

THE LEXUS LS 500h

INTRODUCTION

The new Lexus LS: a fifth generation of the brand-defining flagship saloon

The original Lexus LS was the result of six years' work by 1,400 engineers to build a luxury car that would rival the best in the world. This "Project F1" duly delivered the original LS 400 model in 1989, launching the Lexus brand and setting in train a transformation of the prestige vehicle market.

Toshio Asahi, Chief Engineer of the new LS, reflected on how the original model took the motor industry by surprise: "Its excellent driving performance and superior quietness were proof that we allowed no compromise."

More than that, it also sparked a revolution in customer service and satisfaction, with newcomer Lexus consistently setting new benchmarks for the established industry players to aspire to.

Almost 30 years later, an all-new, fifth generation LS flagship saloon is being launched, a model that draws on the proud history of its predecessors while breaking new ground in design, technology and performance, and extending the boundaries of automotive luxury.

The challenge now for Lexus is not simply to go beyond the achievements of the past, but to reimagine what a global flagship saloon should be. This mission has had the close attention of Toyota President Akio Toyoda, who is committed to introducing more excitement to Lexus models and who has helped in the development of the new LS in his role as a Master Driver.

"Not only will the LS symbolise the Lexus brand, it will become the definitive new generation luxury car, embodying Japanese tradition and culture," said Chief Engineer Asahi. "As such, this global pinnacle must go far beyond what the world expects from a luxury vehicle."

The Lexus brand shift

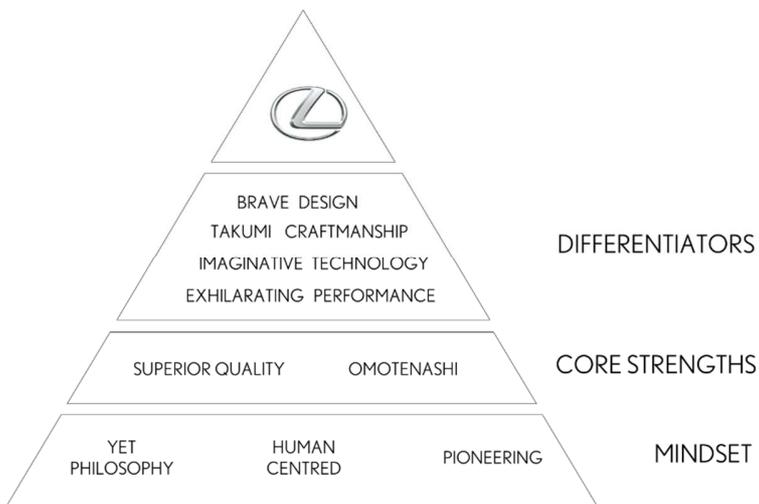
Customers' perceptions of "luxury" were very different back when the original LS was launched; at that time, the focus was on objective qualities that could be measured. Today the landscape has changed so that qualitative, subjective responses have become more important considerations when developing a new model.

Chief Engineer Asahi explained: "Luxury is now about experiences rather than possessing luxury items, so Lexus has shifted from being a luxury car brand to a lifestyle brand that offers amazing experiences."

This broader outlook is witnessed in Lexus's wide-ranging encouragement of innovation and emerging talent in diverse creative fields. For example, the annual Lexus Design Award seeks out exciting new designers worldwide, giving them the chance to showcase their ideas at Milan Design Week and develop their work with mentorship from leading professionals. Lexus also regularly works with high-profile innovators in fashion, art and music to help create amazing experiences that capture the essence of its brand.

The rebirth of Lexus's flagship saloon in the form of the all-new LS encapsulates this new, wide-ranging luxury philosophy.

Lexus's brand differentiators



BRAVE DESIGN

- A new luxury flagship saloon that defines the Lexus brand
- Radical new design with coupe-like silhouette, yet the spaciousness of a prestige saloon
- Interior combines modern design with traditional Japanese aesthetics
- New platform delivers even higher level of LS agility and comfort

Crafting a unique identity

Koichi Suga, Chief Designer of the new LS, recognised from the outset the pivotal role the model plays in defining Lexus, embodying the brand's history, image and what it stands for.

"I knew that this was an amazing opportunity to create a Lexus flagship saloon for the world," he said. "With my team we wanted to produce something completely new, with unique proportions. Our goal was a car that is longer, lower and wider with a more powerful presence," he said.

The designers were helped in their task by the new Global Architecture – Luxury (GA-L) platform on which the new LS is constructed. Its proportions allow for an extended wheelbase, a spacious interior and a lower, ground-hugging appearance with coupe lines.

Chief Designer Suga made outline sketches on dozens of small Post-it notes before crystallising his ideas for a sporty look that would project a more emotional image for Lexus.

“Our modelling theme was ‘forged from passion,’ with the sense of the ‘passion’ being pushed outwards towards the four wheels,” he said. “Our sketches were drawn with an emphasis on a flowing silhouette and large tyres. Meanwhile we also had to address the critical points of providing space for rear seat passengers and ease of getting in and out of the car.”

In the process of defining the car’s design, no fewer than seven mock-up models were completed, compared to the three or four usually created for an all-new model development programme, reflecting the intense attention to detail and importance of the new LS to the Lexus brand as a whole.

Design generated by the spindle grille

The spindle grille has become a signature feature of Lexus vehicle design, but its purpose is not simply to be a brand signifier. On the new LS it provides a starting point for the car’s design theme, generating lines which flow through the body and converge at the rear.

The grille itself has an intricate mesh design with 5,000 individual surfaces (more than 7,000 in the case of the F Sport), which took a highly skilled CAD modeller six months to produce, followed by further precision adjustment by hand. The sophisticated pattern echoes the shape of the grille as it folds back, with a sense of tension and an appearance which changes according to the light.

The spindle theme is also evident in the car’s rear styling and is even picked up in the stitching pattern for the F Sport seat upholstery.

Exterior design

Lexus has revolutionised the LS’s design principles, moving from its established “three-box” saloon to a car that presents a radically different, coupe-like silhouette. Its lower, sleeker lines, which are more appealing to today’s customers, have been achieved without sacrificing any of the spaciousness and comfort that are fundamental to the LS’s status as a flagship model.

Notably, it is the first Lexus saloon to feature a six-window profile, which ensures excellent outward visibility, and also the first to feature windows with flush surfaces that integrate smoothly with the side pillars.

A shoulder line running from front to rear expresses the low centre of gravity and the car’s low posture, emphasising the horizontal axis. The lines of the front and rear wings are slanted forwards, generating a dynamic impression and evoking the car’s performance qualities.

The ground-hugging appearance is not an illusion: the GA-L platform has allowed the LS's height to be reduced by 15.2mm, with the bonnet and boot lowered even further – by approximately 30.5 and 40.6mm respectively.

The frontal design makes a bold statement with the dramatic forward thrust of the spindle grille and a low bonnet profile, achieved thanks to the positioning of the front suspension towers permitted by the new GA-L platform. The boundary between the bonnet and the fenders is deeply sculpted, accentuating the contrast between the different surfaces.

The impact of the frontal design is enhanced by ultra-compact, triple bi-LED (high/low beam) headlights. These are housed in a narrow, slit-shaped unit that merges with the LED daytime running lights, set in an L-configuration that wraps around the edge of the car. Sequential turn indicators are aligned with the DRLs, comprising 16 LEDs that illuminate in just 0.08 seconds.

