2021-2024 Ford Explorer - Engine Oil & Filter

2021-2024 Ford Explorer | Moderate | 30-60 minutes | $57 DIY

TOOLS

Floor jack or ramps and rated jack stands if needed Oil-drain pan, funnel, gloves, and eye protection Socket or wrench for the drain plug and oil-filter tool Calibrated torque wrench and shop towels

PARTS

Engine Oil (5W-30) $45.00
Correct engine oil filter and drain-plug washer for 2021-2024 Ford Explorer ST Elite $12.00

STEPS

1. **Confirm oil specification and make the vehicle safe - Confirm the grade on your filler** cap and in the manual before buying - the 2.3L four-cylinder uses a different capacity. Park on flat, level pavement, set the brake, and chock the rear wheels.
2. **Warm briefly and protect the work area - Idle 2-3 minutes, then shut off - lukewarm oil** drains far more completely than cold, but don’t let it get hot enough to burn. Slide a wide drain pan under the left (driver) side of the pan, where the drain plug lives.
3. **Drain the used oil - Remove the filler cap so the crankcase vents and the oil drains** faster. Loosen the drain plug with your socket, finishing by hand while pushing inward so the plug doesn’t fall into the pan.
4. **Refit the filler cap and confirm the caps are secure - Adding in stages prevents** overfill, which can foam the oil and trigger warning lights on a turbo engine. Refit the filler cap and confirm the drain plug and filter cap are both secure.
5. **Check level and leaks - Start the engine and idle 30-60 seconds, watching the** oil-pressure light go out and checking for drips at the drain plug and filter housing. Pour used oil into sealed jugs and recycle it, with the old element, free at any auto-parts store.

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