2005 Freestar Overview

- Insurance Institute for Highway Safety "Best Pick"
- New sporty liftgate spoiler available on SES
- New colors: Arizona Beige Clearcoat Metallic, Matador Red Clearcoat Metallic (on S series); Dark Shadow Grey Clearcoat Metallic/Graphite Clearcoat Metallic, and Silver Birch Clearcoat Metallic/Graphite Clearcoat Metallic (Limited series); Dark Shadow Grey Clearcoat Metallic (all series)
- Class I and Class II trailer towing packages available

The 2005 Ford Freestar is designed to be the most flexible, most powerful and highest-quality minivan Ford ever has built.

Freestar offers standard and optional safety and security features, including the Safety Canopy™ rollover curtain air bag system, a fail-safe cooling system for the engine that allows the vehicle to continue running for a short period following the loss of coolant, the Reverse Sensing System, signal mirrors, adjustable pedals, self-sealing tires, Smart Locks, keyless entry keypad, available 17-inch wheels and tires and predictable, confidence-inspiring handling.

Making Freestar very quiet was a top engineering priority. Special attention was paid to the body and door sealing, sound insulation and powertrain mounting technology. Notable sound insulation treatments include thicker front side windows, revised roof rack and exterior mirrors, a noise-absorbing dash panel and a sound-blocking technology called Conformable Constrained Layer Damping that contributes to making Freestar's quiet cabin.

Freestar is built in Oakville, Ontario.

Design and Equipment

The 2005 Freestar is available in five trim levels: Freestar S, SE, SES, SEL and Limited.

Different front, rear and body-side design treatments give each Freestar model its own character. The S and SE models have monochromatic, body-color fascia and grille. On the SES the grille is black with black lower fascia and cladding. The SEL grille is chromed. Limited models also have color-coordinated two-tone lower body paint.

Freestar includes seating for up to seven passengers and more than 25 cubic feet of cargo volume behind the third-row seat. When the third-row seat is stowed in the floor and the second-row seats are removed, the rear cargo area expands to 134 cubic feet and can accommodate large sheets of work material. Freestar's third-row seat can also be placed in a rearward-facing position for use during picnic or tailgating activities.

Dozens of storage features have been engineered into the Freestar, including a large third-row seat bin, 20-ounce beverage holders in the front doors and dual map pockets stacked vertically to hold plenty of kid paraphernalia. The rear sliding doors feature sizable bins for books, toys and other items, while the driver's seat on the Limited package has a "kangaroo" pouch at the front of the cushion. The covered compartment on top of the instrument panel is ideal for small items. A covered lower instrument storage bin is standard on all vehicles. The Freestar has cup holders for nine beverages.

Powertrain

Freestar's standard 3.9-liter V-6 is one of the top in the minivan segment in torque, with 245 pound-feet available at 3,500 rpm.

The 4.2-liter V-6 engine offers 263 pound-feet of torque at 3,650 rpm.

Freestar uses the latest-generation Ford four-speed automatic transmission. It has been designed with "fast-acting" hydraulics to help the transmission shift quicker and smoother.

Safety and Security

Safety is a Ford minivan tradition. The 2005 Freestar, complete with dual-stage air bags, a stronger structure and improved functional attributes, builds on Ford's legacy of safety leadership and has earned the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety "Best Pick" rating.

Freestar offers many standard safety features with the added security of available features like the Safety Canopy™ rollover curtain air bag system; the Personal Safety System™, a fail-safe engine cooling system that allows the vehicle to continue running for a short period following the loss of coolant; the Reverse Sensing System, which mirrors that signal when turning or when a sliding door is open; memory adjustable pedals; self-sealing tires; Smart Locks; keyless entry keypad, available 17-inch wheels and tires; and predictable, confidence-inspiring handling.

Large four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock control and electronic brake-force distribution are standard. AdvanceTrac®-equipped models also have Panic Brake Assist, which can help reduce stopping distances in a panic stop.

Major Equipment and Options

Freestar S: 3.9-liter V-6 with automatic four-speed transmission, four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes, remote keyless entry, low-tire-pressure warning, power locks, mirrors and windows, air conditioning, AM/FM stereo and fold-in-floor third-row seat.

SE adds: Privacy glass, AM/FM stereo with single CD player, speed control, enhanced seating group and roof rails.

SES adds: Dual-zone auxiliary air conditioning with overhead console, 16-inch five-spoke aluminum sport wheels, six-way power driver's seat, fog lamps and body-color moldings and door handles.

SEL adds: 4.2-liter V-6 engine, chrome grille, fold-and-tumble second-row bucket seats, cornering lamps, illuminated visors and leather-wrapped steering wheel with audio controls.

Limited adds: Exclusive interior and exterior trim, power-heated signal mirrors with puddle lamps, message center, speed-sensitive automatic audio control, analog clock, automatic temperature control, leather seating surfaces, fore-aft adjustment on second-row fold-and-tumble seats, kangaroo storage pouch on driver's seat and third-row with tailgating seat and reading lamps.

Options include:

- 17-inch alloy wheels on SES, SEL and Limited
- Active Safety Package I – Includes panic brake assist, traction control and AdvanceTrac®
- Active Safety Package II – Includes panic brake assist, traction control, AdvanceTrac® and reverse sensing system
- Electronics Group – Includes electro-chromatic rearview mirror, auto headlamps, overhead

console with exterior temperature and compass

- Value Group I – Includes perimeter anti-theft system and adjustable pedals
- Value Group II – Includes perimeter anti-theft, adjustable pedals, heated signal mirrors with puddle lamps and message center
- Value Group III – Includes Homelink®, electrochromatic rearview mirror and perimeter anti-theft system
- Memory Package – Includes driver's seat, exterior mirrors and adjustable pedals
- Mobility Package – Includes second-row restraints and heavy duty suspension
- Trailer Tow Package I – Includes mini-spare and trailer tow wiring
- Trailer Tow Package II – Includes mini-spare, high-speed /ambient temperature package, trailer tow wiring and heavy duty battery