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Announcements



New Ford Explorer King Ranch Edition Brings Texas Spirit to America's Best-Selling SUV

Ford Explorer, America's all-time best-selling SUV, adds the first-ever King Ranch edition to its stable, giving midsize SUV customers an all-new rugged, premium appearance with the uncompromising quality, craftsmanship and authenticity of the iconic Texas ranch.

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Ford News



Falotico Briefs Retirees on Lincoln Priorities

Despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, 2020 was an exceptional year for Lincoln. Global sales totaled 180,400 vehicles, up 4% versus 2019, marking the best full year of sales in two decades. ...

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Clear Respirator Innovation Could Disrupt the Future of Working at Ford

In less than a year, the rapid sprint approach and cross-collaboration of Project Apollo has broken down barriers at Ford, with the company delivering millions of units of personal protective equipment when the nation...

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Ford Fund Joins Recovery Efforts in Texas Following Deadly Winter Storms

Ford Motor Company Fund — the philanthropic arm of Ford — will contribute a total of \$50,000 to local food banks and for disaster relief...

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Throwback: Ford Archives Celebrates 70th Anniversary

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Global Notes



Ford Works with Local Mining Company to Create Autonomous Rangers in Australia

The Rangers have been retrofitted with driverless



Spin Partners to Educate E-Scooter Riders on Disabled Pedestrian Safety

Through the partnership, Spin's e-scooter riders



Unique Mustang Helps in Restoration of Iconic Spitfire Aircraft

The last remaining Spitfire warplane in South Africa took a step closer

car technology to help collaborator Fortescue Metals Group reduce costs and improve performance. ...

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will be educated on safe riding and etiquette to increase awareness of vulnerable pedestrian groups in the...

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to achieving its first flight after more than twenty years, following the purchase of a unique Mustang. ...

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Outside Voices

Ford CEO Calls on U.S. Government to Support EV Batteries, Charging

(Reuters) “We can’t go through what we’re doing now with chips,” Ford President and CEO Jim Farley said, referring to the shortage of imported semiconductors that has caused the temporary shutdown of several U.S. auto plants. ...

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Car and Driver Announces the 2021 Editors' Choice List

(Car And Driver) We created our annual Editors' Choice list to benefit everyone shopping for a new vehicle. “There are lots of really excellent cars and trucks for sale today,” says editor-in-chief Sharon Silke Carty, “but this is the list that we would recommend to our friends and family: the vehicles we think are most reliable, safe, and fun to drive. We'd be happy with any of these in our driveways.” ...

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Check Out This Clever Easter Egg on the Ford Mustang Mach-E

(Road & Track) This Easter egg doesn't sit in the cabin or along the exterior of the Mach-E. Instead, it's tucked underneath, cast into the side of one of the car's electric motors. It's a phrase that reads “ELECTRIC PONIES LIVE HERE.” ...

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Unlike 2021 Ford F-150, Using Tesla as A Generator Will Void Its Warranty

(Ford Authority) We know this because Ford North America product communications manager Mike Levine posted a section of Tesla’s warranty limitations on Twitter with the caption: “PSA for Tesla owners. Don’t use your Tesla as a stationary power source. You’ll void the warranty. That’s not good. If you need to make power, get a Ford F-150 with Pro Power Onboard.” ...

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Ford Employees Recreation Association (FERA)

FERA offers recreation and travel opportunities for Ford employees and alumni. It has more than 45 clubs to support your recreation interests, as well as discounts on travel (such as trips to Orlando, Fla. and hotels) and attractions (like the North American International Auto Show and the Renaissance Festival). You can find more information by visiting www.fera.org. **The FERA desk at Ford World Headquarters is now permanently closed. The roving FERA desk has been suspended until further notice.** Send questions or for more information, email fera@ford.com.

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For benefit questions, please contact the NESC at [1-800-248-4444](tel:1-800-248-4444) or visit www.myfordbenefits.com.

Alumni Club Information

Alumni Club Information Now Online

****NEW UPDATES****

A complete list of alumni club information and group meetings has been **relocated to an @FordOnline web page**.

[Click here](#) to check out the listing of alumni clubs and groups, as well as upcoming meeting dates shared with the Blue Oval Connect team.

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