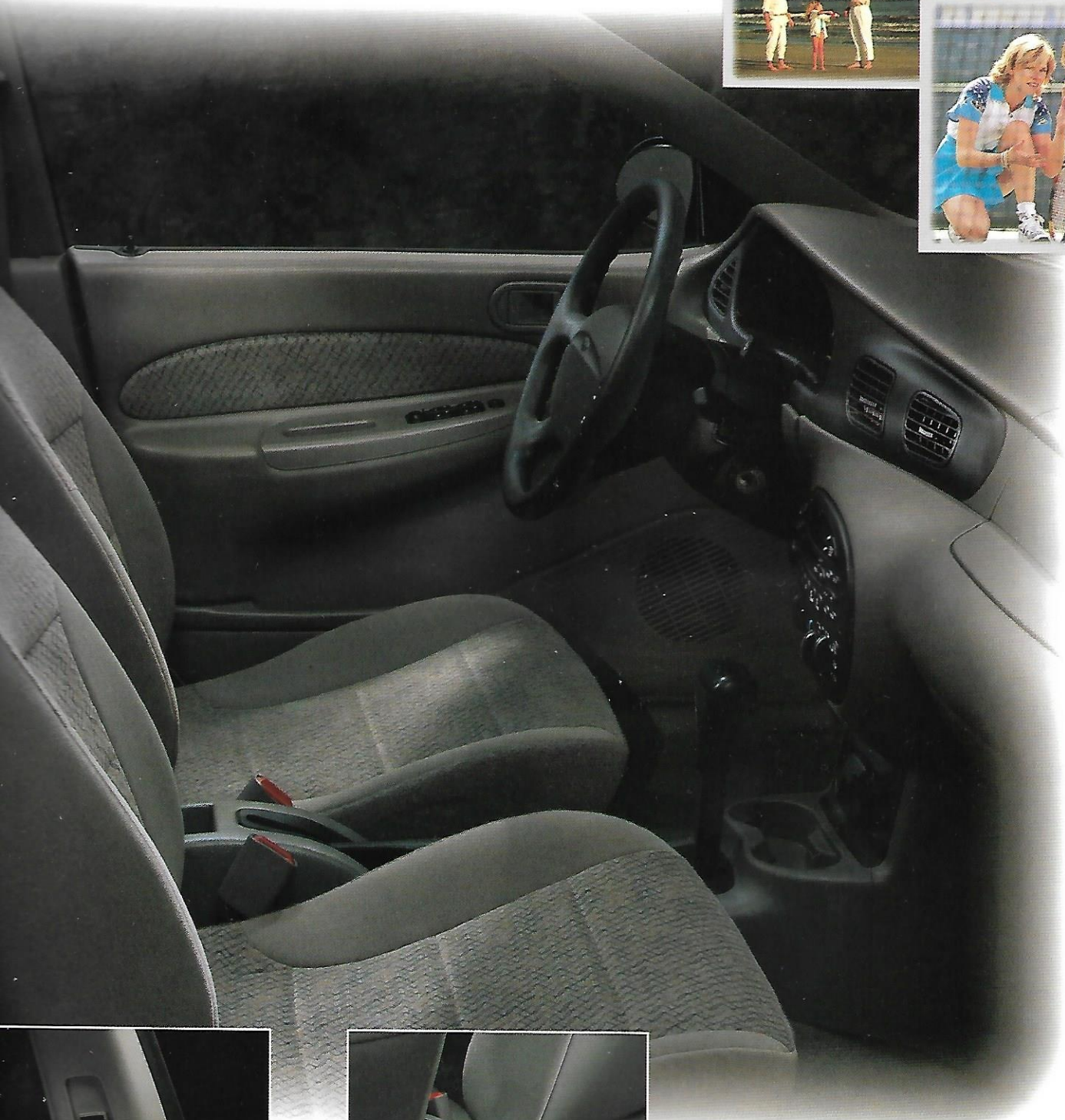
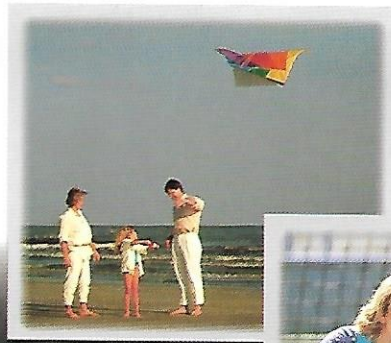


**Split/Fold Rear Seat**



# Versatile.

# And then Some.



**Adjustable Belt**



**Rear Cup Holder**

The height of the front shoulder safety belt is adjustable for maximum individual comfort.

