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1. Disable seat belt reminder: Bottom of page 44 in the manual.

http://www.fordservicecontent.com/Fo...US_09_2014.pdf

2. The keyhole next to the license plate is to unlock access to the spare tire.

3. How to get the transmission gear to show up in the instrument cluster

Click the (+) button on the gear shift lever. This will illuminate the gears on the instrument cluster and will highlight which gear you are in.

You can also use the (-) to reduce the number of available gears the transmission can use.

4. how to get the darn weather to show up on the productivity screen

Use the voice command "Five Day Forecast" or any of these: <http://support.ford.com/sync-technol...ync-navigationHj>

5. Using the 360 camera for pull in parking

If you are pulling forward into a parking spot, activate the 360 camera with the button on the dash (1 push) and use the grey lines in the birds eye view to line up the sides and front with the pavement markings. The front grey line on the display will line up nicely with the pavement marking to ensure you have pulled all the way into the space without going too far in.

6. Lane Keeping System

Activate it using the button on the center console. Once activated, it will remain active at higher speeds even after restarting vehicle. An indication will appear in the instrument cluster.

7. Instrument Cluster for EB trucks

You may want to consider changing the standard instrument cluster along the top of the display to replace the transmission temperature gauge with the turbo boost gauge. This will be visible on all pages of the instrument cluster. The transmission temperature gauge is still accessible by going to the truck information tab of the instrument cluster. You can change it in the Advanced Settings page.

8. This may be old news to some of you previous Ford owners but applies to those of you who have kids or wives that drive your vehicle and you want to put some limits on them with MyKey:

The area where the SD and USB ports are has a rubber liner- lift up that liner and there is a perfect indentation for the FOB to fit in. The rubber liner fits smoothly over it.

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You can turn the auto high beam feature off, as well as set the time limit for your remote start. Default is 10 minutes I believe but this can be changed to 5 or 15.

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9. Doesn't matter what color ambient lighting is set to, the door panels switch to red when opened.
10. Lane keep assist, if it is actively reading the lane lines, the dashed lines will turn green, if it's unable to read, they turn grey, if you cross over, they turn red.
11. Adaptive cruise control, when set and on an open road, no car will appear in the cluster, once it detects a car, a car will appear in the cluster. Also, I'm not sure if it's just my perception, but on my wife's explorer, when you come up behind a car, and slow, then change to an open lane, it waits until it is in the next lane to accelerate. On the truck, when you signal to go to the open lane, it seems to read the open lane and begins to accelerate as you merge

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12. I just leave my door slightly ajar...horn wont beep...and keeps running board deployed.
13. If I recall correctly from reading the manual, that key fob "holder" is where you place a new fob to program it to work with your truck. There is a procedure that you follow.
14. A couple of other nice surprises that I've noticed are as follows - these are on the 8" display in the instrument cluster and may or may not apply to the 4" displays:
 - When setting the cruise control, the truck shows you the set speed, such as 65.
 - When you have the navigation screens displayed in the instrument cluster, the display will also show you the speed limit for the road you are on.

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15. Lane monitoring has to be turned on to work.
16. Adaptive cruse-Yes and will match a distance from the front vehicle. When you change lanes to get out from behind that vehicle it will speed back up to you cruse setting.
17. Unless Ford has changed how it operates in the last couple of years, adaptive cruise will not bring your vehicle to a stop. Once speed drops below a certain level, a warning will sound and the cruise disabled.

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18. Bed LED cargo lights.

I'm sure you're all aware there is a switch in the cab to turn these on but I just learned today that there is a button in the bed as well.

When looking at the bed from the back, near the first LED light on the left side there is a black square. This button turns the lights on and off. Difficult to see with a black bed liner.

19. At the front of the closure for the arm rest, there are notches cut so you can have a phone charge cable come out easily with the console closed. This may have been here on earlier years but not on my 2007.

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20. On the flow through console the area where the tray sits will also hold hanging file folders. Great for receipts, business papers etc.

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21. You can get compass and turn by turn directions in the instrument cluster 8" screen. I think its under one of the first two tabs, under navigation. Without a destination selected on your Navigation, it just displays the compass; fixed or rotating. Once you

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put in a destination it will show the turn by turn.



