



76 Ford Elite

Fine car styling, road car spirit, mid-size price



Cover: Elite in Creme (6P) with handsome new Creme half-vinyl roof. Shown with optional Interior Decor Group, Deluxe Bumper Group, Dual Color-keyed Mirrors, Dual Accent Paint Bodyside Stripes, WSW Tires and Turbine Cast Aluminum Wheels.

Notes: See "Notable Standard Features" list on back cover. Other items shown are optional. Also see back cover for options in detail, measurements and color code reference.



Elite in Dark Jade Metallic (Code 46) with Jade Full Vinyl Roof



There's nothing on the road like Elite.

Styled to keep you out of the crowd, priced so you can enjoy it now. Some cars create their own distinction. Ford Elite is one of them. It has its own special look, excitement and road-car spirit that makes other people sit up and take notice, makes *you* feel good about owning it. And you don't have to wait a lifetime to have this kind of distinction. Elite's down-to-earth mid-size price lets you enjoy it *now*. More good news: A 1976 Ford Elite equipped with 351 CID 2V V-8 achieved an EPA estimated gas mileage rating of 19 mpg highway, 13 mpg city—a 19% increase on a combined city/highway testing mix over the 1975 Elite.* Elite comes in one striking model: 2-Door Hardtop.

When you buy Elite, you buy it well-equipped. All this is included in Elite's mid-size sticker price: Six-passenger roominess. A vinyl roof, either full- or half-roof treatment—at no extra cost. Unique twin opera windows. Thick vinyl-padded bodyside molding. A 351

*California: 17 mpg highway, 12 mpg city, or 12% increase over 1975. Of course, they are EPA estimates. The actual mileage you get may vary depending on how and where you drive, car condition and optional equipment.

CID V-8. SelectShift Cruise-O-Matic transmission. Power steering. Power front disc brakes. Full wheel covers. And more. We invite you to compare this against others in Elite's size and price range.

Quality, luxury and ride you'd expect only on the finest road cars. Part of Elite's excitement is the fine-car elegance it reflects. The classic lines. The personal luxury. The remarkable roadability you must experience to believe: its smooth, quiet ride; its tight, solid feel in the curves and on the straightaway. It's all the result of the careful way we engineer and build Elite to make it a great road car. Things like a precision-welded body. Rubber-isolated suspension. Generous sound-proofing throughout. A large 26½-gallon fuel tank for greater cruising range. Attention to small as well as important details. On the back cover of this folder you'll find a lengthy roster of Elite's typically luxury-car options: two larger V-8 engines, a reclining passenger seat, tilt steering wheel, and others like those shown above.

(A) Elite's magnificent Interior Decor Group. The atmosphere is pure luxury. Individually adjustable front seats and automatic seat-back release are just a sampling of the amenities you surround yourself with in this elegant interior option. Shown above in White vinyl (Code D2). Luxury knit cloth also available, see page 5 for more details.

(B) Even the instrument panel is special. You get additional instrumentation and stylish, burl woodtone vinyl appliques when you order the Interior Decor Group. Includes tachometer, trip odometer, and actual gauges for oil, ammeter, temperature and fuel. Also see page 5.

(C) Power-operated glass Moonroof. Your window to the sky. One-way tinted glass, in Silver or Gold, lets you see the sun and stars—even with the roof closed. If you prefer, Elite also comes with the popular Power-operated Sunroof with solid roof panel.

Elite in Dark Jade Metallic (Code 46)†, at left. Shown with optional Moonroof, Interior Decor Group, Deluxe Bumper Group, Dual Color-keyed Mirrors, Dual Accent Bodyside Paint Stripe, Wire Wheel Covers, WSW Tires.

†See your Ford Dealer for details on ordering and delivery dates.



Elite in Polar White (Code 9D) with Red Full Vinyl Roof.



Elite. A place to be yourself.