Escort's rear cup holder is conveniently located and can hold larger-sized juice bottles.





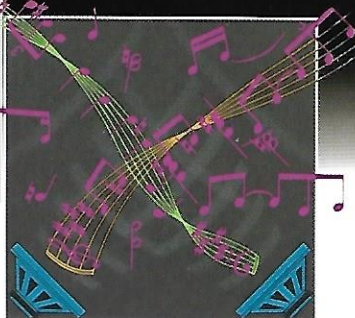
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### Friendly Features

The integrated control panel combines climate, audio and clock controls into one user-friendly unit.

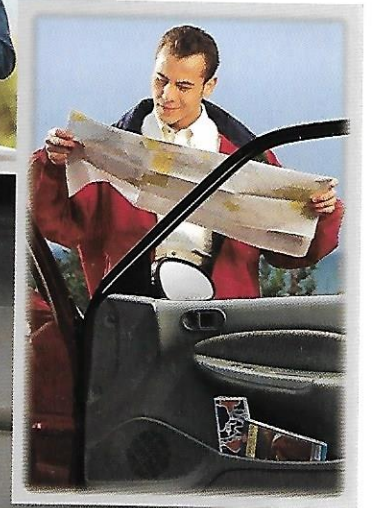
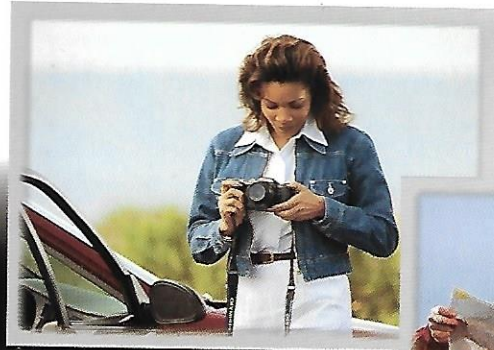


### Premium Speakers

Escort's premium speakers offer improved reproduction of both high and low frequencies.



# venience



It's new instrument panel is designed to help make your driving more pleasurable by making things more convenient. An integrated control panel, unique in Escort's class, delivers practicality and contemporary style. A console is standard and many frequently used functions are column mounted for ease of reach and operation.





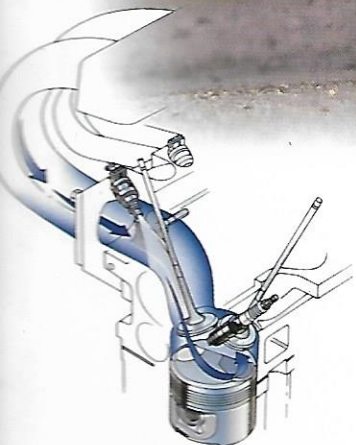
# 25% MORE POWER

*means*

MORE DRIVING ENJOYMENT...

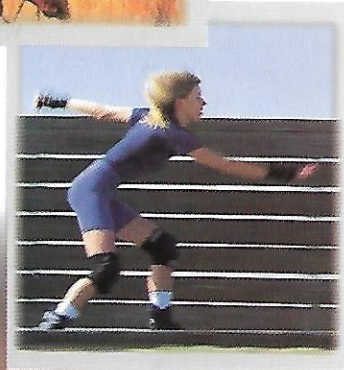
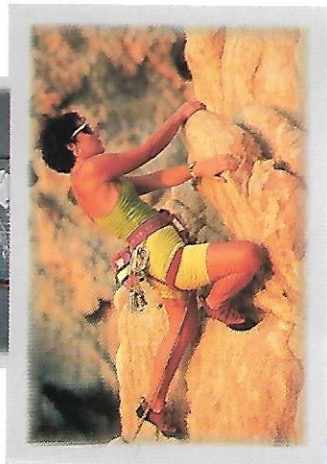
Escort's 2.0L engine can go 100,000 miles between scheduled tune-ups (under normal driving conditions with routine fluid/filter changes).

