REIMAGINING THE LUXURY SEDAN: THE ALL-NEW 2026 LEXUS ES

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SHANGHAI (April 23, 2025) — The all-new 2026 Lexus ES was unveiled at the Shanghai International Automobile Industry Exhibition today, introducing an eighth generation of the global luxury sedan. Both the hybrid and the first ES battery electric vehicle (BEVs) models will be offered in a line-up that will also include front- and all-wheel drive options.

The ES has been a fixture in the Lexus lineup since being launched alongside the flagship LS in 1989. The ES has been fully redesigned and developed under the concept of “Experience Elegance and Electrified Sedan”. It aspires to deliver a refined driving experience across every scene—further enhancing quietness and ride comfort while staying in tune with customer needs. The design draws inspiration from the next-generation BEV concept, LF-ZC, marking a bold evolution in Lexus design language that begins with the new ES.

Deepening the expression of elegance, the design creates a clean, welcoming atmosphere. The exterior strikes a delicate balance between intelligent packaging and proportions that highlight the sedan’s inherent beauty—realizing a sleek, flowing silhouette that hints at the emotional driving experience to come.

Since the launch of the RX 400h in 2005, Lexus has been a leader in electrification in the luxury market. Guided by the “Lexus Electrified” vision, Lexus is expanding the adoption of electric vehicles, including hybrids, plug-

in hybrids and battery electric vehicles, to meet diverse customer and market needs.

The all-new ES is the second of three new Lexus BEV models scheduled to debut by March 2026. It catalyzes a product momentum that coincides with a comprehensive reimagining of the Lexus brand set to be revealed at the Japan Mobility Show in October 2025.

DESIGN: CLEAN TECH x ELEGANCE

New sedan proportions balance deepening ES identity

The ES introduces the new Lexus design concept – Clean Tech x Elegance. The signature elegance that has long defined the ES has been further refined, while seamlessly blending its functional and emotional value at a higher level, resulting in a simple and clean design aesthetic.

The exterior design takes its cue from the next-generation BEV concept LF-ZC, which blends a bold presence with refined minimalism. The vehicle height was carefully determined to accommodate underfloor battery placement while preserving interior comfort, providing the foundation for proportions that capture the sedan's most beautiful and expressive form. This led to the realization of a new-generation spindle body, crafted to embody the ideals of electrification.

Using the overall height of the new ES as a foundation, the design focuses on achieving the most elegant and visually striking proportions for a sedan. It boasts a flowing, trunkless profile, a sharply tapered rear cabin, and a lower body shaped around the theme of bold planar and sculptural integration. Additionally, precise millimeter-level adjustments to the tire positioning help achieve a wide and low stance.

Inspired by the LF-ZC design philosophy, the front of the all-new ES integrates a sharply defined spindle shape that extends from the hood to the bumper corners. The front face is defined by the contrast in height between the low nose of the spindle body and the horizontally oriented fenders characteristic of a sedan—creating a bold, grounded, and distinctive impression. On hybrid models, a slim upper grill is added to ensure cooling performance.

The side profile is taut and streamlined, minimizing the perception of height. Enhanced shoulder contours improve aerodynamics, while a trunkless impression emphasizes a striking and powerful presence.

The rear embodies the ES' signature elegance with a sculpted flow from the rear tires to the trunk, creating a sleek yet dynamic presence. The body tapers boldly toward the rear, creating a low center-of-gravity stance that evokes dynamic performance.

The ES features a new design icon for the next generation, Twin L-Signature Lamps. The inward-facing daytime running lights and outward-facing turn signals form a double signature that enhances Lexus' unique identity while also improving the visual clarity and functionality of the turn indicators.

The rear features a new Rear L-Signature Lamp, making it instantly recognizable as a Lexus. Seamlessly integrated with the illuminated Lexus logo, the single light bar consolidates taillight and stoplight functions, while repositioning other lighting elements to the outer edges. By placing these elements lower and farther outward, the design emphasizes the vehicle's wide stance and enhances the sculpted rear profile.

For 2026, all ES models offer Wavelength, a Lexus-first exterior color option.

An interior offering comfort for all occupants

In designing the cabin, the goal was to achieve an outstanding sedan package. The platform was reengineered from the ground up, with key structural elements redesigned. Compared to the previous model, overall length has been extended by approximately 6.5 inches and the wheelbase by 3 inches, resulting in a more spacious

cabin. In addition, the seating position has been set higher to improve ease of entry and exit, while also providing a wide field of vision.

