LX Chronology

MILESTONES

- January 1996 – The 1996 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 1998 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, seat-mounted 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-inch 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).

- April 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 2008 LX 570 goes on sale.

- February 2012 – The 2013 LX 570 receives new Lexus spindle grille, LED daytime running lights, updated taillamps and rear license plate surround gets a revised look and tow hitch cover is more integrated. Both front and rear bumpers are refreshed with rear bumper protector enhanced by a chrome accent. Turn signals have been integrated into the side mirrors and wider bodyside moldings. The LX also receives the new multimedia system and color TFT multi-information display.

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 Automtove, Performance, Execution and Layout (APEAL) Study℠.
- May 2000 – LX 470 receives top honors for Best Luxury Sport Utility Vehicle 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 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.
- June 2004 – LX 470 earns J.D. Power and Associates IQS award in the Large premium Multi-Activity Vehicle (MAV) segment.
- September 2004 – The LX 470 wins the "Most Appealing" Premium Luxury SUV award in the J.D. Power and Associates APEAL Study℠.
- June 2005 – LX 470 is the "Most Dependable Premium Luxury SUV" in the J.D. power and Associates Vehicle Dependability Study℠ (VDS).
- June 2006 – LX 470 earns J.D. Power and Associates IQS award in the Large premium Multi-Activity Vehicle (MAV) segment.
- August 2007 – LX 470 tops the Large Premium MAV segment in the J.D. Power and Associates VDS with the fewest PP100 of any truck in the study.
- August 2008 – LX 470 tops the Large Premium MAV segment in the J.D. Power and Associates VDS with the fewest PP100 of any truck in the study (2nd year in a row)
- May 2009 – Kelley Blue Book KBB.com names the LX 570 "Best Ski Trip Car" for the 2009 Top 10 Road Trip Cars.
- June 2009 – LX 570 takes first place in the Premium Large Multi-Activity Vehicle (MAV) category with the fewest PP100 in the J.D. Power and Associates Initial Quality Study (IQS). Score was the best ever for a segment-leading model since the IQS was redesigned.
- August 2011 - The 2011 LX 570 wins 2011 *U.S News and World Repor*t Best Cars for Families in the Best Luxury Large SUV for Families category.

- November 2012 - Kelley Blue Book's KBB.com names the LX a 2013 Best Resale Value: Luxury Full-Size SUV/Crossover and a 2013 Best Resale Value: Top 10.

- June 2013 – The LX 570 wins Edmunds.com 2013 Best Retained Value Awards in the SUV over $45,000 category.

- November 2013 – Kelley Blue Book KBB.com awards the 2014 LX 570 the 2014 Best Resale Value award in the Luxury Full-Size SUV/Crossover category.

Where is it built?
The LX 570 is built exclusively at the Yoshiwara plant in Japan.