



Fair Price Report
real repair records, not a labor guide

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Ford Explorer — Ball Joint Replacement

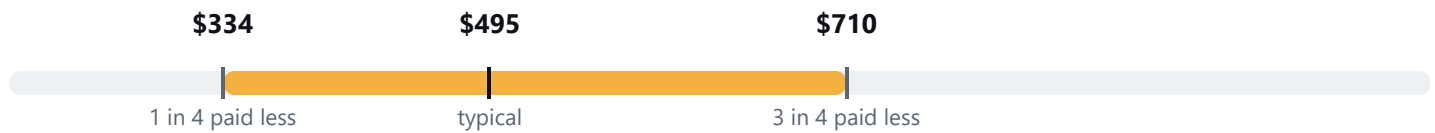
What owners actually paid for this repair, computed from **real, paid Ford Explorer ball joint replacements** at independent shops across the US.

\$495

typical total — half of all Ford Explorer ball joint replacement jobs cost less, half cost more

Fair range **\$334 – \$710**

the middle half of all invoices
(parts + labor + fees)



LINE ITEM	LOW (1 IN 4 PAID LESS)	TYPICAL	HIGH (3 IN 4 PAID LESS)
Parts — Ball joint(s) Lower and/or upper ball joints; a control arm where the joint is not serviceable separately	\$79	\$130	\$196
Labor — 4 hrs typical Range 2.8 – 5.2 hrs: press old joints out and new ones in, or replace the arm assembly; alignment afterward	\$200	\$288	\$401
Shop fees, supplies & tax The remainder of a typical invoice after parts and labor; varies by state and shop	—	~\$77	—
Total — what owners paid	\$334	\$495	\$710

Low / typical / high are computed per line, so they don't add up exactly to the totals — the total row is the real distribution of complete invoices.

IS YOUR QUOTE FAIR?

A quote between **\$334 and \$710** is inside the band where half of all Ford Explorer ball joint replacements landed. Below it is not automatically a bargain (one serviceable lower joint on a truck, alignment skipped); above it is not automatically gouging (both sides upper and lower, joints integral to the control arm, alignment included) — but both ends deserve a question.

WHAT MOVES THE PRICE

- **Serviceable or not** — on many vehicles the joint comes only with the whole control arm.
- **One side or both** — worn joints tend to fail in pairs; shops often recommend both sides.
- **Alignment** — ball joints set the geometry — an alignment belongs on the same invoice.

ABOUT THIS DATA · HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

Vehicle **Ford Explorer, model years 1991–2015**
Data confidence **Good** — *good sample, dependable ranges*
Records through **July 2026**, refreshed continuously
Source **paid invoices from independent US repair shops**

Bring it to the shop. Ask for the written estimate split into parts, labor hours and rate, and fees — then compare each line. A shop that explains a number above the range is doing its job; one that won't is telling you something too.

NOT A QUOTE This report describes what other owners paid for the same repair. Your year, engine, region and the parts chosen shift the number. FixDozer does not perform repairs and receives nothing from shops.

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