To further enhance the sense of openness, seats and trim elements have been made as slim as possible, and the lower edges of the front and side window frames have been lowered to increase the glass surface area. Through these efforts, Lexus has created a simple and clean interior space based on the design concept of Clean Tech x Elegance—featuring an open, airy upper section with superior visibility, contrasted by a lower section that gently envelops the occupants.

For the first time in North America, an Executive Package is available on the ES, offering a more spacious and relaxing rear cabin environment. The package is available on the ES 350e FWD Luxury model and includes reclining rear seats with a passenger side ottoman, rear outboard massaging seats and rear seat heating and ventilation.

The door trim introduces two Lexus-first design elements that elevate the sensory experience. Bamboo Layering recreates the depth and flow of natural bamboo using 3D printing paired with Thematic Ambient Illumination and new dynamic themes. Synthetic Leather Embossing pairs sharp embossing with Thematic Ambient Illumination to enhance the cabin's clean, elegant atmosphere. Additionally, the Mark Levinson® Surround Sound System optimizes speaker placement to create an immersive, three-dimensional soundstage in the cabin.

The new ES cockpit has been designed based on Lexus' *tazuna* concept, featuring a driver-focused interior layout. Tazuna elements include a low-profile meter hood housing a uniquely shaped 12.3-inch multi-information display, enabling smooth eye movement and creating an open, airy feel. A special coating enhances surface quality, while the combination of suede materials and ambient lighting deepens the expression of the tazuna concept.

The ES also launches the newest version of the Lexus Interface multimedia system. The system enhances the user experience with a new onscreen home button and split screen capability. In addition, the native Voice Assistant has been improved with quicker response times. Native navigation and map functionality are now integrated into the digital gauge cluster.

Featuring a 14-inch touchscreen display, the system includes standard wireless Apple CarPlay® and Android Auto™ compatibility, and simultaneous dual Bluetooth® phone connectivity.

A DIVERSE POWERTRAIN LINEUP

The new ES was developed with the goal of creating a relaxing experience for all occupants. Building on the ES's signature strengths of exceptional quietness and ride comfort, further refinements have been made to elevate the overall experience. At the same time, the driving feel has been deepened by fully harnessing the distinct characteristics of both HEV and BEV powertrains, in a way that is uniquely Lexus.

The ES is built on a redesigned TNGA GA-K platform, developed specifically to accommodate both HEV and BEV powertrains. Rigidity has been significantly increased at the front, floor and rear, resulting in a thoroughly reinforced structure. This enhancement reduces body vibrations and enables sharp, intuitive steering, along with smooth acceleration and deceleration. The result is an agile and responsive driving feel that defies the vehicle's size.

For the first time in an ES, a multi-link rear suspension has been adopted, enhancing both power delivery to the ground and vehicle posture control. The ES is equipped with a MacPherson strut front suspension.

ES 350h

The ES 350h offers enhanced power performance, along with the availability of an AWD model. The sixth-

generation 2.5-liter hybrid system features an integrated eAxle combining the power control unit and transaxle, contributing to a more compact and lightweight powertrain, while also achieving higher battery output.

Additionally, the reinforced rigidity of the power unit helps suppress vibrations, contributing to a quieter, more refined cabin experience.

All-new ES 350e and 500e
The BEV lineup offers two models: the ES 350e front-wheel drive model and the ES 500e all-wheel drive model.

A large-capacity battery is positioned beneath the floor to lower the center of gravity and enhance driving stability. Furthermore, the ES 500e is equipped with DIRECT4 AWD, an intelligent all-wheel drive system that continuously adjusts torque distribution to all four wheels based on road conditions and driving inputs. The system uses a drive force ratio between the front and rear wheels, ranging from 100:0 to 0:100. This enhances acceleration from a standstill, provides greater handling stability and contributes to great energy efficiency.

The ES 350e has a manufacturer-estimated range rating of 300 miles when equipped with 19” wheels. The ES 500e has a manufacturer-estimated range rating of 250 miles when equipped with 19” wheels.

Both the ES 350e and ES 500e adopt a NACS charging port, capable of DC fast charging. These models will also have Level One and Level Two AC charging with a higher capacity 11-Kw on-board AC charger. Under ideal conditions when using DC fast charging* it is capable of charging from 10% to-80% battery capacity in around 30 minutes.

*Ranges and charging times will vary depending on weather and other factors.

LEXUS SAFETY SYSTEM+
The ES is the first Lexus model to receive the Lexus Safety System+ 4.0 (LSS+ 4.0). The new version of Lexus’ active safety suite will have updates to its hardware and detection capabilities.

The 2026 ES will go on sale next year. Additional details for LSS+ 4.0, as well as full vehicle specs and pricing will be available closer to launch.