At the rear, the shoulder line connects to the rear combination lamps, then folds down and back on itself to connect to the rear diffuser, echoing the lines of the spindle grille. The full LED combination lamps have a sleek design with strong vertical corners that give them an instantly recognisable shape.

The LS is equipped as standard with a glass sunroof which opens externally. This allows for a design that is 30mm thinner than previously, preserving cabin headroom beneath the low roofline.

The LS is available with new 20-inch wheel designs. An exclusive version is fitted to the F Sport model, while other model grades are equipped with wheels with a noise reduction system. All LS models use run-flat tyres: 245/45R20 front and 275/40R20 rear for the F Sport and 245/45R20 for all other versions.

In the UK, 12 different exterior paint finishes are available for the new LS, including new Manganese Lustre and Sonic Agate shades. F Sport White and Azure Blue are exclusive to the F Sport model.

Interior design

The design of the new LS's interior combines traditional Japanese aesthetics with advanced manufacturing techniques, reflected in elements such as the soft ambient lighting that makes the armrests appear to float next to the door panels, and new ways of working with wood to create trims with vibrant and detailed grain patterns.

Chief Designer Suga explained: "I hope that when you open the door, you have an immediate sense that you are looking at an interior that's unlike any luxury car you've seen before."

The new LS provides a driver-focused cockpit and a front passenger seat area designed to gently envelop the occupant. Elements such as fine leather, precise stitch-work and detailed metal and wood accents add to the welcoming ambience with a range of textures and surfaces that are pleasing to the eye and touch.

The seats are optionally available (Premier grade) with a new L-aniline leather upholstery that is remarkably soft and supple – up to 30 per cent softer than premium semi-aniline leather. Only the finest one per cent of hides are selected for the L-aniline tanning process.

The dashboard has a sweeping array of fixed, horizontal metal fins spanning its full width, neatly concealing the movable fins that direct airflow from the air conditioning vents. The information displays are positioned at a uniform height in a “seat-in-control” layout that allows the driver to view and operate all the systems without changing their body posture.

Directly in front of the driver, the standard combination meter is set in a stitched leather frame, with the Optitron display presenting what looks like a physical metal bezel. An elegant, full screen animation is presented on the eight-inch TFT screen when the driver enters and leaves the vehicle. A high-definition, full-colour head-up display is fitted as standard, the largest in the LS’s segment. Images are projected to appear three metres ahead of the driver, to minimise the eye focus adjustment required between looking at the display and the road ahead.

The new steering wheel has a three-spoke design and smaller diameter (-10mm) than that used in the previous LS model. The profile varies around the circumference to provide ideal grip characteristics. Three versions of the wheel are available: leather trim for the LS 500h; with leather, wood inserts and an integrated heater linked to the car’s Climate Concierge for Luxury and Premier grades; and, for the F Sport, perforated leather finish and a performance grip profile that’s shared with the LC coupe.

A range of interior colours and trims is available, starting with black smooth leather with Laser Cut wood inlay for the LS 500h. The Luxury model can be specified with semi-aniline leather, in Black with Shimamoku inlay, Noble Brown with Laser Cut wood, Ivory with Walnut and Topaz Brown with an open-pore Walnut inlay. The F Sport choices are Dark Rose, Black and White Grey or F White smooth leather, all with Naguri aluminium trim. The Premier model is available with standard semi-aniline or optional L-aniline leather in a Crimson and Black interior featuring hand-pleated door cards and Kiriko cut glass ornamentation. White and black leather with Art Wood Organic trim and Camel or Saddle Tan L-aniline leather with, respectively, Laser Cut and Art Wood Herringbone, are also available.

TAKUMI CRAFTSMANSHIP

- Takumi craftsmanship combines the best traditions of Japanese culture and aesthetics with modern design and technologies
- Luxury interior embraces artforms such as Kiriko glass-making and Origami in the creation of exclusive ornamentation and hand-pleated door panels
- Specialist techniques applied to create new Art Wood trims

The intersection of tradition and technology

The fine skills of Takumi craftspeople contribute to the high quality of every Lexus vehicle, but in developing the new LS, Lexus has gone further to combine the traditions of Japanese culture and aesthetics with contemporary design and advanced technologies.

It was Chief Designer Koichi Suga's vision for the new LS that it should draw on traditional Japanese artforms, such as Kiriko glass-making and Origami. He said: "As a Japanese luxury brand, we wanted to integrate elements of Japanese culture and the timeless appeal of Japanese craftsmanship to express the artistic side of Lexus."

The Lexus Takumi

The Takumi are the most senior craftspeople in Lexus, responsible for ensuring that the required excellent quality is achieved in every stage of the car-making process.

Using the skills of the human hand, eye and ear, honed through years of experience, they can detect the smallest imperfections and determine the fine adjustments that may be needed to improve performance or appearance.

They also contribute to the hand-crafted elements of the vehicle, for example the precision stitching of the leather upholstery. The Takumi undergo intensive training, moving from straight lines to the rapid sewing of curved seams. Once they have mastered this technique, they work on a real instrument panel, repeating the seaming technique several hundred times over a period of three months. At Lexus's giant Kyushu factory there are just 12 Takumi responsible for the detailed accuracy of every stitch.

The Takumi are also responsible for training and inspiring other technicians, helping them learn the skills that will make them the Takumi of the future.

To earn Takumi status, Lexus craftsmen have to complete a number of rigorous challenges, including a daily Origami cat challenge. To demonstrate their dexterity and attention to detail, they must perfectly complete the folded cat design in less than 90 seconds. What's more, they have to accomplish the task using only their non-dominant hand.

Kiriko glass ornamentation

The traditional skills and designs of Japanese Kiriko glass-making have been used to create a unique ornamentation for the new LS's door panels. Masters of Kiriko worked with Lexus to replicate the hand-carved appearance of the glasswork, which adds extra dimensions of visual and tactile appeal with its light-catching, multi-faceted surface. Although the glass looks delicate, it is in fact very strong thanks to modern reinforcement technology. In the UK it can be specified as an option for the LS 500h Premier model, in combination with a crimson and black interior finish.

Hand-pleated door panels

The draped pleating in the door panels has been achieved using the time-honoured skills of Origami paper-folding. A colour designer and a fabric artisan produced Hand Pleats, a new fabric pleating technique that creates a three-dimensional pattern that is pleasing to the eye and touch. The process took four years to develop and can only be carried out by the human hand. It mirrors the work of the finest Origami artists, requiring individual sheets of fabric to be expertly folded, like a sheet of paper. The finished panel changes in appearance according to the time of day and cabin illumination, adding to the elegance and enveloping quality of the interior. It is available as part of the Kiriko glass option for the LS 500h Premier.

Art Wood

Lexus has applied new ways of working with veneers to produce unique designs and effects that distinguish the new LS from any other model.

Using Takumi craftsmanship, it has produced new Art Wood finishes that fuse the natural beauty of wood with Lexus's brave design. Art Wood Organic uses a precise layering technique and a natural gloss coating to bring out vibrant, contrasting, flame-like grain patterns. For Art Wood Herringbone, techniques used to craft fine musical instruments are applied, with the hand-grafting of small pieces of wood to create delicate symmetrical patterns.

