

LX Chronology & Awards

MILESTONES

- January 1996 The LX 450 Sport Utility Vehicle goes on sale, launching Lexus into the popular sport-utility market.
- March 1996 Two months after its debut, the LX 450 climbs to the top of the luxury sport utility vehicle segment, surpassing Range Rover in units sold.
- December 1997 Lexus introduces the all-new redesigned LX 470 at the Los Angeles Auto Show. The new LX features a powerful all-new V8 engine, roomier size and sophisticated adjustable-height suspension.
- March 1998 The all-new second-generation LX, the LX 470, goes on sale.
- September 2002 The 2003 LX 470 receives numerous luxury enhancements including a
 redesigned front fascia and instrument panel, a 5-horsepower increase, a new 5-speed
 automatic electronically-controlled transmission, voice command navigation system, seatmounted side airbags and side front and rear curtain airbags, as well as available Night View,
 Lexus Link and rear seat entertainment systems.
- May 2005 The 2006 LX 470 receives minor changes that include redesigned rear combination lamps, revised front grille, new 18" five-spoke wheel design with graphite finish, three new exterior colors, standard Mark Levinson® Premium Audio System and Lexus Link (available from October production). The revised engine adds VVT-I, increasing horsepower to 275 and torque to 332 lb.-ft. A new direct-type Tire Pressure Monitor System has been added and towing capacity has increased to 6,500 lbs. (with appropriate hitch).
- September 2007 Lexus introduces (for early 2008 arrival) the all-new, more powerful, more capable and more luxurious LX 570 full-size luxury utility vehicle at the New York International Auto Show. A new 383-hp, 5.7-liter V8 and multitude of technological advancements endows the third-generation LX model with significantly increased performance, as well as new safety features.
- January 2008 All-new LX 570 goes on sale.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- February 1997 IntelliChoice awards LX 450 the "Best Overall Value" for Large SUVs.
- April 1997 The LX 450 ranks No. 1 in J.D. Power and Associates Initial Quality Study (IQS) in the Large SUV segment.
- January 1999 *Automobile Magazine* names the LX 470 the "All Star" in the Large Sport Utility Vehicle category.
- May 1999 LX 470 receives top honors in its segment in J.D. Power and Associates IQS.

- September 1999 The LX 470 is ranked the Most Appealing Luxury SUV in the J.D. Power and Associates APEAL Study.
- May 2000 LX 470 receives top honors in its segment in J.D. Power and Associates IQS.
- February 2001 IntelliChoice names the LX 470 "Best Overall Value of the Year" in the sport utility category.
- May 2002 LX 470 ranks highest in the Luxury SUV segment of the J.D. Power and Associates Initial Quality Study (IQS).
- November 2002 LX 470 takes second place in the Luxury SUV segment of the J.D. Power and Associates Vehicle Dependability Index (VDI) Study.
- January 2003 LX 470 ties for first place for the Edmunds.com Editor's "Most Wanted Vehicles" Award in the "Large SUV Over \$45,000" category.
- September 2004 The LX 470 wins the "Most Appealing" Premium Luxury SUV award in the J.D. Power and Associates APEAL StudySM.
- June 2005 LX 470 is the "Most Dependable Premium Luxury SUV" in the J.D. power and Associates Vehicle Dependability StudySM (VDS).
- June 2006 LX 470 earns J.D. Power and Associates Initial Quality (IQS) award in the Large premium MAV segment.
- August 2007 LX 470 tops the Large Premium Multi-Activity Vehicle (MAV) segment in the J.D. Power and Associates Vehicle Dependability Study (VDS) with the fewest PP100 of any truck in the study.
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