22. Where the fob is hidden what is the procedure for it to work, there has to be a code or someone will get a new truck//

You lock/unlock the doors using the keypad outside the vehicle.Fhjffj

23. (owner's manual) A *digital*, searchable desktop document - easier to find information, hints/tips, etc..

Owner's Manuals <<<< **-click-**

- » Select Your Year [Choose One]
- » Select Your Make [Choose One]
- » Select Your Model [Choose One]
- » [Find My Vehicle](#) >

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24. Found this courtesy of Billy Mulek to extend your key fob remote starter range.

It works if you put the remote under your chin. You get more range, don't ask me why but I've tested a number of time. Just hold the remote under you chin and hit the buttons.

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25. *I can't lock my keys in the truck and use keypad, which I'm used to doing in my old F250. Is there a way to disable this feature?*

I've been locking my FOB in the truck and using the keypad exclusively without issue. Only time I bring in the FOB is if I think I'll use remote start the next morning. Aside from that, it stays in the console.

When I get out, I press 7/8 9/0 at the same time and it locks it. To get in I use my code.

26. **pop tailgate with keypad**

If you enter your code on door and push 3/4 unlocks back doors (if you don't have all doors selected in settings) and then if you push 5/6 it will pop your tailgate as well.

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27. Here's a link to the Ford site tons How to Videos for the F150.....

<https://owner.ford.com/servlet/Conte...OwnerVideoPage>

28. Just noticed today that the clock automatically adjusts to the correct hour when crossing into a new time zone. Pretty cool for us living on the edge!

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29. I was noticing a banging sound every time I braked coming from the bed. I realized all the snow had compacted together and was slamming into the back of the bed on acceleration and the front when I braked. So I remote popped the tailgate at a stop sign and took off. Problem solved! This is the only use I've found for remote tailgate thus far lol.

30. use the ford sync app. I found it handy several times on a family trip.

Went to a very large mall used it to find my truck in the parking lot, forgot where I parked. Also used it to send directions to a restaurant and several other places from inside the mall.

31. When backing up, hit the magnifying glass in the upper left hand corner with the "+" sign in the middle to enlarge the screen for a much bigger and better viewing area.

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32. *Anyone know how to disable the double honk if you leave the truck running but take the key out?*

FORscan, leave FOB in hidden, leave door slightly ajar (edited by author)

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33. If you walk up to the locked truck with the fob in your pocket, when you grab the handle, it unlocks. Pretty straight forward. BUT you can also get out and lock the truck with the fob in your pocket by touching the black button only on the door handle. Of course the key pad is right there too. Also, the handle unlock and black button lock only works if the fob is outside the truck.

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34. had to use the LED bed lights for the first time. Not only does the switch turn on the LED's in the bed and on the High Mounted Stoplight above the rear window, it also turns on the LED puddle lamps that shine down from the mirrors (I have the tow mirrors, I assume the std mirrors do this also). Add in the fact that you can click the switch for the mirror side spotlights and you have most of the area lit up around the truck for working in the dark. All without having the engine running and not draining much from the battery.
35. I noticed today that the center console under the arm rest is cooled when AC is running. I can feel the AC blowing with my hand near passenger seat and at the very front of the console from inside.
36. If you go to camera settings in touchscreen and press "On" for Rear Camera Delay, it will not immediately turn off the 360 camera and back up camera when you take it out of reverse. Great for when you are doing 3-5 point turns.
37. I changed the oil on my 5.0 last weekend and notice there is a built in funnel to catch and direct the oil under the oil filter. Nice touch by Ford.
38. If you have the flow through center console, you might like turning your storage space into a safe. <http://www.consolevault.com/Ford-F15...l#.VS12DfnF8eh> I put it in my truck and I really like it. The tumbler combination could be a little bigger for ease of use, but this is the first time that I have had a way to secure things when I go to the car wash or go in for maintenance.