A third interpretation, Laser Cut, uses laser technology to cut through the veneer to expose a sub-layer of metal, creating a pattern inspired by the way the Lexus L-motif is worked into the mesh of the LS's spindle grille.

OMOTENASHI

- New LS embraces the traditional Japanese hospitality principles of Omotenashi in caring for vehicle occupants and anticipating their needs
- Advanced new front and rear seat designs with class-leading levels of adjustment and sophisticated new massage functions
- Precision control of the cabin environment for each occupant with upgraded Climate Concierge
- Bespoke 23-speaker 3D Surround Mark Levinson Reference System using advanced new Quantum Logic Immersion (QLI) technology to create a full, three-dimensional sonic environment

The meaning of Omotenashi

Lexus believes that creating new standards of luxury in a flagship model is not simply a matter of adding more equipment features and technologies. Rather it aims to produce a kind of progressive luxury that welcomes and cares for the vehicle's occupants, anticipating their needs and enabling the driver to feel perfectly connected to the car. It's a way of thinking that's inspired by Omotenashi, the finest principles of traditional Japanese hospitality.

The influence of Omotenashi starts with the “welcome” sequence as the driver approaches the vehicle. Inside the car there is a meticulous attention to detail in providing the most comfortable, safe and relaxing environment for all occupants, whether taking the wheel, or enjoying being chauffeured as a passenger.

Premium Access

To make getting in and out of the new LS as comfortable as possible, Luxury, F Sport and Premier models equipped with air suspension provide a premium access function. This automatically raises the low-slung saloon by 40mm to an ideal 555mm hip-height in just four seconds when the vehicle is unlocked. Once the occupants are on board and the hybrid system is switched on, the car returns to its regular ride height. The same convenient height adjustment is made when the car is stopped and a door is opened for someone to exit.

For the driver and front seat passenger, there is a sense of the car being prepared for their arrival, with the seat belt holder extending by 50mm when the front doors are opened, ready for use. For the driver, the holder also rises when the hybrid system is switched off, to make unbuckling easier. The feeling of being welcomed into the car continues with the outer cushion bolster opening out when the car is unlocked, and then automatically returning to its normal, supportive position when the driver is seated. The driver’s seat also automatically rises and moves rearwards to make for easier exit from the vehicle; similarly, when the driver enters the car, it returns to the previous driving position when they are seated.

The cabin lighting adds to the sense of welcome, with an illumination inspired by the soft glow of traditional Japanese Andon lanterns. Light sources are located behind the door trim panels and armrest, giving indirect, downward illumination that adds to the sense of spaciousness.

Seating design

The design of the seats in the new LS was a prime consideration and a defining factor in the Omotenashi qualities of the car.

Lexus developed the seating to suit two types of customer: those who want to drive the car and those who will mostly be chauffeured in it as a passenger. This required equal attention to be paid to the needs of the driver, as well as rear-seat occupants, ensuring everyone on board can travel in supreme comfort, regardless of how long the journey lasts.

Front seating with 28-way adjustment

The new LS is available (Luxury, F Sport and Premier grades) with a new driver’s seat with 28-way power and pneumatic adjustment, including controls to adapt support for the back, pelvis and hips. The level of adjustment is the best in the LS’s segment. The design provides excellent side holding, pelvis stability and shoulder support, and allows people of all body sizes and types to find their ideal position at the wheel and feel at one with the car.

Built on a new frame, the front seats are stronger and more rigid, using a high tensile steel side frame, yet they weigh only about 6kg.

Rear seats with premium access

The multi-function touchscreen in the rear centre armrest console (Premier grade) is used to precisely control the position of the rear seats, together with audio, climate, sunshade and interior lighting functions. The front passenger seat and entertainment monitor are also automatically adjusted to suit the chosen configuration.

There are three pre-set rear seat positions: Business, which is the default; Entertain, which reclines the seat for comfortable viewing of the entertainment monitor, and Relax, which extends the leg ottoman, deeply reclines the seatback and moves the front passenger seat to its furthest forward position to provide maximum legroom (at 1,022mm, 86mm more than in the previous LS). When the passenger arrives at their destination, the seat automatically returns to its default position as soon as the rear door is opened, allowing for an easy and comfortable exit.

The rear seats are available with best-in-class 22-way adjustment (Premier grade), including back, hip and pelvis support and ottoman leg-rest extension. The angle of rear seat recline is also class-leading, at 48 degrees, achieved through adept packaging and a revised reclining mechanism.

Shiatsu massage functions

Lexus consulted Japanese Shiatsu experts to help design new massage systems for the front and rear seats that provide the right degree of thumb-like pressure in the right places to help the occupant relax.

For the front seats (Luxury and Premier grades) there are five separate massage courses which can be selected using the multi-information display, working with a centripetal or centrifugal action, or focusing on the lumbar, upper and lower body regions. For the driver this promotes relaxation without impairing their control of the car.

The rear seat massage function (Premier grade) has also been upgraded with its operating area expanded to cover the occupant's thighs as well as back. In a world-first, the system includes two spot heaters for the shoulder and lower back to provide targeted heat stimulation in conjunction with the Shiatsu massage.

Multiple setting options let the user tailor the massage sequence to suit their preference, with full body settings or operation focused on the upper or lower body, shoulders or lumbar region.

Climate control

Lexus has succeeded in engineering a more compact yet no less efficient climate control system that supports the highest levels of on-board comfort. The smaller size of the air conditioning unit has helped secure the LS's

low bonnet line and low centre of gravity. The separate rear air conditioning system has also been made smaller, so there is less impact on the amount of load space available in the boot.

Climate Concierge

The Climate Concierge provides co-ordinated and efficient control of the air conditioning, seat heating and ventilation and heated steering wheel to maintain a comfortable environment to suit each person on board.

The system uses an upgraded infra-red matrix sensor to monitor the body temperature of all the vehicle occupants, with the number monitoring zones increased from six to 16 to provide complete coverage of the interior. This allows for much finer control of heating and cooling, taking into account factors such as uneven heating cause by low-level sunlight through the windows. Operation is controlled via the main multimedia display; where four-zone climate control is specified (Luxury and Premier grades) there are additional controls in the rear seat console.

Near-silence – or the stirring sound of music

Lexus has designed the cabin of the LS 500h to provide a quiet and calming environment, using new sound suppression methods to hush the interior to a level beyond any previous LS model. Active Noise Control detects when engine noise enters the cabin and cancels out certain frequencies using antiphase sound from the audio speakers.

The finest quality Mark Levinson Reference Audio systems have been a feature unique to Lexus's most exclusive models, designed in co-operation with Lexus's engineers to achieve performance tailored to the interior architecture of each vehicle.

The new LS is equipped (Luxury, F Sport and Premier grades) with a new 3D Surround Mark Levinson QLI Reference Surround System, operating through an array of 23 high-efficiency speakers in 16 locations around the cabin, and using a 16-channel Mark Levinson Reference amplifier. Quantum Logic Immersion – QLI – and ClariFi technology help produce exceptional sound reproduction, of a higher quality than in any previous Lexus model.

QLI technology separates the audio sources into individual streams – vocals, instruments and spatial sound information – similar to the original arrangement. These audio streams are then mixed to recreate a full, three-dimensional sonic environment. The new system was developed as the benchmark against which all others will be compared for the next 10 years.

