

2006 F-450/F-550 Overview

New for 2006

- Popular upfitter switches standard on all models
- Previous Lariat Luxury Package equipment now standard on Lariat, including electronic automatic temperature control, auto-dimming rearview mirror, bronze-faced instrument cluster, enhanced message center with trip computer, woodgrain appliqué instrument panel insert, steering wheel redundant audio and climate controls and front floor console with woodgrain appliqué when ordered with captain's chairs
- 6.0-liter Power Stroke diesel engine meets federal LEV standard

Overview

The F-350/F-450/F-550 Super Duty Chassis Cab lineup is designed for hard work and is the popular choice for industrial and commercial applications. The chassis cab breadth and depth of product, quality, power, toughness, reliability and ability to get any job done makes for a product that exceeds expectations.

The F-350/F-450/F-550 Chassis Cabs are available in Regular Cab, SuperCab and Crew Cab configurations in XL, XLT and Lariat trims and are designed with customization in mind.

The F-Series Super Duty truck lineup is manufactured at Ford's 4.6-million square foot Kentucky Truck Plant in Louisville – the largest truck plant in the world.

Design and Equipment

Super Duty has a confident stance, drop-down beltline, round wheel openings and a large grille with machined-appearance bars and distinctive side nostrils. Clean, sheer surfaces with distinctive geometric forms and strong lines introduce a modernized, highly structured look, emphasizing the overall sense of power.

Building on the chassis improvements for 2005, this year's lineup sees new standard equipment to provide customers with even more value.

Super Duty Chassis Cabs have flat frame rails designed specifically to accommodate aftermarket bodies. Two-piece frame rails allow for a replaceable front section module for easy service. Standard power-glass, manual-telescoping trailer tow mirrors on XLT and Lariat models have heated glass, two-way fold, integrated turn signals and clearance lights. SuperCab and Crew Cab 4x4 models can be equipped with the enhanced protection of a transfer case skid plate.

Wiring on isolated circuits is color-coded to facilitate vocational upfits. A through-the-frame-rail fuel-filler neck makes upfitting easier. The fuel tank comes in different configurations, including standard aft-of-axle, midship or both (diesel only), providing up to 59 gallons of optional capacity on dual-rear-wheel (DRW) diesel models.

Both SuperCab and Crew Cab configurations are best-in-class for interior roominess. The XL vinyl interior washes down quickly and holds up under severe conditions. The XLT and Lariat trims make a great work truck a great place to work.

Powertrain and Chassis

Super Duty chassis cabs have power and torque, where and when you need it.

Powertrain options include the segment's most powerful gasoline engine.

The 6.8-liter, 3-valve Triton V-10 produces 362 horsepower and 457 pound-feet of torque – both class-leading figures.

The Power Stroke turbodiesel is rated at 570 pound-feet of torque and 325 horsepower.

Ford's modular 5.4-liter, 3-valve Triton V-8 available on some F-350 models has a three-valve architecture and sophisticated technology, including variable valve timing, to deliver 300 horsepower and 365 pound-feet of torque. More than 85 percent of peak torque – nearly 300 pound-feet – is available starting as low as 1,500 rpm.

All engines benefit from electronic throttle control, which provides economy and performance benefits. For commercial users who need elevated engine speed to run aftermarket power takeoff (PTO) systems, the "stationary elevated idle control" feature is now available with all powertrains.

All engines offer the TorqShift automatic transmission, with five forward speeds and Tow-Haul Mode, which provides improved

control uphill and downhill, using a tailored shift strategy and engine braking as necessary.

Safety, Security and Maintenance

Safety and security features available on F-350/F-450/F-550 Super Duty Chassis Cabs include air bags for the driver and right front passenger. Fog lamps on the Lariat enhance visibility in inclement weather.

All Super Duty customers benefit from “uptime-critical” parts ordering, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with next-day delivery 365 days a year.

Additional safety and security equipment includes alert chimes, safety belt energy-management retractors and pretensioners, Belt-Minder®, fuel pump inertia shutoff switch, side intrusion door beams and four-wheel anti-lock brakes.

Major Features and Options

XL: 5.4-liter, three-valve V-8 engine (F-350 SRW), 6.8-liter V-10 engine (F-350 DRW/F-450/F-550), four dash-mounted upfitter switches, telescoping trailer tow mirrors, front tow hooks, seven-wire harness, auxiliary power point, roof clearance lights, AM/FM stereo, four-wheel disc brakes with ABS, 40-gallon fuel tank, air filter minder (diesel only) and rear --fold-bench seat.

XLTruck adds: Chrome front bumper, bright grille, dual-beam jewel-effect headlamps, 18-inch chrome steel wheels (SRW) or 17-inch steel wheels, (DRW) air conditioning, power windows and door locks, power heated telescoping trailer tow mirrors with integrated clearance lights and turn signals, cloth seats, speed control, tilt steering wheel and CD player.

Lariat adds: Cab steps, fog lamps, six-way power driver and passenger seats with leather seating surfaces, privacy glass, leather-wrapped steering wheel, 18-inch premium bright aluminum (SRW) or 17-inch polished aluminum wheels, (DRW) rear sliding window, advanced security group and trailer tow package.

Option packages include keypad entry, Auxiliary Idle Control Kit, ambulance prep package, High Capacity Trailer Tow package, Max Front GAWR package with heavy duty springs, Low Deflection package, Power Equipment, Snow Plow package, Trailer Towing package and XL Decor kit.

Milestones

1928	Model A Open Cab Pickup and AA Chassis are introduced
1932	An all-new Model B pickup and new Model BB truck chassis are introduced, along with the famous Ford “flathead” V-8
1952	Ford enters a new era in engine technology with an overhead-valve configuration
1953	F-900 places Ford in the Class 7 market segment for the first time
1966	Power steering becomes available across the F-Series range
1968	Heavy-duty diesel engine first available
1969	Power brakes and air conditioning first offered
1969	Kentucky Truck Plant opens
1999	New Class 6 and Class 7 F-650 and F-750 trucks introduced
2000	Luxury F-650 SuperCrewZer™ debuts
2002	F-750 models offer a 33,000-pound GVWR Tractor Package for beverage delivery