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39. If you have a flow through center console, a 2-D Cell Maglight snaps perfectly into the narrow trays on the outside of the console (driver and passenger side)

40. Has anyone turned off the seat belt reminder for both driver and passenger? I was able to turn off the driver according to instructions, but the passenger side isn't going according to instructions. Although, I sat on the passenger side and the chime didn't go off, so I'm wondering if doing the driver side is all I needed to do for both sides.

UPDATE: I figured it out. You have to be sitting in the passenger seat in order to do it. I guess it has something to do with the passenger airbag being activated.
Edited by author: FORScan can disable both seatbelt reminders or just one

41. Here is the instruction from page 44.

Note: The driver and front passenger warnings switch on and off independently. When you perform this procedure for one seating position, do not buckle the other position as this will terminate the process.

Read Steps 1 - 4 thoroughly before proceeding with the programming procedure.

Before following the procedure, make sure that:

- The parking brake is set.
- The transmission is in park (P).
- The ignition is off.
- The driver and front passenger safety belt is unbuckled.

1. Switch the ignition on. Do not start the engine.

2. Wait until the safety belt warning light turns off (about one minute).

After Step 2, wait an additional 5 seconds before proceeding with Step 3. Once you start Step 3, you must complete the procedure within 30 seconds.

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3. For the seating position you are switching off, buckle then unbuckle the safety belt three times at a moderate speed, ending in the unbuckled state. After Step 3, the safety belt warning light turns on.
4. While the safety belt warning light is on, buckle then unbuckle the safety belt. After Step 4, the safety belt warning light flashes for confirmation.
 - This will switch the feature off for that seating position if it is currently on.
 - This will switch the feature on for that seating position if it is currently off.
42. When playing the Ipod in my truck, I've noticed the mute button on the steering wheel not only mutes the sound, but also pauses the track. Thought this was worth mentioning.

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43. Maybe this is old news but I just received my Platinum yesterday and noticed a "Secret" Key fob hiding spot. I assume it's for the extra key fob to fix the somewhat annoying double honk issue when walking away from the running truck with the other key fob? Sorry if this is a repost.



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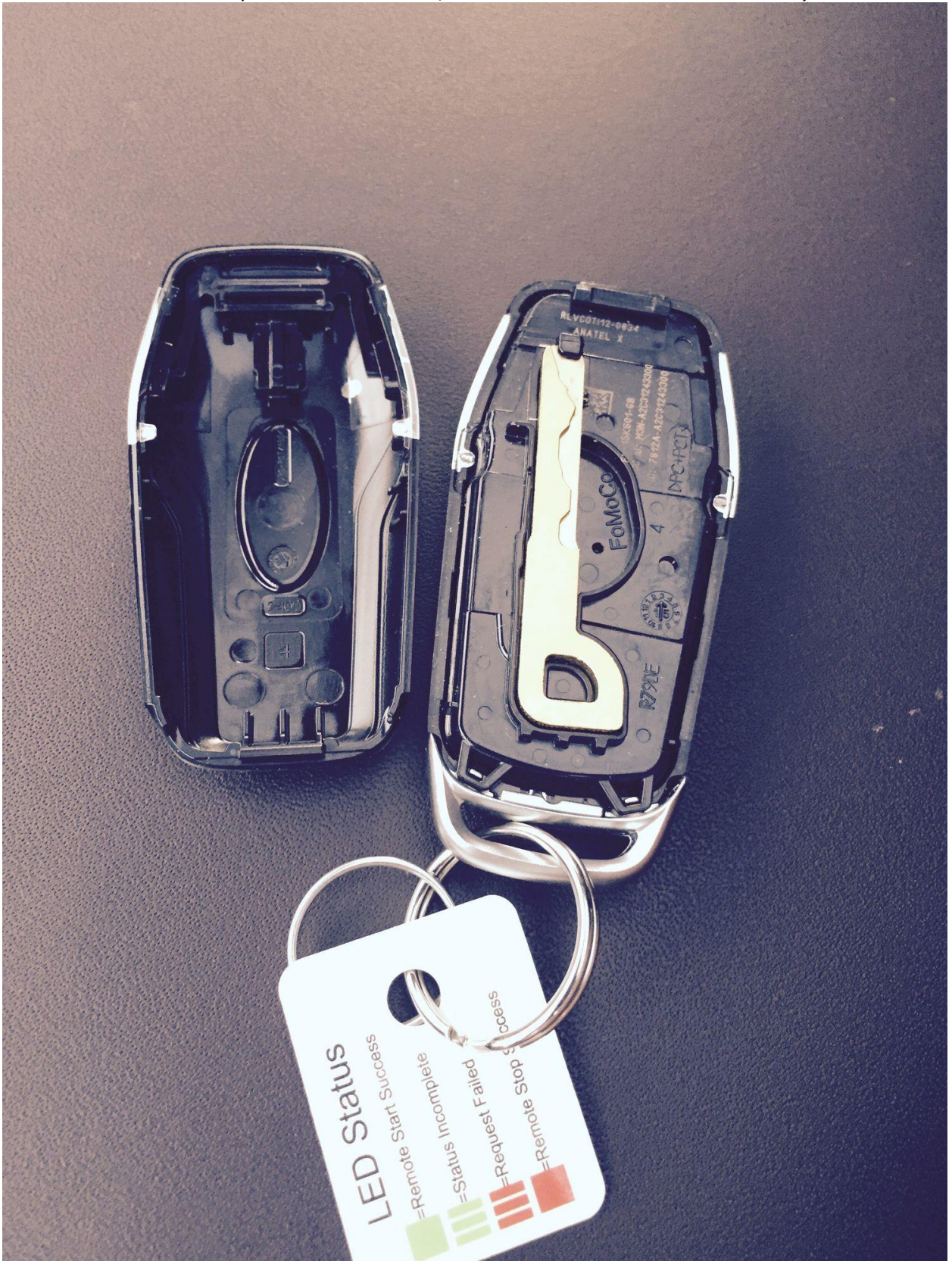