A Pioneer 12-speaker premium system is provided as standard equipment on the entry-level model, specifically designed for the LS's interior.

Lexus's focus on providing a supremely quiet cabin environment has extended to the development of noise reduction wheels. The 20-inch design, featured on all versions apart from F Sport, has a hollow rim section

with a resonator hole that helps reduce air resonance generated by the tyres. This occurs when the tyre deforms as it travels over the road surface, changing the internal air pressure; in turn, this causes the air inside the tyre to vibrate, generating sound waves. With the noise reduction wheel, the sound waves are directed towards the resonator hole, where they resonate with the air in the hollow section of the wheel. This creates friction in the air, which converts the soundwave to heat, absorbing resonance and reducing sound pressure. The wheel design also enhances rigidity and saves weight.

Power boot lid with hands-free operation

The new LS (Luxury, F Sport and Premier grades) has a power-operated boot lid that can be opened and closed hands-free, using a kick-sensor beneath the rear bumper. When carrying luggage, or wanting to avoid touching the car's bodywork, the user only needs to stand within the sensor's range with the smart key on their person to activate the control, by passing their foot below the edge of the bumper.

IMAGINATIVE TECHNOLOGY

- LS available with new technologies for improved active safety, together with driving assistance functions that signal Lexus's progress towards future automated driving systems
- New Lexus Safety System+ A features include Lexus Co-Drive, Pre-Collision System with Pedestrian Alert and Active Steering Assist, Lane Tracing Assist and Front Cross Traffic Alert
- Additional Parking Support Brakes and enhanced Panoramic View Monitor

Advances in active safety and driver assistance technology

The all-new LS marks the introduction of new technologies that provide world-leading safety performance and a new level of driver assistance that signals Lexus's progress towards developing future automated driving systems.

Lexus has been promoting the development of automated driving technologies since the 1990s, working towards its goals of eliminating traffic accidents and providing individual mobility for people who otherwise would not be able to enjoy that freedom.

The new LS makes important progress in this area. As well as being equipped with Lexus Safety System+, the package of active safety systems Lexus has been rolling out across its vehicle range, it is the first model to benefit from the more advanced Lexus Safety System+ A. Provided as standard on the LS 500h Premier, this comprises both active safety functions designed to help prevent an accident from happening, together with more sophisticated driver assistance features that signal a move towards providing a degree of automated driving.

Called Lexus CoDrive, this uses Dynamic Cruise Control and Lane Tracing Assist to give a partial level of automated driving capability comparable to the SAE International level 2.

New and improved active safety technologies

Pre-Collision System with Pedestrian Alert and world-first Active Steering Assist

The Pre-Collision System (PCS) is a function familiar from Lexus Safety System+, but in the new Lexus Safety System+ A (LS 500h Premier) its operation has been enhanced with the addition of both Pedestrian Alert and the world-first Active Steering Assist.

PCS uses millimetre-wave radar and a stereo camera to detect pedestrians and vehicles ahead and supports collision prevention and the mitigation of damage by alerting the driver and providing Pre-Collision Brake Assist and Pre-Collision Braking. The improved system can detect cyclists and night-time pedestrians and has an improved deceleration performance under automatic braking. For example it can slow the vehicle by as much as 37mph when a pedestrian is detected ahead, improving the chances of avoiding a collision.

With Pedestrian Alert, if there is the possibility of a collision with a pedestrian in front of the vehicle, the presence and location of the pedestrian is shown in an animation on the head-up display, contributing to the driver's intuitive recognition of what is happening on the road ahead.

The Active Steering Assist determines when there is high risk of a collision with a pedestrian in the car's lane of travel, or with a continuous structure, such as a crash barrier. If it calculates that it would be difficult to avoid a collision using brake control alone, but that it might be avoided with steering control, it will initiate automatic steering control in addition to triggering an alert and applying the brakes.

Two-stage Adaptive High-beam System (AHS)

The LS's headlights each feature an arrangement of eight upper and 16 lower LEDs. The Two-stage Adaptive High-beam System provides optimal lighting with separate on/off control for each row of LEDs, giving finer control of lighting strength and distance compared to Lexus's established AHS. This allows for the car to be driven for longer on high-beam without dazzling vehicles ahead or oncoming traffic, improving night-time visibility. The technology is featured on the Luxury, F Sport and Premier models, with the entry-level LS 500h using Lexus's Automatic High Beam system.

Front Cross Traffic Alert (FCTA)

FCTA is designed to help prevent collisions happening at intersections by detecting vehicles moving across the flow of traffic ahead. It uses forward direction radar and is the world's first system of its kind to alert drivers to the direction from which a cross-traffic vehicle is approaching at an intersection. Alerts are shown on the driver's head-up display. If the LS continues to move forwards regardless of there being a vehicle in cross traffic, a warning buzzer is sounded and an alert is shown on the multi-information display.

Lane Tracing Assist (LTA)

LTA helps to prevent the car straying from its traffic lane. As well as detecting lane lines on the road surface, it is now able to distinguish boundaries between asphalt/Tarmac and other surfaces, such as grass, dirt and kerb stones, thanks to advances in its recognition capabilities. This means it can now provide alerts to the driver and adjust steering operation even on roads that are not marked with lines.

Road Sign Assist (RSA)

RSA uses a camera and navigation system maps to acquire road sign information, which it then relays to the driver using the head-up and multi-information displays. This promotes safer driving by reducing the risk of the driver failing to see or notice important highway commands and warnings.

Driver assistance technologies

Lexus CoDrive advanced driving assist technology

Lexus CoDrive adds Lane Tracing Assist (LTA) to the basic functions of Dynamic Radar Cruise Control to provide steering support in line with the driver's intentions. By providing seamless driving support on roads with many bends, or in traffic jams, Lexus CoDrive can reduce the burden on the driver. It gives the driver clear information about the status of the driving support that's being provided, via the LS's head-up and multi-information displays.

Dynamic Radar Cruise Control

The Dynamic Radar Cruise Control offers outstanding basic recognition performance, with wide-angle detection using a new millimetre-wave radar and a camera with a wider forward recognition range. The system also helps make driving more comfortable, with smooth acceleration at start-up and during vehicle following, departure and acceleration.

Lane Tracing Assist

Lane Tracing Assist uses steering control to provide lane-keeping support when the LS's Dynamic Radar Cruise Control is in operation. As well as using a camera to detect lane demarcation lines on the road, it traces the path of the vehicle ahead to provide assistance when the lines cannot be recognised. This can happen, for example, in low-speed traffic when there little space between the LS and the vehicle ahead.

Additional safety technologies

Parking support brakes

The LS's low-speed braking support systems have been integrated in a single package, to reduce the risk of damage from low-speed bumps when parking or manoeuvring, helping the driver avoid hazards such as nearby moving vehicles, pedestrians and stationary objects such as walls and street furniture. The world's first rear pedestrian support brake has been added to the Intelligent Clearance Sonar and Rear Cross Traffic Auto

Brake. This detects pedestrians behind the vehicle using a rear camera; if there is a risk of a collision, alerts and brake control are triggered.

