

Lexus Is series





the Mercedes-Benz S-class proved to be quicker at the test track. Models badged LSh feature a hybrid powertrain that uses a 3. While the standard twin-turbo V-6 operates smoothly, the hybrid arrangement feels unrefined and altogether not luxurious. The engine sounds raspy and coarse, and the transmissionâ€"a mashup of a continuously variable automatic transmission CVT and a regular four-speed automaticâ€"steps through preset gear ratios with all the crispness of a soggy cornflake. Fuel-economy estimates for the hybrid are indeed better than the nonhybrid LS's figures, so if you're looking to save a buck at the pump, we suppose that's the one redeeming quality of the LSh's powertrain. In our real-world testing, an all-wheel-drive LSh managed 26 mpg. Flowing lines, intricately platterned fabrics. An all-wheel-drive LS F Sport managed 26 mpg. Flowing lines, intricately platterned fabrics, and rich leather upholstery fills the cabin of the LS. If you really want to go all out, spec the real wood trim, artful glass inserts, and cleverly pleated door panel fabric. Passenger space is generous for four adults. Adding a fifth person in the standard three-across rear bench would deny passengers a true luxury experience, so we recommend selecting the optional bucket seats. The rear seatbacks are fixed, so bulky cargo items may not easily fit in the LS. The trunk, however, for the LS and hybrid model is generously sized, each holding six carry-on su

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itcases. Both the Audi A8 and the Genesis G90 accommodated the same amount of luggage. That means the fussy touchpad on the center console is no longer the only way to adjust vehicle settings, switch audio sources, or set a destination in the navigation menu. The system also recognizes some voice commands. That said, is it too much to ask for physical buttons for things like seat heating? Lexus apparently thinks so. In order to activate this feature, users must turn to the screen. A more advanced semi-autonomous driving-mode feature is an option. Key safety features include:. Lexus offers longer powertrain coverage than BMW or Mercedes, but doesn't match up to Genesis's plan of ,mile coverage. At least the first maintenance visit is provided free of charge. More Features and Specs. New Cars. Buyer's Guide. Type keyword s to search. View Photos. By Drew Dorian. More on the Lexus LS. The Car and Driver Difference. Expand Collapse. Advertisement - Continue Reading Below. More From Lexus.