

2015-2019 Ford Explorer | Moderate | 1-2 hours | \$60 DIY

TOOLS

Floor jack, jack stands, and wheel chocks
Drain pan rated for coolant Pliers or hose-clamp tool and metric/SAE sockets
Plastic trim tool and pick for stubborn clamps
Spill-free funnel, distilled water if specified, and shop towels
Safety glasses and chemical-resistant gloves

PARTS

Upper or lower radiator hose for 2015-2019 Ford Explorer; verify hose routing and engine \$45.00
Correct replacement clamps if the original clamps are weak or damaged \$15.00
Vehicle-approved premixed coolant or concentrate; match the owner manual \$20.00

STEPS

- 1 Confirm the hose and prepare - Park the 2015-2019 Ford Explorer on level ground, set the parking brake, let the engine cool completely, and compare the new hose with the old one. Identify the upper, lower, bypass, or molded hose and verify the exact engine fitment.**
- 2 Drain the coolant safely - Remove the reservoir or radiator cap only when cold. Place a drain pan under the approved drain point and drain enough coolant to remove the selected hose without a large spill; store reusable coolant only if it is clean and permitted.**
- 3 Clear access to the connection - Remove the engine cover, intake duct, splash shield, fan shroud, or other parts only as needed on the 2015-2019 Ford Explorer. Protect nearby electrical connectors and note the original hose routing and clamp positions.**
- 4 Remove the old hose - Release the clamps and slide them back beyond the hose bead. Twist the hose to break the seal before pulling; if it is stuck, use a hose pick carefully and never pry against a plastic neck. Plug or cap open ports to keep dirt out.**
- 5 Install the replacement hose - Compare length, bends, molded ends, and internal diameter. Lightly wet the inside with the specified coolant if needed, push the hose fully past each bead, orient it without kinks, and place each clamp in its original sealing position.**
- 6 Refill and bleed the cooling system - Reconnect removed parts, close the drain, and fill with the specified coolant using a spill-free funnel if appropriate. Follow the 2015-2019 Ford Explorer bleed procedure, run the heater as directed, and monitor for trapped air and falling...**
- 7 Pressure-check and road-test - Inspect every connection while the engine warms, confirm the temperature stabilizes and the heater works, then let the vehicle cool fully and recheck the level. Do not drive if there is a leak, soft hose, warning light, or overheating.**