



Lexus RX: First Among Hybrids

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In 2005, the Lexus RX 400h made history as the world's first luxury hybrid vehicle. Today, the RX continues to set the standards, being named Best Premium Hybrid Car in the DrivingElectric Awards.

This accolade from Britain's foremost consumer website dedicated to electrified motoring rewards Lexus's constant improvement of its self-charging hybrid technology, and its commitment to luxury craftsmanship, striking design, rewarding performance and advanced safety.

"The Lexus RX 450h has always been an attractive proposition, thanks to its eye-catching looks, luxury, refinement, large SUV practicality and fuel-efficient hybrid drivetrain," said Vicky Parrott, DrivingElectric Associate Editor. "Recent improvements to its infotainment system and styling have made it an even better choice for those after something different from the sporty German SUV offerings."

The fourth generation RX recently benefited from significant upgrades that sharpened its styling and handling and introduced new equipment features and options, including the standard provision of smartphone integration via Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, and access to connectivity services using the Lexus Link app.

Available in RX, F Sport and Takumi grades, and as a purpose-designed seven-seat model in the form of the RX L, it comes with an impressive standard specification. Features for the entry-level RX include dual-zone climate control with an intelligent Climate Concierge system to optimise heating and ventilation, smart entry and start, wireless smartphone charger, 12.3-inch multimedia display, power-adjustable heated front seats, power tailgate, Lexus Navigation, triple-eye LED headlights, Intelligent Clearance Sonar, E-Four all-wheel drive and the Lexus Safety System+ suite of active safety and driver assistance systems.

All RX models share the same self-charging hybrid-electric powertrain. Featuring a high-efficiency 3.5-litre V6 petrol engine, this produces 308bhp/230kW for nought to 62mph acceleration in 7.7 seconds, yet returns CO₂ emissions from 134g/km (NEDC correlated figure) and fuel economy of 35.3 to 35.7mpg (WLTP data).

Ewan Shepherd, Director of Lexus in the UK, said: "We highly value this award as it shows the RX as the best hybrid choice in the luxury market as a whole, not just within the SUV segment. This year we have been able to strengthen its appeal even further, ensuring that we continue to anticipate and meet the changing preferences and requirements of our customers."

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