Panoramic View Monitor with side clearance and cornering view functions

Side clearance view and cornering view functions have been added to the Panoramic View Monitor fitted to the LS 500h, making it easier for the driver to determine the safe space around the vehicle. Side clearance view produces an image on the LS's display monitor that shows the area in front of the car as if seen from a high position above the rear of the vehicle, giving the driver better sight of the space on each side of the car, for example when passing another car on a narrow road. When side clearance view is operating, cornering view automatically produces an image of the vehicle as seen from the rear at an angle in line with the car's direction when moving through a bend or turn. These help the driver confirm left or right turns can be made safely on narrow roads and avoid driving up onto the kerb.

Multimedia system and the Lexus Remote Touch Interface

The new LS is equipped with a next-generation multimedia system that provides complete control of navigation, audio, media, telephone, apps and climate control, as well adjustment of and customisation of key vehicle settings. It uses a 12.3-inch high-resolution screen that provides quick and clear information and graphics.

The dynamic voice recognition provides more accurate response to spoken commands by using on and off-board speech processing. Manual operation is by means of the Lexus Remote Touch Interface with a new, enlarged and frameless touchpad that allows gesture controls to be used – pinch, scroll, drag, double-tap – like those for smartphones, while also supporting handwritten input.

EXHILARATING PERFORMANCE

- Constructed on the new Global Architecture – Luxury platform, with direct dynamic benefits of a low centre of gravity and optimum front/rear weight distribution
- LS 500h uses the new Lexus Multi Stage Hybrid System, as debuted in the new LC coupe
- Sophisticated suspension systems, including Adaptive Variable Suspension with continuously variable control and new air suspension

The new Global Architecture – Luxury platform

The new Global Architecture – Luxury (GA-L) platform that underpins the LS 500h is fundamental to its quality. This all-new structure was developed from a “clean sheet of paper,” taking a completely new approach to engineering, materials and design. The same platform is used for the Lexus LC flagship coupe, but for the LS it has been extended to gain the extra rear cabin space that was a design priority.

In fact, the new LS's 3,125mm wheelbase is 35mm longer than that of the previous LS long-wheelbase model. In spite of this increase in length, the driver still sits in the centre of the wheelbase, with a hip-point close to the car's centre of gravity (which is a best-in-class 543mm).

The combination of a low centre of gravity, a very stiff chassis and excellent weight balance contributes to reassuring, poised vehicle dynamics, with seamless braking, steering and acceleration, and a consistently comfortable cabin environment for driver and passengers alike.

The platform allows the new LS to be about 15mm lower overall, compared to the previous model, with reductions of approximately 30 and 40mm in the height of the bonnet and boot respectively, giving the car a ground-hugging appearance.

It has also enabled heavier elements to be moved closer to the centre of the vehicle, with the engine moved to a front-midship position, the driving position moved rearwards and the hybrid battery (a lighter and more compact lithium-ion unit) located further forward.

Together these measures help lower the car's centre of gravity and achieve an optimum 51/49 front to rear weight balance, minimising body roll and improving steering response for a more engaging driving experience.

Lightweight materials and highly rigid body structure

The optimisation of vehicle mass distribution has been further helped by the use of new, lightweight materials in the car's structure, including cast aluminium front and rear suspension towers. As aluminium cannot be welded to steel, these are connected to the body using self-piercing rivets and high-strength adhesive bonding. Compared to equivalent steel parts, these towers are significantly lighter and more rigid – about twice the rigidity and 42 per cent less weight at the front; around 1.5 times more rigid and 50 per cent lighter at the rear.

Other lightweight metals, including ultra-high tensile steel, steel alloys and aluminium are used in critical areas to provide strength and rigidity. In fact, high tensile steel accounts for almost 30 per cent of the vehicle's mass, more than double the proportion in the previous LS. Principal panels, including the doors, wings, bonnet and boot lid are made of aluminium; where the doors are concerned this not only saves weight, but also allows for a slim but strong structure, maximising space inside the car.

The use of structural adhesive and laser screw welding is also significantly greater, to increase the rigidity of panel joints. Almost 33 metres of adhesive is applied to the underbody, compared to just five metres previously.

Suspension

Suspension compliance has been a defining element in the ride quality and comfort of successive Lexus LS generations. With the latest model a new, high-mounted multilink system has been developed for both the front and rear suspension, allowing even better performance to be achieved.

The front system uses double ball joints for both the upper and lower control arms, allowing control of the smallest movements caused by driver inputs or the road surface. This unique arrangement optimises the suspension geometry to increase wheel control and give more precise steering control with better initial effort. To help reduce weight, aluminium is used extensively throughout the suspension.

The rear system is a new, compact multilink design that provides high levels of stability. As with the front arrangement, it is based on the suspension developed for the LC coupe, but with adjustments to the bushing to enhance handling stability and ride comfort.

Adaptive Variable Suspension

The new LS is equipped with a new, more advanced Adaptive Variable Suspension that provides continuous adjustment of damping control for all four wheels in response to the way the car is being driven and road surface conditions. This continuously variable capability has increased the number of control levels from nine (in the previous LS's system) to 650. The result is faster, seamless and more refined operation.

For example, when driving on uneven roads, the system can increase ride comfort without too great an increase in damping force. When the steering wheel is turned, however, damping force is automatically increased to suppress the effect of the car's weight transfer and maintain a flat cornering attitude.

Air suspension

A new, electronically controlled air suspension is also available for the new LS (Luxury, F Sport and Premier grades), providing exceptional ride quality. It uses a closed system in which compressed air is stored in a pneumatic tank so that it can be supplied to the suspension at the moment it's needed to raise vehicle height.

The air suspension is used to provide the new LS's Access Mode for ease of entry to and exit from the vehicle, as described in the Omotenashi chapter, above.

Braking system

The LS 500h is fitted with a new generation Electronically Controlled Braking system (ECB) that uses build-up control to increase vehicle deceleration, gradually increasing brake fluid pressure, even if the driver is maintaining constant pressure on the brake pedal. This communicates an appropriate braking feel.

The system features 357 x 34mm front and 335 x 25mm rear spiral-vented discs. There are four-piston callipers at the front and two-piston units at the rear. Larger brakes are featured on the LS 500h F Sport, detailed in the specific F Sport chapter below.

Vehicle Dynamics Integrated Management

Vehicle Dynamics Integrated Management (VDIM) co-ordinates control of a range of vehicle handling and active safety systems to enhance the overall dynamic performance of the new LS. Its operation covers the

vehicle's ABS, Traction Control, Vehicle Stability Control and Electronic Power Steering, plus Variable Gear Ratio Steering, and Dynamic Rear Steering on the F Sport model.

Lexus Dynamic Handling

The Lexus Dynamic Handling System (LS 500h F Sport) provides a higher degree of handling poise and control in all driving scenarios, controlling the angle of all four wheels through co-ordination of the Variable Gear Ratio Steering (VGRS), Dynamic Rear Steering (DRS) and Electronic Power Steering (EPS).

Its operation is calculated according to the vehicle's speed and dynamic behaviour. Thus at speeds below 50mph, the front and rear wheels operate at a different angle for agile handling and securing cornering; at speeds above 50mph, the front and rear wheels are at the same angle of steering, for greater stability.

The VGRS controls the steering angle in line with vehicle speed and the driver's inputs, giving better yaw response, turning performance and stability when cornering or changing lanes. The steering gear ratio is automatically adjusted, taking vehicle speed and driving conditions into account. This means fewer turns of the wheel are needed at low speeds, or when making a U-turn. The optimum ratio is selected to provide easy-to-handle responsiveness at low to medium speeds, while at high speed the VGRS helps achieve a controlled, stable feel.

