# Portland Observer Auto Review

## **2007 Ford Expedition** Limited 5.4L 4X4

The Family Friendly Adventurer BY KATHLEEN CARR

When it comes time to fill up the tank, it's not easy to justify a fullsize sport utility. The Expedition is meant for utility. It carries people, hauls gear, tows boats, and pulls campers. The Expedition offers towing capacities in the 9000-pound range. When it's equipped with four-wheel drive, the Expedition will also get you there whether the road is dry, wet, snowy, or even when there's hardly any road at all.

The Expedition has been thoroughly revised for 2007 to make it a platform for family-friendly adventures. Every aspect of its utility has been improved: towing capacity, gaged four-wheel drive (4WD). A passenger comfort and even driving enjoyment.

The 2007 Ford Expedition comes 131-inch wheelbase. Every Expedianti-rollover technology. tion is powered by a single-overhead-cam 5.4-liter V-8 that is rated are meant to deliver car-like, highat 300 horsepower and 365 pound- way-friendly sophistication in a



Specifications: 5.4-Liter 300-hp @ 365 lb-ft. torque, V-8 Engine; 6-Speed Automatic O/D Transmission; Electronically engaged 4-wheel drive; 14-City 20-Highway MPG; \$47,610. MSRP

automatic transmission is standard equipment. Every Expedition model is available with either rear-wheel drive (2WD) or electronically en-Class III trailer hitch is standard.

Safety equipment includes frontseat frontal and side-impact air bags, in two different sizes, the standard three-row head-protection curtain model with a 119-inch wheelbase, air bags, anti-lock braking (ABS), and the new Expedition EL with its and electronic stability control with

of convenience features includes standing reputation for utility, relielaborate luxury items. Leather upholstery is standard, as are front captain's chairs (driver's seat is 10way adjustable) with a heating/cooling feature. The power-folding rear bench seat is standard. Exterior upgrades include 255/70R18 tires and a domed hood that combine to down the highway with excellent ties will become more useful than

The Limited and Limited 4WD, and, unlike so many other full-size signs, including new 20-inchers or broken pavement without stray- its family adventure concept, and sport-utilities, it doesn't pretend to with a chrome finish. be anything else. This is a good feet of torque. A new, six-speed sport-utility package. The style identity to have, because Ford new interior look; a richer blend of ering its truck heritage. Most of the the American road.

adjustable and folding mirrors.

ability and durability.

In the past, the Expedition hasn't been able to establish much of a visual identity. This new third-generation Expedition features a threebar grille, large jewel-like headlights,

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optioned 2007 Expedition Limited is the best representation of modern American-style luxury within Ford's overall vehicle lineup. Wood, chrome and leather make tion in slippery circumstances. the Expedition an inviting place to spend a day on the road.

The Expedition's available thirdrow seat is also impressively unique. Packaging advantages afforded by the Expedition's independent rear suspension enable this rear seat to deliver a far more comfortable seating for adults. Moreover, the three-row canopy airbags ensure the third-row passengers have the same head protection in a collision as passengers in the forward seat rows.

The Expedition's liftgate with its flip-up glass hatch also makes acstatement is far grander and the list trucks continue to have an out- cess to the cargo area very easy. The best thing about the Expedition's bench-type seats in the second and third rows is the way in which they can be folded flat onto the cargo floor, affording a long cargo area that can be easily loaded.

The 2007 Ford Expedition tracks with chrome-finish wheels, power- deliver a look that's both distinc- straight-line stability, negotiates ever simply because no other vetive and respectable. Moreover, forest roads with surprising agility, hicle can do so much with so many The Ford Expedition is a truck there are five different wheel de- and absorbs impacts from bumps people. Ford is right on target with The 2007 Expedition has a brand-maintains a surprising calm consid-hicle for family vacation travel on

finishes textures and colors. In fact, magic comes from car-like engineerthe overall effect of the fully ing. The two-speed 4WD system is engaged with a simple rotary knob mounted on the dashboard, and it automatically reduces throttle sensitivity in low range for better trac-

> The overhead-cam 5.4-liter V8 delivers 300 hp, but it's really tuned to deliver 365 pound-feet of torque for towing, a product of variable valve timing and cylinder heads with three valves per cylinder. In the past, this engine has seemed sluggish compared to its competition, despite its excellent power rating, but the addition of a new, six-speed automatic transmission for 2007 has transformed its personality. This engine performance also has a notable impact on towing, making it seem like a pleasure instead of a chore.

The 2007 Ford Expedition stands apart because it not only offers the best overall utility package but also delivers superior performance in virtually every way. As fuel prices help shift priorities to smaller, more efficient vehicles, it's important to remember that full-size sport-utiliing from its path. The Expedition the Ford Expedition is the best ve-

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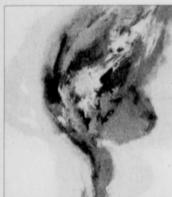
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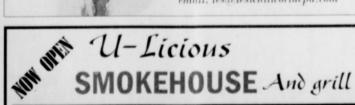
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