



Sharing the new 2.0-litre EcoBoost engine for 2012 is the Ford Edge.

# Ford EcoBoost engines help make greener, cleaner cars

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hill where there was a slight bog. The Edge, despite the same drivetrain, was surprisingly different and faster.

That's primarily due to the Edge being some 500 lb lighter (3,998 lb vs. 4,503 lb) but then again, the Explorer is designed for up to seven passengers and the Edge is strictly a five-seater.

I won't say the Edge flew around the track, but the balance was much better particularly on one off-chamber portion where the Explorer wanted to drift but was reigned in by the AdvanceTrac.

The Edge was also noticeably quicker off the line and merging, not surprisingly, was faster than the Explorer.

In terms of cargo volume, the Explorer is the winner with 80.7 cu ft while the Edge has 68.9 cu ft with the second row seats folded.

Towing is restricted to 2,000 lb in both vehicles. Maximum payload in the Explorer is 1,670 lb compared to 909 lb with the Edge.

About the only area where the 3.5-litre is better is towing. With properly equipped AWD models, the Edge can haul up to 3,500 lb and the Explorer up to 5,000 lb.

Besides the power, the big payoff is

in fuel savings.

The EcoBoost Edge is rated at 9.9/6.6L/100 km city/highway compared to 11.1/7.2L/100 km for the 3.5-litre. With the Explorer the numbers are 10.4/7.0L/100 km city/highway compared to 11.7/7.8L/100 km for the 3.5-litre.

As noted above, the EcoBoost option adds \$1,000 to the price of the 2012 FWD Edge and Explorer which run at \$27,999-\$37,999 and \$29,999-\$41,199 respectively.

Ford officials noted in Romeo they will have five electrified vehicles on the road next year but the focus is on EcoBoost.

There are some 180,000 EcoBoost cars and trucks on the road in North America right now.

Much to Ford's surprise is the V6 EcoBoost F-150 pickup is outselling the V8 and 41 per cent of all vehicles sales currently are EcoBoost.

Topping it all off is the fact that Ford intends to have 90 per cent of its cars and trucks EcoBoost equipped by the 2013 model year.

So the next time someone tells you the auto industry isn't trying to make greener, cleaner cars, just say EcoBoost.



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