Aerodynamics

The sleek new exterior design of the LS 500h is aerodynamically efficient as well as beautiful to look at. The overall form of the upper body has been crafted to have an ideal wind-cheating shape, with detailed enhancements that suppress turbulence and improve dynamic performance. It also enables a smooth rearward airflow to the back of the car, where it merges with the flow of air from the underbody.

The sides of the front bumper have been shaped to direct the airflow along the side of the wheel houses. Also, small but effective aero stabilising fins have been located on the door frame moulding and rear combination lamps, to keep the airflow closer to the body and so improve handling stability. The rear lights have an air-kick shape, their corners curved to direct the airflow smoothly away from the vehicle.

Flush side window glass suppresses the turbulence that usually occurs when air flows over uneven surfaces.

Beneath the car, the underbody has been almost fully covered to reduce drag, with aerodynamic fins located to guide the airflow smoothly rearwards. Vertical fins just behind the rear tyres help reduce turbulence and drag.

The LS 500h has a 0.26 coefficient of drag (0.28 with all-wheel drive).

Performance and smoothness redefined

The LS 500h has a self-charging, petrol-electric hybrid powertrain that uses Lexus's revolutionary new Multi Stage Hybrid System, a technology first introduced in the LC 500h flagship coupe. It also features a naturally

aspirated, 3.5-litre V6 Atkinson cycle petrol engine, two electric motors/generators and a compact, lightweight lithium-ion battery. Constructed using lightweight valvetrain components and equipped with D-4S direct fuel injection and VVT-i intelligent variable valve timing for both inlet (with VVT-iW 'wide' operation) and outlet valves, the engine delivers ample torque across all engine speeds, up to a 6,600rpm red line.

Combined system output (engine and electric motors) is 264 kW/354bhp, enabling acceleration in the front-wheel drive model from rest to 62mph in 5.4 seconds; with all-wheel drive the acceleration time is 5.5 seconds.

Lexus Multi Stage Hybrid System

The Multi Stage Hybrid System uses the established Lexus Hybrid Drive electric continuously variable transmission, coupled to a new four-speed shift device. This arrangement expands the range of gearing, proving more direct response to driver inputs and a higher level of dynamic performance, while at the same time maintaining the smooth, refined performance required for a luxury flagship.

In a conventional full hybrid vehicle, engine output is amplified by the electric motor via a reduction gear, but with the new Multi Stage Hybrid System the power from the V6 engine and the electric motor can be amplified by the automatic transmission, allowing much greater drive power to be generated when accelerating from stationary.

Lexus has succeeded in increasing maximum engine rpm from 6,000 to 6,600rpm. And thanks to the Multi Stage Hybrid System, the operating range in first, second and third gears has been increased, so that maximum rpm is reached at about 37mph.

The Multi Stage Hybrid System allows the new LS 500h to be driven at higher road speeds with the combustion engine switched off, compared to previous Lexus hybrids – up to 87mph. It also allows the V6 engine to produce more drive power when pulling away.

Transmission with 10-speed driving feel

The design of the system places the multi-stage shift device immediately behind the power split device, on an axis aligned with the engine crankshaft. Although the transmission has four speeds, the D range has a simulated shift control pattern that replicates the feel of driving with a 10-speed gearbox. As vehicle speed rises, engine speed increases with a linear, direct and continuous acceleration feel that avoids the "rubber band" effect witnessed in some continuously variable transmissions. In the 10th gear range, the CVT control allows for cruising at lower engine revs for quiet, smooth and fuel-efficient performance.

The transmission also benefits from an improved version of the AI shift control found in conventional automatics. This enables intelligent, optimum gear selection to be made in line with driving conditions and driver inputs, for example when going up or downhill. The system also includes an automatic Drive Mode

switching control. This means it can adjust gear shifts to suit the driver's style and behaviour, without the driver having to select a different drive mode to get the kind of performance they want from the transmission.

M mode with manual gear selection

Thanks to the Multi Stage Hybrid System's design, the driver is able to take advantage of an M mode to select and hold gears manually, using paddle shifts mounted behind the steering wheel. Thanks to the co-ordinated control of the Power Split Device and the gear shifting mechanism, the gear shift will start instantaneously with the computer receiving the signal from the paddle shift, giving an exceptionally quick response.

Drive Mode Select

Drive Mode Select lets the driver tailor the car's performance to suit personal preference and the road conditions. In addition to Normal and ECO modes, the new LS offers Comfort and Custom settings, together with Sport S and Sport S+. According to the mode selected, there is automatic adjustment of the powertrain, Adaptive Variable Suspension, Electric Power Steering, Variable Gear Ratio Steering and air conditioning operation, as appropriate.

Drive Mode	Powertrain	SUSPENSION & STEERING		
		AVS/EPS/VGRS/LDH	Air Conditioning	Engine Sound
ECO	ECO	NORMAL	ECO	NORMAL
Normal	NORMAL	NORMAL	NORMAL	NORMAL
Comfort	NORMAL	COMFORT	NORMAL	NORMAL
Custom	ECO NORMAL SPORT	COMFORT NORMAL SPORT	ECO NORMAL	NORMAL
Sport S	SPORT	NORMAL	NORMAL	SPORT
Sport S+	SPORT+	SPORT	NORMAL	SPORT

Run-flat tyres

The LS is fitted as standard with new run-flat tyres, developed to provide appropriate levels of ride quality and comfort. They also contribute to the car's optimum weight distribution and dynamic performance. The reinforced rubber used in the sidewalls allows the LS to travel with a flat tyre for up to 100 miles at speeds up to 50mph.

THE LS 500h F Sport

- Styled and engineered for more sporty appeal
- Exclusive 10-spoke 20-inch F Sport wheels, rocker mouldings and more powerful brakes

- F Sport-exclusive interior, including seats, steering wheel, aluminium pedals, instrument display and Ultrasuede headlining

The new LS 500h range includes an F Sport version, styled and instilled with a more engaging driving spirit. As well as bespoke design elements for both the exterior and interior, the F Sport benefits from carefully applied chassis tuning and enhancements, while maintaining an exceptional level of comfort.

Lexus was able to make good use of the inherent agility of the new GA-L platform when developing the LS 500h F Sport's handling. It deployed the latest iteration of its Vehicle Dynamics Integrated Management to provide optimum control of chassis dynamics through a single, co-ordinated system, delivering better traction, safety and handling agility. The F Sport also benefits from Variable Gear Ratio Steering and Dynamic Rear Steering.

Further benefits are gained through the use of exclusive 20-inch 10-spoke F Sport cast alloy wheels, fitted with 245/45RF20 tyres at the front and 275/40RF20 tyres at the rear. Larger brakes are used, too: 400 x 36mm front ventilated discs with six-piston monoblock aluminium callipers at the front and 355 x 25mm ventilated discs with four-piston callipers at the rear, both with high-friction brake pads.

In design aspects, the LS 500h F Sport "turns up the volume" of the new LS design, while remaining faithful to its principal styling cues. Of particular note is an exclusive interpretation of the spindle grille with an even more intricate design that serves as a further demonstration of Lexus's attention to fine detail. A team of CAD operators worked for months to achieve exactly the desired combination of texture and light interplay, adjusting more than 7,000 individual surfaces in the mesh pattern (compared to 5,000 for the standard LS model).

