GS Hybrid Chronology

MILESTONES

- March 2005 – Lexus unveils all-new GS 450h high-performance hybrid luxury sedan at the New York International Auto Show.

- April 2006 – The 2007 Lexus GS 450h goes on sale. It is the first hybrid-powered luxury/sport sedan to enter the market and offers the optional Active Stabilizer system to counteract body roll.

- August 2011 – The fourth-generation GS 350 makes its world debut at Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. Completely redesigned, inside and out, the GS features the brand's new design philosophy, with styling cues such as a distinctive new front grille, that will be seen on all future Lexus vehicles. The new GS will also lead the rest of the Lexus lineup in an entirely new direction of driving dynamics.

- September 2011 – Lexus unveils the all-new 2013 GS 450h at the Frankfurt Motor Show. The GS 450h features the second generation Lexus Hybrid Drive System. In addition, fuel consumption is improved by more than 30 percent.

- May 2012 – All-new 2013 GS 450h goes on sale. The GS 450h is the world's first premium performance sedan to be equipped with a V6 Atkinson cycle gas engine and two-motor hybrid system, in a front engine rear –wheel drive vehicle.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- April 2007 - GS 450h awarded Best Use of Technology, Texas Auto Writers Association's Spring Car Challenge.

- July 2007 – GS 450h is a J.D. Power and Associates 2007 Automotive Environmental Index Top Model in the Alternative Powertrain Study.

- June 2009 – The GS 450h ranks first in the Midsize Premium Car segment of the J.D. Power and Associates 2009 Initial Quality Study (IQS).

- February 2010 – GS 450h wins *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* Most Fuel-Efficient in the $45,000 and over category.

- October 2012 – 2013 GS 450h wins top vehicle in the Auto Club's 2012 Green Car Guide.

- January 2013 – GS 450h wins *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* Most Fuel-Efficient: Cars $50,000 and over.

- April 2013 – *WardsAuto* lists the GS 450h on their 10 Best Interiors for 2013.

- April 2013 – The GS 450h is named on USAA's 2013 Best Value list in the midsize luxury SUV category. USAA Preferred uses quantitative data to evaluate vehicles' cost, safety and reliability, among other factors. Vehicles must earn a Top Safety Pick award from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety to qualify as USAA Preferred.

- August 2013 – AutoTrader.com lists the GS on their Best Automotive Interiors Under $60,000 list and states "the models offer inviting cabins that are worth a bit of a splurge."

- September 2013 – The GS 450h overall green car score ranks second in the 2013 Green Car Guide by the Automobile Club of Southern California (AAA).

- May 2014 – The GS 450h placed fourth in the 2014 Green Car Guide by the Automobile Club of Southern California (AAA).

Where is it built?
The GS 450h is built exclusively at the Tahara and Motomachi plants in Japan.