A split-port induction system combines increased power with cleaner burning benefits.

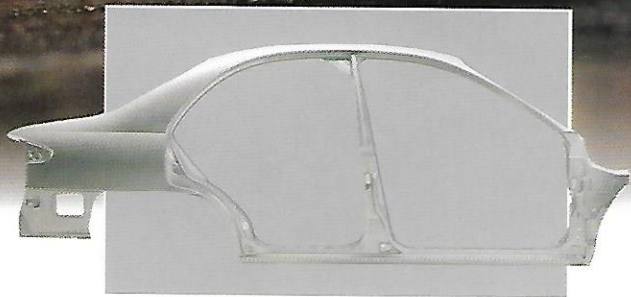


With 110 hp, Escort's 2.0L engine is fully 25% more potent than its predecessor. The new split-port induction system boosts power at engine speeds over 3,000 rpm by increasing the fuel/air mixture to the cylinders. Below 3,000 rpm, the mixture is efficiently administered at normal levels for traditional 4-cylinder economy (see your dealer for EPA fuel economy estimates).





**Power Rack-and-Pinion Steering**  
Escort's precise rack-and-pinion steering system is power assisted with a 17:1 steering ratio for ease of maneuverability.



**One-Piece Bodyside**  
Escort's bodyside is stamped from a single piece of metal rather than using the traditional multi-piece process. The result is increased body rigidity for a smoother, quieter ride.

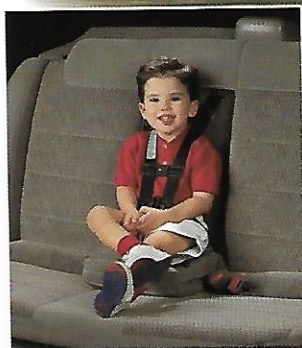


**Quadralink Independent Suspension**  
The advanced-design quadralink independent rear suspension system provides excellent control during acceleration, cornering and braking. Front and rear stabilizer bars are standard.





Designed to be **Safer.**<sup>MO</sup>



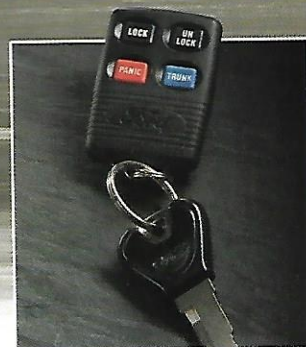
#### **Child Safety**

An integrated safety seat is optional with LX; childproof rear door locks are standard with all models.



#### **Safety Cell Construction**

A new level of safety is achieved with improved safety cell construction that meets the new 1997 Federal dynamic side impact requirements. It includes protective side door intrusion beams.

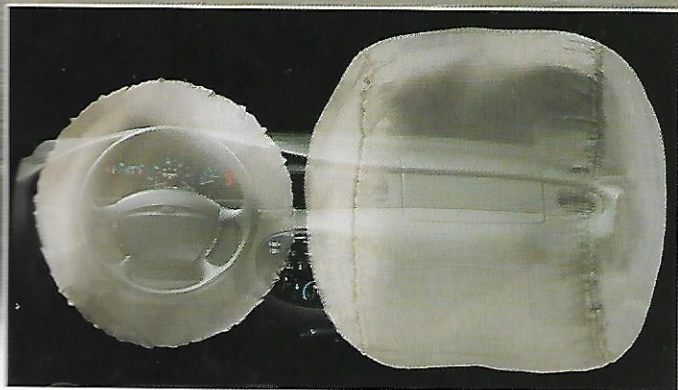


#### **Remote Keyless Entry**

The available driver's door remote keyless entry, a segment exclusive, locks and unlocks the driver's door and trunk/liftgate.