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44. lock the center console. (flow through console and pust start). In the manual, the page with center console says nothing about the key to lock it. So, I flipped to the pages discussing the actual key fobs. Low and behold, there is a physical hard key hidden in the fob, which allows you to not only get in the drivers door if fob stops working, but also allows you to lock the center console. (so far I have not found in

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the manual that actually states it does this, but it in fact does lock the console)



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45. I have a 15 King Ranch with the tech pkg. I thought when the A/C was set on Auto and the cabin is hot inside when you remote start the A/C would blow max cold and the seat coolers would activate. Mine do not. Am I doing something wrong? The fan speed does come up to a higher setting but not like Max and the seat coolers do not come on.
I just got the truck last week and I am still trying to figure out all of the features.

In your tachometer screen under settings, advanced, vehicle, remote start you will find climate control and front seats.

46. I have climate control and seat and wheel on auto and so far the seat coolers have not come on automatically with the remote start. Are they suppose to?

REMOTE START

(If Equipped) The remote start feature allows you to pre-condition the interior of your vehicle. The climate control system works to

achieve comfort according to your previous settings. Turn the ignition on to return the system to its previous settings. You can now make adjustments normally, but you need to turn certain vehicle-dependent features back on, such as: Heated seats.

Cooled seats

Heated steering wheel.

Heated mirrors.

Heated rear window.

You can adjust the default remote start settings using the information display controls. See [mation Displays](#) (page 105).

Note:

You cannot adjust the system during

remote start operation.

Automatic Settings

In hot weather, the system is set to 72°F (22°C). The cooled seats are set to high (if available, and selected to AUTO in the

information display). In moderate weather, the system either heats or cools (based on previous settings). The rear defroster, heated

mirrors and heated seats do not automatically turn on. In cold weather, the system is set to 72°F (22°C). The heated seats are set to high (if available, and selected to AUTO in the information display). The rear defroster and heated mirrors automatically turn on

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47. I don't know if it's been mentioned but to lock the rear axle on a 4x4 you pull out on the 4x4 selector switch.

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48. One thing I noticed while pulling a trailer this weekend. The back up radar (the beeps) disengages when the trailer is connected. On my 2013, you had to manually turn the back up sensors off, it was a kind of a PIA.

Also, tells you if the trailer lights are working. All my lights work so I don't know if it would tell you if one is out or not. In theory I guess it would.