

LEXUS IS TIMELINE

1999	May	The first generation IS200 is launched in the UK.
2001	October	IS 300 and IS 300 SportCross models join the range.
2002	October	The IS 200 SportCross is introduced in the UK.
2005	March	The second generation IS is revealed at the Geneva motor show.
	November	The new Lexus IS goes on sale in the UK, the SportCross body style is dropped.
2006	April	The IS range gains Lexus's first diesel-powered model, the IS 220d. The IS 250 Sport is also launched.
2007	January	Lexus unveils the high-performance IS-F sports saloon at the Detroit motor show, equipped with a 5.0-litre V8 engine and eight-speed automatic transmission.
2008	April	IS F goes on sale in the UK
	May	IS 250 SR model is added to the range.
	November	2009 IS launched with new SE, SE-I and SE-L grade structure. VDIM standard on all models. IS 220d emissions reduced to 163g/km. Sport and SR grades are deleted.
2009	January	IS 220d CO ₂ emissions further reduced to 148g/km.
	July	IS 250C coupe-convertible is launched in the UK.
	December	Minor changes for new model year, including new HDD navigation system and DAB-ready audio systems.
2010	January	IS range gains new F-Sport grade, focusing on new styling features inspired by ultra-high performance IS F model.
	August	Introduction of IS 200d and revision of IS 250 to meet Euro 5 emissions standards. Changes to F-Sport specification are introduced. IS 250 becomes automatic-only.
2011	January	Advance grade introduced, with HDD satellite navigation system and rear parking camera as standard equipment.
	May	Lexus IS is the top ranked individual model in the What Car? and J.D. Power and Associates UK Customer Satisfaction Survey.
2012		UK IS 250C sales conclude.
2013	January	All-new third generation IS makes its public debut at the Detroit motor show.
	February	UK order books open for new IS 250 and IS 300h. Range is priced from £26,495.
	March	New IS given European premiere at the Geneva motor show.
	July	First UK customer deliveries of the new IS range.
	August	End of UK sales of the IS F.
2014	January	IS 300h achieves best-in-class score and five-star rating in Euro NCAP safety testing.
	June	The IS Executive Edition is added to the range.
2015	April	The IS 300h range grows to include the Advance model. The hybrid powertrain meets Euro 6 emissions standards, with lower CO ₂ emissions and improved fuel economy.
		IS is named best car in the Auto Express Driver Power awards.

	September	The turbocharged IS 200t joins the IS range, together with a new Sport equipment grade. The IS 250 is discontinued.
	October	Lexus in the UK builds an IS replica from cardboard, inspired by Lexus's Takumi craftsmanship and the art of origami.
2016	August	Cumulative global sales of the Lexus IS pass one million.
	September	The revised 2017 Lexus IS is unveiled at the Paris motor show.
2017	January	First UK customer deliveries of the 2017 IS.
2018	December	The 2018 IS is introduced with a revised grade line-up.
2019	January	The IS range is simplified into three grades: IS, F Sport and Takumi.
2021		End of IS sales in the UK.