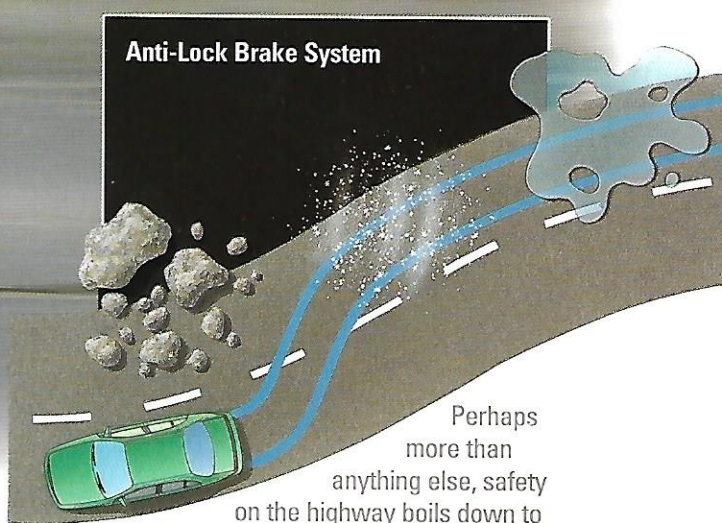
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### Standard Dual Air Bags

Air bags for both the driver and front passenger are standard with all models. Remember to wear safety belts at all times.

### Anti-Lock Brake System



Perhaps more than anything else, safety on the highway boils down to control. Escort's anti-lock braking system, now available with all models, provides greater steering control while braking under most adverse driving conditions, even on wet or slippery surfaces.



# OPTION PACKAGES, **features** &

## Preferred Equipment Packages

### Escort Sedan



#### Standard

The Escort Sedan's long list of standard equipment includes such features as:

- Electronic AM/FM stereo radio with premium speakers
- Power rack-and-pinion steering
- Driver and front passenger air bag supplemental restraint system
- Solar tinted glass
- Variable-interval windshield wipers

### Escort LX Sedan



#### 317A

- Rear window defroster
- Group 1: CFC-free air conditioning, driver's door remote entry

#### 318A

- All the features included in Package 317A
- Group 2: All-door remote entry with perimeter anti-theft, power door locks, power windows and dual power mirrors

### Escort LX Wagon



#### 317A

- Rear window defroster
- Group 1: CFC-free air conditioning, driver's door remote entry

#### 318A

- All the features included in Package 317A
- Group 2: All-door remote entry with perimeter anti-theft, power door locks, power windows and dual power mirrors

## Specifications

### ENGINE

Type	Overhead-cam in-line 4-cyl. with on-board diagnostics
Valves	8
Displacement	2.0L
Horsepower (SAE net)	110 @ 5,000 rpm
Torque (SAE net lb.-ft.)	125 @ 3,750 rpm
Engine control	EEC-V computer
Fuel system	Sequential electronic fuel injection
Induction system	Split-port
Spark plugs	Platinum tipped
Scheduled tune-up interval	100,000 miles*

### TRANSAXLE

Type	5-speed manual overdrive; 4-speed automatic overdrive optional
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### CHASSIS

Body type	Unitized
Bodysides	One-piece stamping (sedan only)
Suspension, front	Independent system with gas-pressurized MacPherson struts; stabilizer bar; isolated engine subframe
Suspension, rear	Independent quadralink system; stabilizer bar
Steering	Power rack-and-pinion; 17.0:1 overall ratio
Brakes	4-wheel hydraulic, power front disc/rear drum (anti-lock system optional)

Tires	P185/65R14 BSW
Fuel capacity	12.7 gallons

\*Under normal driving conditions with routine fluid and filter changes.