Elite is a very personal car. It gives you so many different ways to express your own tastes and flair. You can make it extra elegant, youthful or whatever suits your liking and lifestyle. For example, Elite offers three distinctively different interior plans to choose from. It's all up to you:

(A) Show your sporty side. Do it with Elite's brand-new bucket seat option. This modestly priced package comes complete with handy console and floor-mounted, "T" bar shift lever. Seats are individually contoured and covered with soft, supple vinyl in a choice of seven appealing colors, including Red (ED), shown above. And as long as you're feeling sporty, why not add on dual color-keyed racing mirrors, leather-wrapped steering wheel, wide-oval tires, wire wheel covers or turbine-styled cast aluminum wheels—the works!

(B) Go super-luxurious with Elite's Interior Decor Group. The ambience is rich, warm and thoughtful. Individually adjustable split-bench seats with separate fold-down armrests. Upholstery finish is

your personal choice of either a 100% nylon knit fabric with the look and feel of cashmere, shown above in Gold (CY), or in an all-vinyl covering (shown on page 3). Carpeting is extra-deep cut-pile. There's a visor vanity mirror for the lady. Deluxe color-keyed belts. Automatic front seat-back release for easier rear seat entry. A dual note horn. Even a specially designed instrument panel, illustrated and described on page 3. You'll find it the perfect setting for other fine Elite options like 6-way power seat, power windows, and AM/FM Stereo with Tape Player. For a sportier seating arrangement to your Interior Decor Group option, just specify the bucket seat option described above—there's no extra charge!

(C) Even "standard" Elite says something special about you. It offers plush, deep-cushioned comfort for six. There's thick carpeting underfoot. Rich woodtone touches many pleasant conveniences all around. Wide, low-back bench seats are tailored in striking, pleated Westminister knit cloth (shown above in Blue—Code AB), or optional pleated all-vinyl. Standard instrumentation illustrated on back cover.

Elite is designed for today's demanding car buyer. Underneath Elite's exciting elegance is the kind of quality, operating economy and lasting value that car buyers look for in a car today. Besides its long highway cruising range, 1976 Elite is also engineered to take you a long way between regularly scheduled service stops to keep maintenance costs down—with quality features like steel-belted radial ply tires, solid state ignition, 30,000-mile chassis lube and 5000-mile oil change intervals, and more!

Ford means value. A well-equipped, quality-built car like Ford Elite not only adds to your pride and driving pleasure while you own it, but traditionally brings a greater return when you trade. In so many ways, the 1976 Ford Elite means value. Ask your Ford Dealer to show you why. The closer you look, the better we look.

Elite in Polar White (Code 9D), at left on page 4. Shown with optional Deluxe Bumper Group and WSW tires. Below Elite's stylish rear deck area is 16½ cu. ft. of luggage space. Optional Space Saver Spare Tire adds even more room.

Elite Options

To make your Elite experience even more personal, more exciting.

Appearance and Protection

- Bumper Group, Deluxe. Offers you improved protection against parking nicks and scrapes. Helps preserve the luster of bumpers. Includes rear bumper guards with rubber inserts to help absorb impacts. Also includes full-width horizontal rub strips on front and rear bumpers. (See cars on pages 2 and 4.)
- Decor Group, Interior. See pages 3 and 5 for more complete details.
- Luggage Compartment Trim. Helps protect luggage and trunk contents from bumps and nicks while maneuvering in traffic. Includes carpeting, side and rear lining boards and spare tire cover.
- Molding, Rocker Panel. They beautify and protect. You get increased protection from road tar and paint chips from road debris.
- Paint, Metallic Glow. Lustrous Metallic sheen in choice of 4 colors: Green Glow, Golden Glow, Silver Blue Glow, Tan Glow.
- Paint Stripes, Dual Accent Bodyside. Run full length of car. (Shown on cover and p. 2.)
- Protection Group. Includes front color-keyed floor mats with carpet inserts, door edge guards and bright license plate frames.
- Lock Group, Security. Keep things under your hood. Helps prevent pilferage of your battery. Also makes sure your spare tire is there when you need it. And helps prevent occurrence of fuel siphoning. Includes lockable inside hood release, spare tire lock and locking gas cap.
- Seat Belts, Deluxe Color-Keyed. Included with Interior Decor Group.
- Steering Wheel, Leather-Wrapped. Adds sporty look and feel.
- Steering Wheel, Luxury. Standard with Fingertip Speed Control.
- Tires, WSW Steel-Belted Radial or WSW Wide-Oval Steel-Belted Radial.
- Trim, Pleated Vinyl Bench Seat. Available with standard bench seat.
- Wheels and Wheel Covers. Four different ways to add flair and brilliance to your Elite's wheels: **Full Wheel Covers**—standard at no extra cost and shown on car, p. 4; sporty **Turbine-Styled Cast Aluminum Wheels**—illustrated on cover; **Wire Wheel Covers**—classic European styling, shown on p. 2; **Luxury Wheel Covers**—for the formal look, shown in illustration "A," above.

