

Lexus GS timeline

1993	January	The Lexus GS300 saloon is unveiled at the Detroit Motor Show. Sales begin in America and Europe later in the year.
1995		The GS300 Sport is added to the range
1997	January	An all-new Lexus GS300 is launched in Europe.
2000	November	The new 4.3-litre 32-valve V8 engine used in the LS430 is introduced into the GS range to create the GS430.
2003	July	Sport versions of the GS 300 and GS 430 are added to the UK model range, featuring lowered suspension and additional body styling features.
2005	April	The third generation GS range is launched in Europe with two models – the GS 300 and GS 430. The new GS is the first production Lexus to be styled according to the company's new L-finesse design principles.
2006	May	The Lexus GS 450h is launched, the world's first hybrid-power car to feature a front-engine and rear-wheel drive powertrain.
2008		The GS 460 replaces the GS 430, powered by a new 342bhp 4.6-litre V8 engine.
2009	Dec	The UK range is rationalised into two equipment grades, SE and SE-L for the 2010 model year. A new HDD navigation system is introduced.
2011	August	The fourth generation GS makes its world debut at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance in California
	November	The new GS 250 is presented at the Guangzhou motor show in China.
2012	February	UK order books open for the new GS 250 and 450h in the UK. Priced from £32,995, the six model range features SE, Luxury, F Sport and Premier grades.
2013	April	Lexus presents the new GS 300h at the Shanghai motor show.
2014	January	Customer deliveries of the new GS 300h begin in the UK. The GS 250 is deleted from the model range.