



Fair Price Report
real repair records, not a labor guide

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Ford Explorer — Starter Replacement

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

\$357

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

Fair range **\$279 – \$451**

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 — Starter	\$171	\$204	\$246
New or remanufactured starter motor			
Labor — 1.3 hrs typical	\$80	\$115	\$164
Range 1 – 1.8 hrs: test the starting circuit, remove and replace the starter, verify			
Shop fees, supplies & tax	—	~\$38	—
The remainder of a typical invoice after parts and labor; varies by state and shop			
Total — what owners paid	\$279	\$357	\$451

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 **\$279 and \$451** is inside the band where half of all Ford Explorer starter replacements landed. Below it is not automatically a bargain (remanufactured starter mounted in the open); above it is not automatically gouging (OEM starter buried under the intake manifold or exhaust, corroded cables replaced) — but both ends deserve a question.

WHAT MOVES THE PRICE

- **Where it lives** — on some engines the starter is right on top; on others it hides under the intake — that's the whole price difference.
- **New vs. remanufactured** — reman starters are common and much cheaper.
- **Battery and cables** — a good shop rules them out before selling a starter.

ABOUT THIS DATA · HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

Vehicle **Ford Explorer, model years 1991–2022**
Data confidence **High** — *large sample, stable 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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