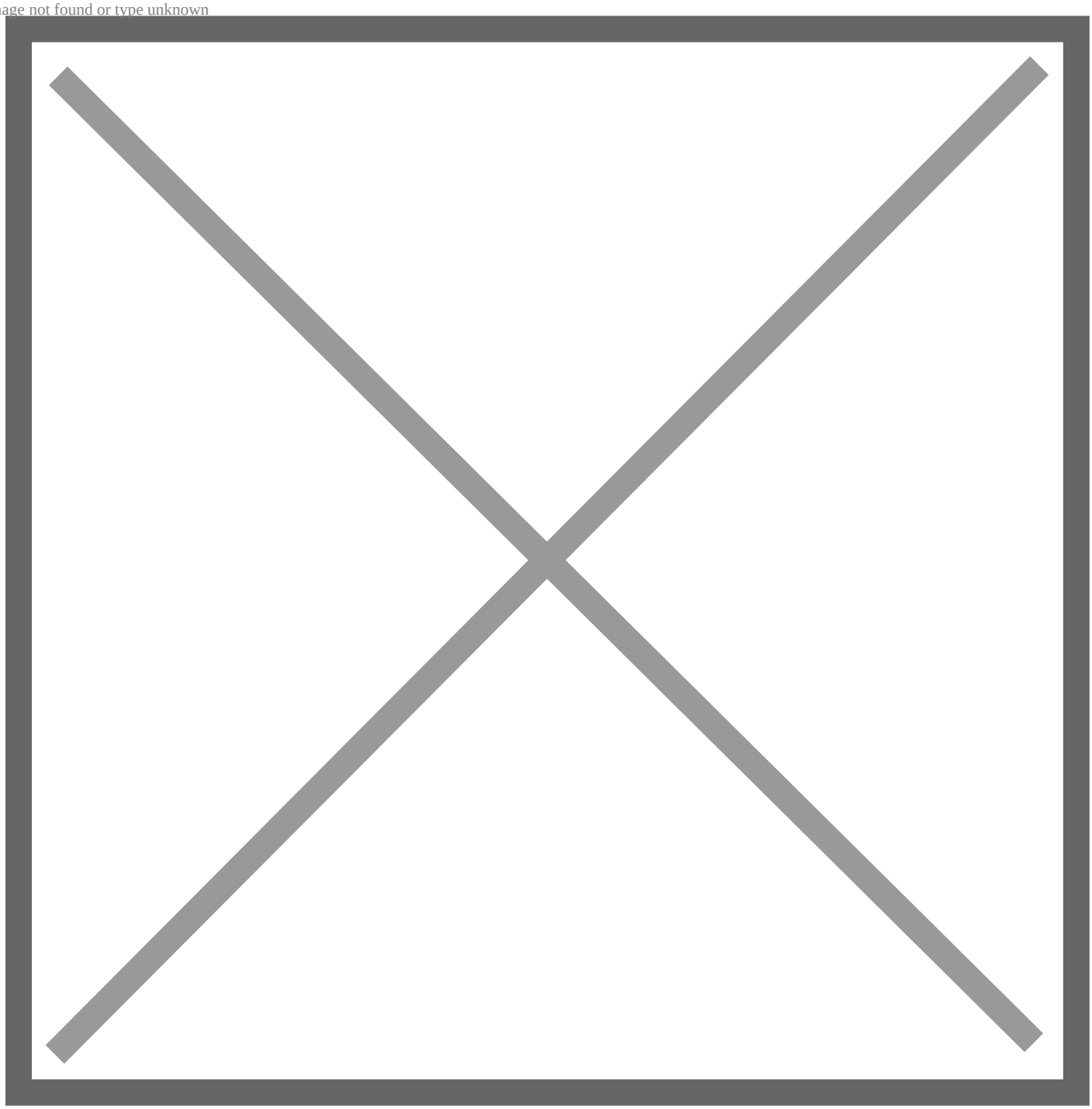
2026 Lexus ES Pricing Chart

Model #	Model Name	MSRP*
9030	ES 350e Premium	$48,795
9035	ES 500e Premium AWD	$51,795
9032	ES 350e Luxury	$57,195
9037	ES 500e Luxury AWD	$60,195
9020	ES 350h Premium	$50,995
9025	ES 350h Premium AWD	$52,395
9021	ES 350h Premium+	$55,795
9026	ES 350h Premium+ AWD	$57,195

*Prices include $1,295 destination and delivery charges

2026 ES Preliminary Specifications

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*1: Target value in EPA when fitted with 19-inch wheels
*15: Toyota in-house measured figures

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