

LEXUS LS TIMELINE

1987	May	The design for the Lexus “F1” model is finalised.
1988	November	The “F1” is designated the LS400, with LS standing for Luxury Sedan and 400 denoting the 4.0-litre V8 engine.
1989	January	The LS400 is revealed to the public at the Detroit motor show.
	May	The first production LS400 comes off the line at Lexus’s Tahara factory.
1990	June	Lexus is launched in the UK with the LS400.
1995	January	The LS400 undergoes revisions to its styling, performance and equipment specification.
1998	January	A new LS400 is launched.
2000	November	An all-new LS430 model is launched, powered by a new 4.3-litre 32-valve V8 engine.
2003	October	The Lexus LS 430, the third generation of Lexus’s flagship model is launched.
2006	January	The LS 460 is unveiled at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit. It displays higher specification than ever before and is presented for the first time in standard and long-wheelbase body styles. Power is from a new 4.6-litre V8 engine.
	April	Lexus unveils the LS 600h at the New York Auto Show, the world’s first hybrid power model to feature a V8 engine.
2007	April	LS 460 is named World Car of the Year 2007
	October	The hybrid power LS 600h and long wheelbase LS 600h L are launched in the UK, a new flagship for the Lexus range.
2008	August	An all-wheel drive version of the LS 460 debuts at the Moscow motor show. It
2010	March	The LS 600h gains exterior styling changes, Brembo braking system, automatic high beam operation and new and revised equipment features for the 2010 model year.
2012	July	Lexus releases first details of a new LS, with revised styling, better driving dynamics and, for the first time, an F Sport model.
	October	UK specifications and pricing are released and it is announced the new range will include a V8 petrol-powered LS 460.
2013	January	The new LS goes on sale in the UK, priced from £71,995.
2016		The LS 460 is phased out from the LS range.
2017	January	New LS makes its world debut at the Detroit motor show and wins an EyesOn Design Award.
	March	The LS 500h is seen for the first time, at the Geneva motor show.
	April	The New York International Auto Show hosts the first appearance of the LS F Sport.
	December	Orders open for the new LS in the UK, with first deliveries to customers scheduled for early 2018.
2019	March	A new LS grade structure is introduced.
2024	January	Start of sales of a revised LS range with new grades and additional equipment and safety features.
2025	January	End of LS UK sales.