Audio

- Aeronutronic Ford radios are engineered and built to perform well in your Elite. They have 100% solid state chassis, variable tone control and full fidelity sound. Ford Audio Engineering gives you the following benefits:
 - Improved sealing against noise, water and dust
 - Components waterproofed where appropriate
 - Service through Ford Dealers
 - 31-inch stainless steel whip antenna for



(A) Standard Elite Instrument Panel is highlighted with rich-looking woodtone vinyl appliques. Controls and instruments are all within easy reach and conveniently lighted. (B) Comfortable Reclining Passenger Seat is available with Interior Decor Group. Seat back adjusts manually to a number of reclining positions. Shown in Blue vinyl (Code DB).

optimum performance and resistance to damage

- Interior components styled and color-keyed to suit your Elite

The Radios:

- AM with pushbutton tuning.
- AM/FM Stereo. Four speakers with front/rear fader and right/left balance controls.
- AM/FM Stereo with Tape Player. 8-track automatic or manual tape channel indexing, plus 10 station settings (5 AM, 5 FM).
- AM/FM Stereo Search. Just set the sensitivity switch, press the activator bar and radio will sweep the dial, searching out strong or weak stations, as desired. Great convenience for in- or out-of-town driving.

Comfort and Convenience

- Air Conditioner, SelectAire. Control the environment in your Elite to suit you exactly. This unit allows you to even do things like keep your feet warm but deliver fresh air for you to breathe at eye level. And you can even choose to have things done for you with the Automatic Temperature Control.
- Convenience Group. Includes left-hand remote control mirror. Adjust it conveniently from inside. Also included: interval windshield wipers that will sweep away light or heavy rain and the light mist or heavy dew. And

RH visor vanity mirror and automatic parking brake release (except models with tilt steering wheel or bucket seats).

- Defroster, Rear Window Electric. Melts frost off the rear window and keeps it off. Also helps keep rear window clear of snow and fog.
- Light Group. Includes dual beam map light, instrument panel courtesy light, headlights "lights-on" warning buzzer and lights for ash tray, glove compartment, and luggage and engine compartments.
- Locks, Electric Power Door.
- Mirrors, Outside Color-Keyed Remote Control. (Illustrated on cover.)
- Mirror, Illuminated Visor Vanity.
- Moonroof, Power-Operated Glass (see pages 2 and 3). One-way tinted glass in Silver or Gold. Closed it lets in light and gives you a skyview. Open it for the feel of a convertible. Moonroof is power-operated with a control mounted on instrument panel. (Also see "Sunroof").
- Seat Back Release, Automatic. Standard with Interior Decor Group.
- Seat, 6-Way Power. This convenience lets you adjust the seat to different positions easily for long trips. Also accommodates quick adjustment for various drivers. For full-width bench or driver's split bench or bucket seats.
- Seat, Manual Reclining Passenger. See illustration and caption "C", above.
- Seats, Bucket. Includes console and floor-mounted SelectShift transmission lever. (Illustrated and described on p. 5.)
- Speed Control, Fingertip. Provides you with greater comfort on long trips and during freeway driving. Merely push "on" at the desired speed and the control takes over, leaving your right foot free. A touch of the brake automatically cuts out the speed control. This option includes Luxury Steering Wheel.
- Steering Wheel, Tilt. Offers you 5-position adjustability. First, the option allows you to tilt the steering wheel up out of your way for easier entrance and exit. Next, it accommodates five different positions for different sized drivers.
- Sunroof, Power-Operated. Captures the "feel" of the outmoded convertible without any of the drawbacks of top replacement and wind noise. Power switch located above windshield. Control mounted in roof header. When closed, the top is sealed against leaks and noise.
- Tire, Space Saver Spare. Adds extra trunk room by shrinking the spare considerably. When needed, merely inflate and mount on wheel.
- Trunk Lid Release, Electric Mounted. This option eliminates your fumbling in the dark or in bad weather for a trunk key. Release control is mounted in the glove box.
- Windows, Power Side. A popular convenience option. Master control on driver's door, individual control on passenger door.