# Technical INFORMATION

= Preferred Equipment Package Item  
 = Standard O = Optional

## EXTERIOR FEATURES

	Escort 315A	LX 317A	LX 318A
Aerodynamic fixed-aim headlamps	S	S	S
Color-keyed bumpers	S	S	S
Black bodyside protection moldings	S	-	-
Color-keyed bodyside protection moldings	-	S	S
Rear window management windshield molding	S	S	S
Dual outside mirrors	S	S	S
Power bodyside and underbody anticorrosion coating	S	S	S
Rear reflex applique (sedan)	S	S	S
15" alloy wheels with bright half caps	S	-	-
15" semi-styled steel wheels with full luxury "bolt on" wheel covers	-	S	S
15" spoke swirl aluminum wheels	-	O	O

## COMFORT/CONVENIENCE FEATURES

Dual power mirrors	-	O	P
Power steering	S	S	S
CFC-free air conditioning system	O	P	P
Integrated panel with controls for climate and sound system	S	S	S
Soft-feel vinyl door trim with cloth inserts, armrest, front integral map pocket and speaker grille	S	S	S
Center console with cassette storage, rearward cup holders, rear bin/cup holder	S	S	S
Glove box	S	S	S
Digital clock	S	S	S
Passenger-side visor mirror	-	S	S
Headlamps-on warning chime	S	S	S
12-ounce carpeting	S	S	S
Window-shade-type cargo area cover (wagon)	-	S	S
Low-liftover trunk design (sedan)	S	S	S
15" trunk trim	S	-	-
Luxury trunk trim (sedan); luxury cargo area trim (wagon)	-	S	S
Dark tinted glass; side window visors; flow-through 4-speed wiper/defroster with rear ducts	S	S	S
Intermittent wipers with variable interval; temperature gauge; trip odometer	S	S	S
Low fuel warning light	S	S	S
Battery saver	S	S	S
Side hood release	S	S	S
Front and rear floor mats	O	O	O

Escort LX LX  
 315A 317A 318A

## SAFETY FEATURES

Driver and passenger air bag SRS, manual 3-point front lap/shoulder belt system with adjustable D-ring, lap/shoulder outside rear safety belts, center rear seat lap belt	S	S	S
Anti-lock braking system (ABS)	O	O	O
Integrated child safety seat (includes full-fold rear seat; available in Medium Graphite or Saddle)	-	O	O
Child safety rear door locks	S	S	S
Rear window defroster	O	P	P

## SEATING

Low-back cloth and vinyl bucket seats, full-fold rear seat	S	-	-
Low-back luxury cloth bucket seats and split/fold (60/40) rear seat	-	S	S

## GROUPS

Group 1: Includes CFC-free air conditioning and driver's door remote entry system with 2 key fobs	-	P	P
Group 2: Includes all-door remote entry with 2 key fobs and perimeter anti-theft system, power door locks, power windows and dual power mirrors	-	O	P
Group 3: Includes speed control, tachometer, tilt and convenience group (tilt steering column, dual map lights, dual visor-cover mirrors)	-	O	O
Wagon group: Includes deluxe luggage rack and rear window wiper/washer (wagon only)	-	O	O
Sport package: Includes 14" aluminum wheels, trunk spoiler, bright oval-tip exhaust, unique sport seats with rear integrated head restraints, tachometer and sport graphic (4-door sedan only)	-	O	O
Automatic transaxle	O	O	O
Engine block heater	O	O	O

## SOUND SYSTEMS

Four premium speakers (two standard and two premium with wagon)	S	S	S
AM/FM stereo radio	S	S	S
AM/FM stereo radio with cassette tape	O	O	O
Premium sound audio system with upgraded amplifier AM stereo/FM stereo cassette tape and trunk-mounted 6-disc changer (sedan only)	-	O	O