The F Sport amplifies the LS'S rakish profile with its bespoke wheels and special rocker mouldings. The theme continues in the cabin, not least with the F Sport grille pattern being replicated in the perforations of the leather seat upholstery. The seats themselves are F Sport designs, with 28-way power and pneumatic adjustment and cushion extenders that provide extra body-holding performance when cornering and exceptional comfort, no matter how long the journey.

The driver's instrument display features a special F Sport speedometer and tachometer with an outer ring that moves outwards to reveal a dual information display – a design adapted directly from display technology first used in the Lexus LFA supercar.

The F Sport-exclusive steering wheel has been designed to increase the driver's sense of connection with the car's enhanced dynamic performance. It has the same grip profile as the wheel used in the LC coupe, produced through detailed measurements of palm pressure distribution and road testing by a Takumi driver. Further details include F Sport accelerator pedal, footrest and shift lever. As a finishing sporting touch, the headlining is finished in tactile Ultrasuede material.

UK Model range

- Four versions of the new LS – LS 500h, Luxury, F Sport and Premier

Model range and equipment highlights

The all-new LS is available in four equipment grades: LS 500h, LS 500h Luxury, LS 500h F Sport and LS 500h Premier. All-wheel drive is available for the Luxury and Premier models.

As befits a model that sits at the pinnacle of the Lexus range, the new LS offers an exceptional level of equipment features at every grade level.

The LS 500h sets the tone with 20-inch cast alloy wheels, ultra-slim triple-LED headlights with Automatic High Beam, Lexus Premium Navigation with a 12.3-inch EMV display and 12-speaker Pioneer audio system, dual-zone climate control with nanoe air quality control and a 360-degree Panoramic View Monitor (with pedestrian alert function on the Premier model). The front seats have 20-way power adjustment, smooth leather upholstery and integrated heating and ventilation.

The Luxury model benefits from four-zone climate control with Climate Concierge and nanoe technology, a bespoke 23-speaker Mark Levinson QLI Reference Surround audio system and integrated heating and ventilation for both front and rear seats. Fine semi-aniline leather upholstery and 28-way front seat adjustment are also included in the specification.

The LS 500h F Sport amplifies the new model's dynamic capabilities, both in its exclusive styling and its sophisticated vehicle control systems. On the outside it's distinguished by its dedicated alloy wheel design and lower-profile tyres, spindle grille with intricate mesh pattern of L-motif elements, visible black brake callipers stamped with the Lexus name and jet black plating details for the side sills, front bumper and boot lid. In the cabin the three-spoke steering wheel and shift selector have a perforated leather finish and there is an F Sport combi meter with a moving ring design that uses display technology first developed for Lexus's LFA supercar. The F Sport seats are finished in smooth leather. On the technical front the Vehicle Dynamics Integrated Management is extended to include control of the F Sport's Variable Gear Ratio Steering and Dynamic Rear Steering.

The LS 500h Premier delivers the fullest expression of Omotenashi, the Japanese tradition of hospitality that inspires features that prioritise the comfort and safety of everyone on board. This can be witnessed in Shiatsu massage functions that are provided for the rear seat and in the front seat Relaxation Package; a rear-seat entertainment system; and rear seats with 22-way adjustment and an extending ottoman leg rest. It also benefits from Lexus Safety System+ A, Lexus's most sophisticated package yet of active safety and driver assistance systems.

LEXUS LS 500h TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

ENGINE AND HYBRID SYSTEM		
Engine code		8GR-FXS
Engine type		3.5-litre V6
Valve mechanism		24-valve DOHC with VVT-iW (intake) and VVT-i (exhaust)
Displacement (cc)		3,456
Bore x stroke (mm)		94.0 x 83.0
Compression ratio		13.0:1
Total system output (bhp/kW)		354/264
Max. engine power (bhp/kW @ rpm)		295/220 @ 6,600
Max. engine torque (Nm @ rpm)		350 @ 5,100
Motor generator		
Type		A/C permanent magnet, synchronous motor
Max. voltage		650
Max. power (bhp/kW)		177/132
Max. torque (Nm)		300
Hybrid battery		
Type		Lithium-ion
Nominal voltage		310.8
Number of cells		84
System voltage		650
PERFORMANCE		
0-62mph (sec)	RWD	5.4
	AWD	5.5
Max. speed (mph)		155
DIMENSIONS		
Overall length (mm)		5,235
Overall width (mm)		1,900
Overall height (mm)	Coil suspension	1,460 – RWD 1,470 - AWD
	Air suspension	1,450 – RWD 1,460 - AWD
Wheelbase (mm)		3,125
Track front (mm)	RWD	1,630
	AWD	1,630 – coil suspension & F Sport 1,635 – Air suspension
Track rear (mm)	RWD	11,635 1,615 – F Sport
	AWD	1,635 1,615 – F Sport
Overhang front (mm)		940
Overhang rear (mm)		1,170
Coefficient of Drag (Cd)		0.26
Fuel tank capacity (litres)		82

Luggage capacity (litres)		430
WEIGHTS (kg)		
Kerb weight (kg)	RWD	2,175 – 2,215 coil springs 2,265 – 2,320 air suspension 2,270 – 2,290 F Sport
	AWD	2,340 – 2,400 2,380 – 2,425 with Relaxation Package
Gross vehicle weight (kg)	RWD	2,725
	AWD	2,800
TRANSMISSION		
		Multi Stage Hybrid
Gear ratios	1 st	3.538
	2 nd	1.888
	3 rd	1.000
	4 th	0.650
	5 th	Variable
	6 th	Variable
	7 th	Variable
	8 th	Variable
	9 th	Variable
	10 th	Variable
	Reverse	N/A
Differential ratio	RWD	3.615
	AWD	3.916
FUEL CONSUMPTION		
Combined – WLTP data (mpg)	RWD	35.66 to 37.29
	AWD	30.34 to 32.44
EMISSIONS & INSURANCE		
CO ₂ - combined NEDC correlated data (g/km)	RWD	147
	AWD	161
Insurance groups	50E	
SUSPENSION		
Front	High-mount multilink	
Rear	High-mount multilink	
BRAKES		
Front	Ventilated discs with 6-pot callipers – F Sport Ventilated discs with 4-pot calipers – other grades	
Rear	Ventilated discs with 4-pot calipers – F Sport Ventilated discs with 2-pot calipers – other grades	
Front disc size (diameter, mm)	400 – F Sport 357 – other grades	
Rear disc size (diameter, mm)	359 – F Sport 335 – other grades	
STEERING		
Type	Rack and pinion, electric power steering	

Ratio		13.0:1
Turns (lock to lock)	RWD	2.9
	AWD	2.8
Min. turning radius, tyre (m)	RWD	5.7
	AWD	6.0
WHEELS & TYRES		
Wheel sizes		20-inch cast alloy with noise reduction 20-inch cast aluminium – F Sport
Tyre sizes		245/45RF20 245/45RF20 front/275/40RF20 rear – F Sport

