

From the world of Saleen:

The New Saleen Explorer Performance Utility Vehicle



Saleen Performance Cars, the specialty vehicle manufacturer known worldwide for its line of high performance Mustangs, has introduced a new kind of machine - the Saleen Explorer Performance Utility Vehicle - based on the Ford Explorer. Available from Saleen Certified Ford Dealerships nationwide, the Saleen Explorer is available in

both two- and four-wheel drive and features revised styling, enhanced performance, and improved handling.

Under the hood, the Saleen Explorer offers three engine combinations that are performance-enhanced, smog legal, fully warranted versions of the standard Ford production engines; a 211 horsepower 4.0 liter V6 with 257

lbs. ft. of torque, a 222 horsepower 5.0 liter V8 generating 298 lbs. ft. of torque, and a supercharged 5.0 liter V8 producing 286 horsepower and 333 lbs. ft. of torque.

To improve handling and performance, the Saleen Explorer has been lowered by two inches and fitted with 18 x 8.5 inch Saleen magnesium wheels and 225/55-R18 Pirelli Scorpion radi-



als. High performance options include a special carbon fiber hood and racing-derived brakes with 13-inch discs and four-piston calipers.

"There's a need for high performance handling in the sport utility vehicle enthusiast market," says Steve Saleen, president of Saleen Performance. "We've added a performance dynamic to the SUV that hasn't been there before. That's where our revision of the suspension, handling, and braking make the Explorer even better."

Styling changes include custom graphics and badging, gray-face gauges with a 150 mph speedometer, and Saleen CoCo mats. Two interior colors (Medium Prairie Tan and Medium Graphite) and 10 exterior paint schemes (Light Prairie Tan Clear Coat Metallic, Bright Red Clear Coat, Evergreen Frost Clear Coat Metallic, Toreador Red Clear Coat Metallic, Light Denim Blue Clear Coat Metallic, Medium Wedgwood Clear Coat Metallic, Pacific Green Clear Coat Metallic, Medium Platinum Clear Coat Metallic, Black Clear Coat, and Oxford White Clear Coat) are available, along with optional Saleen/Recaro leather seats. Additional enhancements include front and rear fascia, side skirts, door cladding, concealed tow

hitch, rear wing, and carbon fiber accents. As with all Saleen vehicles, there are serialized engine bay and interior console plaques that verify the authenticity and collectibility established by Saleen's Mustang line.

The Saleen Explorer was created after a year of extensive research and development by Saleen engineers. Steve Saleen, the original founder of Saleen Performance

more than a decade ago (originally known as Saleen Autosport) was the driving force behind the vehicle's aggressive new styling and improved handling capabilities. His vision was to create a more upscale SUV, with a different look that people would still feel comfortable driving.

"Since only a small percentage of people with sport utility vehicles ever take them off-road, we decided to take on the challenge of enhancing the on-road perfor-

mance of the Explorer without compromising its off-road capabilities" says Saleen. "The Saleen Explorer can still go straight up a mountain, but now it can also be driven in a sporting manner up the winding road on the side of the mountain. The Saleen Explorer attracts just about any taste, and we expect it will appeal to everyone from sports car enthusiasts to businessmen to families."

The Saleen Explorer, with a suggested retail price of \$41,900, joins a family of high performance vehicles that includes the entry level Saleen Mustang S281, the 490 horsepower Saleen Mustang S351, the fastest street-legal vehicle sold in the U.S., and the racing-derived Saleen Mustang SR.

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