Performance and Economy

- Axle, Optional Ratio. Provides extra pulling power. Optional axle ratios depend on the

Notable Standard Features

FUNCTIONAL: 351 CID V-8 with Solid State Ignition □ SelectShift Automatic Transmission □ Power Front Disc Brakes □ Double-Action Parking Brake with Warning Light □ Power Steering □ Fuel-Saving Steel-Belted Radial Ply 15" BSW Tires □ Inside Hood Release □ Electric Clock □ 2-Speed Wipers with Wiper-Mounted Washer Jets □ Front Bumper Guards □ Heater/Defroster □ 5-Pod Instrument Panel (shown on this page) □ Ford Lifeguard Design Safety Features.

APPEARANCE AND COMFORT: Bench Seat with Westminster Cloth and Vinyl Trim □ Color-Keyed Cut-Pile Carpeting on floor and lower door panel (except with optional white Interior Decor Group trim) □ Deluxe 2-Spoke Steering Wheel □ Woodtone vinyl appliques on Instrument Panel, Steering Wheel and Door Trim □ Odense-Grain Vinyl Roof, choice of full or half-roof design □ Unique Twin Opera Windows □ Wide Protective Bodyside Moldings with Padded Vinyl Insert □ Unique Elite Hood Ornament with Hood Split Molding □ Bright Window and Belt Moldings □ Full-Width Wraparound Taillight Lens Treatment at Rear □ Full Wheel Covers □ Distinctive Elite Ornamentation.

Measurements: Wheelbase 114"; Length 216.4"; Height 53.0"; Width 78.5"; Front Tread 63.0"; Rear Tread 63.1"; Fuel Capacity (gal.) and Type: 26.5—Unleaded; Curb Weight 4360 lb.; Usable Luggage Capacity 16.5 cu. ft.; Passenger Capacity: Bench and Split Bench Seat—6, Bucket Seats—5.

Optional Equipment (continued)

- power team selected. Consult your Ford Dealer for availability.
- Axle, Traction-Lok Differential. An ideal option for driving on bad roads or in bad weather. Engine power is automatically provided to the rear wheel with the most traction to minimize rear wheel spin.
- Dual Note Horn.
- Electrical System, Heavy-Duty.
- Engine Block Heater. Faster cold starts.
- Engines—400 CID 2V V-8 or 460 4V V-8, both with solid state ignition.
- Fuel Sentry Vacuum Gauge. Gauge needle alerts you when low engine vacuum is robbing fuel, indicates when gas mileage is "good" or "poor."
- Light, Fuel Monitor Warning. Works like Fuel Sentry, uses light instead of gauge.
- Suspension, Handling. For a firmer ride and improved control on rough or twisting roads. Includes higher rated springs and shocks, stabilizer bars, wider wheel rims and WSW wide oval tires.
- Trailer Towing Packages. Always desirable on a car to increase its versatility and resale value. For Class II and III Trailer Towing Package equipment, consult your Ford Dealer.

Notes:


COLOR & TRIM CODES. Car colors and trims are coded, example: Tan (Code 6U). Your Ford Dealer can show you color samples of paint and trim materials.

FUEL WARNING. Your car engine is designed to run on UNLEADED FUEL ONLY. Leaded fuel can damage the catalytic converter and affect other emission control components.

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