LEXUS LS 500h EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

SAFETY, DRIVER ASSISTANCE & HANDLING	LS 500h	LUXURY	F SPORT	PREMIER
Lexus Safety System+: Pre-Collision System, Adaptive Cruise Control, Road Sign Assist, Lane Keep Assist, Sway Warning, Automatic High Beam (AHB)/Adaptive High-beam System (AHS)	✓ (AHB)	✓ (AHS)	✓ (AHS)	✗
Lexus Safety System+ A: Pre-Collision System with pedestrian Alert and Active Steering Assist, Dynamic Radar Cruise Control, Lane Tracing Assist, Road Sign Assist, Adaptive High-beam System, Front Cross Traffic Alert and Lexus CoDrive	✗	✗	✗	✓
Vehicle Dynamics Integrated Management	✓	✓	✗	✓
Vehicle Dynamics Integrated Management with Variable Gear Ratio Steering and Dynamic Rear Steering	✗	✗	✓	✗
ABS with Brake Assist and Electronically Controlled Braking System	✓	✓	✓	✓
Traction Control	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vehicle Stability Control	✓	✓	✓	✓
Electric Power Steering	✓	✓	✓	✓
Variable Gear Ratio Steering	✗	✗	✓	✗
Dynamic Rear Steering	✗	✗	✓	✗
Hill-start Assist Control with Hold switch	✓	✓	✓	✓
Electric Parking Brake	✓	✓	✓	✓
Blind Spot Monitor and Rear Cross Traffic Alert Brake	✓	✓	✓	✓

Drive Mode Select	✓	✓	✓	✓
Adaptive Variable Suspension	✓	✓	✓	✓
Air Suspension with Access mode	✘	✓	✓	✓
Auto-locate Tyre Pressure Warning System	✓	✓	✓	✓
All-wheel drive	✘	Opt	✘	✘
Driver and front passenger front, side and knee airbags	✓	✓	✓	✓
Curtain airbags	✓	✓	✓	✓
Outer rear seat side airbags	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rear seat cushion airbags	✘	✓	✘	✓
Motor-driven seatbelt retraction	✓	✓	✓	✓
ISOFIX child seat system on outer rear seats	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pop-up Hood	✓	✓	✓	✓
SECURITY	LS 500h	LUXURY	F SPORT	PREMIER
Alarm with intrusion, tilt and glass breakage sensors	✓	✓	✓	✓
Automatic double locking	✓	✓	✓	✓
Automatic & easy door closing	✓	✓	✓	✓
Window security code etching	✓	✓	✓	✓
Locking wheel nuts	✓	✓	✓	✓
COMFORT & CONVENIENCE	LS 500h	LUXURY	F SPORT	PREMIER
Smart Entry and push-button start	✓	✓	✓	✓
Key Card	✘	✓	✓	✓
Dual-zone climate control with nanoe technology	✓	✘	✓	✘
4-zone climate control	✘	✓	✘	✓
Auto-dimming rear-view mirror	✓	✓	✓	✓
LED interior lighting	✓	✓	✓	✓
Touch sensor map lights	✓	✓	✓	✓
Electric fuel cap release	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tilt/slide sunroof	✓	✓	✓	✓
Power boot lid with kick sensor	✘	✓	✓	✓
Power rear window sunshade	✘	✘	✓	✘

Power rear and rear side window sunshades	x	✓	x	x
Power rear and rear side and quarter light window sunshades	x	x	x	✓
Front centre armrest with storage	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rear armrest with storage	✓	✓	✓	✓
3x 12V power sockets	✓	✓	✓	✓
INSTRUMENTS & CONTROLS	LS 500h	LUXURY	F SPORT	PREMIER
3-spoke steering wheel with leather trim and paddle shifts	✓	x	x	x
3-spoke steering wheel with leather trim, wood inserts, paddle shifts and integrated heater	x	✓	x	✓
3-spoke steering wheel with perforated leather trim and paddle shifts and integrated heater	x	x	✓	x
Power-adjustable steering column with memory	✓	✓	✓	✓
F Sport meters	x	x	✓	x
Analogue GPS clock	✓	✓	x	✓
Analogue clock with L-motif design	x	x	✓	x
360-degree Panoramic View Monitor (with pedestrian alert on Premier grade)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Large colour head-up display	✓	✓	✓	✓
SEATING & TRIM	LS 500h	LUXURY	F SPORT	PREMIER
Smooth leather upholstery	✓	x	x	x
Semi-aniline leather upholstery	x	✓	x	✓
F Sport seats with smooth leather upholstery	x	x	✓	x
L-aniline leather upholstery	x	x	x	Opt
20-way power adjustable front seats	✓	x	x	x
28-way power/pneumatic adjustable front seats	x	✓	✓	✓
18-way adjustable rear seats	x	✓	x	x

22-way power adjustable rear seats with ottoman leg rest	x	x	x	✓
Heated and ventilated front seats	✓	✓	✓	✓
Heated rear seats	x	✓	✓	✓
Ventilated rear seats	x	✓	x	✓
Front seat massage functions	x	✓	x	✓
Rear seat massage functions	x	x	x	✓
Power adjustable front headrests	✓	x	✓	x
Power adjustable front headrests with memory	x	✓	x	✓
Leather shift lever trim	✓	✓	x	✓
Perforated leather shift lever trim	x	x	✓	x
Aluminium scuff plates	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aluminium sports pedal set	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ultrasuede headlining	x	✓	✓	✓
AUDIO, COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION	LS 500h	LUXURY	F SPORT	PREMIER
DAB tuner	✓	✓	✓	✓
8in TFT multi-information display	✓	✓	x	✓
F Sport combi meter with moving outer ring	x	x	✓	x
Lexus Premium Navigation: full European mapping, Remote Touch Interface control, access to connected services, Streetview, DVD player, 12.3in EMV display	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rear DVD player	x	x	x	✓
Rear seat entertainment system	x	x	x	✓
Rear multi-operation panel	x	x	x	✓
4 USB ports (2 front, 2 rear)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aux-in socket	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bluetooth	✓	✓	✓	✓
12-speaker Pioneer sound system	✓	x	x	x
23-speaker Mark Levinson QLI Reference Surround audio	x	✓	✓	✓

EXTERIOR	LS 500h	LUXURY	F SPORT	PREMIER
20in alloy wheels	✓	✓	✗	✓
20in F Sport alloy wheels	✗	✗	✓	✗
Triple LED headlights with Automatic High Beam	✓	✗	✗	✗
Triple LED headlights with Adaptive High-beam System	✗	✓	✓	✓
LED daytime running lights	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cornering lights	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sequential LED turn indicators	✓	✓	✓	✓
Headlight cleaners	✓	✓	✓	✓
Heated, auto-dimming, auto-folding door mirrors with reversing tilt function	✓	✓	✓	✓
Power front windows with auto-up/down	✓	✓	✓	✓
Water-repellent front door window coating	✓	✓	✓	✓
Acoustic side door glass	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rain-sensing wipers	✓	✓	✓	✓
Intelligent parking sensors front and rear	✓	✓	✓	✓
LED door illumination	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windscreen de-icer	✓	✓	✓	✓
Automatic boot lid closer	✓	✓	✓	✓
F Sport grille	✗	✗	✓	✗
Jet black plating on front bumper, boot lid and side sills	✗	✗	✓	✗
Black brake callipers with Lexus logo	✗	✗	✓	✗
Metallic paint	Opt	Opt	Opt	Opt

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