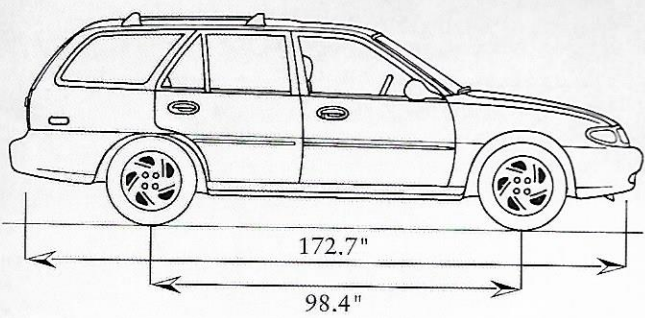
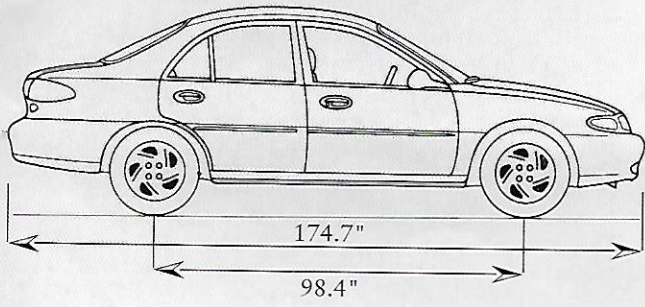
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## Dimensions

	SEDAN	WAGON
Wheelbase	98.4"	98.4"
Length	174.7"	172.7"
Height	53.3"	53.9"
Width	66.2"	66.2"
Front tread	56.5"	56.5"
Rear tread	56.5"	56.5"
Front head room	39.0"	38.7"
Rear head room	36.7"	39.1"
Front leg room	42.5"	42.5"
Rear leg room	34.0"	34.0"
Front shoulder room	51.6"	51.6"
Rear shoulder room	52.1"	52.1"
Trunk or cargo volume (cu. ft.)	12.8	63.4*
Passenger capacity	5	5

\*With rear seat back(s) folded down.



Standard argent wheels with half cap    LX semi-styled wheel with full luxury "bolt on" wheel cover    Optional spoke swirl aluminum wheel

## Options

Dual power mirrors are optional with LX Preferred Equipment Package 317A and are also part of Group 2, which is included in LX Package 318A.



The tilt steering wheel is optional as part of Group 3, available with select LX Preferred Equipment Packages.

The optional wagon group includes a rear wiper/washer for convenience and safety. There's also a handy luggage rack, ideal for families on the go.



Available from your Ford dealer, this convenient console offers extra storage space for all kinds of articles as well as a comfortable padded armrest.

Among the quality accessories available from your Ford Dealer is a handy bicycle rack that's specifically designed for Ford vehicles. Adapters can accommodate two bikes or four pairs of skis. Ideal for active lifestyles.





# S, Colors and Trims.

## Escort Colors



Toreador Red  
Clearcoat  
Metallic



Bright Red  
Clearcoat



Royal Plum  
Clearcoat  
Metallic



Mocha Frost  
Clearcoat  
Metallic



Pacific Green  
Clearcoat  
Metallic



Aquamarine  
Frost  
Clearcoat  
Metallic



Silver Frost  
Clearcoat  
Metallic



Vibrant White  
Clearcoat



Boysenberry Blue  
Clearcoat  
Metallic



Black Satin  
Clearcoat

### Exterior Paint Colors

#### Escort Sedan

Silver Frost Clearcoat Metallic	■		
Pacific Green Clearcoat Metallic	■		
Black Satin Clearcoat	■		
Vibrant White Clearcoat	■		

#### Escort LX Sedan and Wagon

Toreador Red Clearcoat Metallic	■		■
Bright Red Clearcoat	■		■
Royal Plum Clearcoat Metallic	■		■
Boysenberry Blue Clearcoat Metallic	■		■
Black Satin Clearcoat	■		■
Mocha Frost Clearcoat Metallic	■		■
Pacific Green Clearcoat Metallic	■	■	■
Aquamarine Frost Clearcoat Metallic	■	■	■
Silver Frost Clearcoat Metallic	■	■	■
Vibrant White Clearcoat	■	■	■

Note: the sport package is available with any LX exterior color.

### Interior Trim Colors

Medium Graphite Willow Green Saddle

## Ownership Experience

### ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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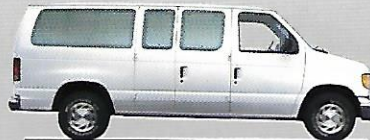
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