Five Things to Know About the New 2026 Lexus IS

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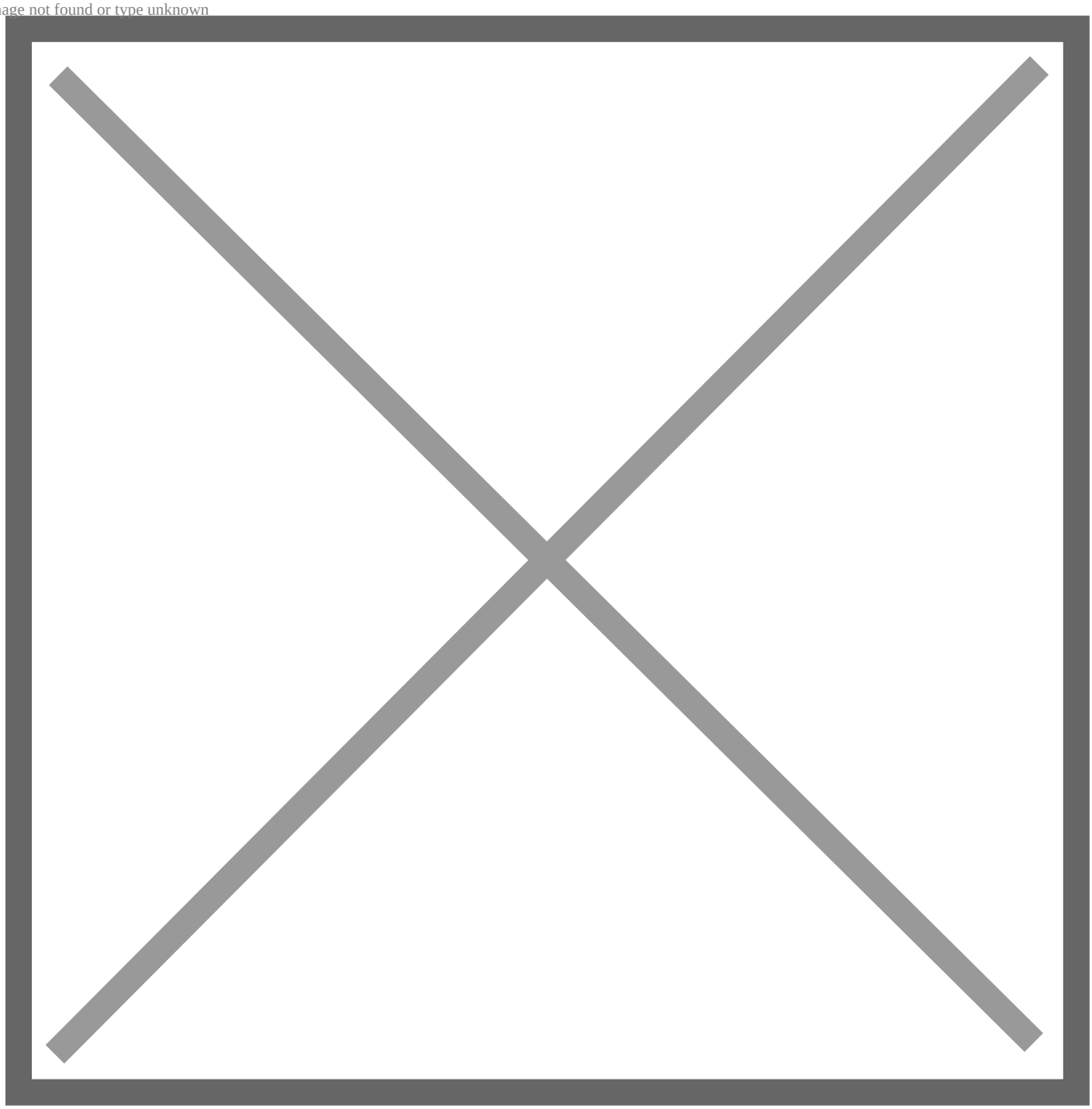


For more than 25 years, the Lexus IS has continually defined and refined what a compact sports sedan could be.

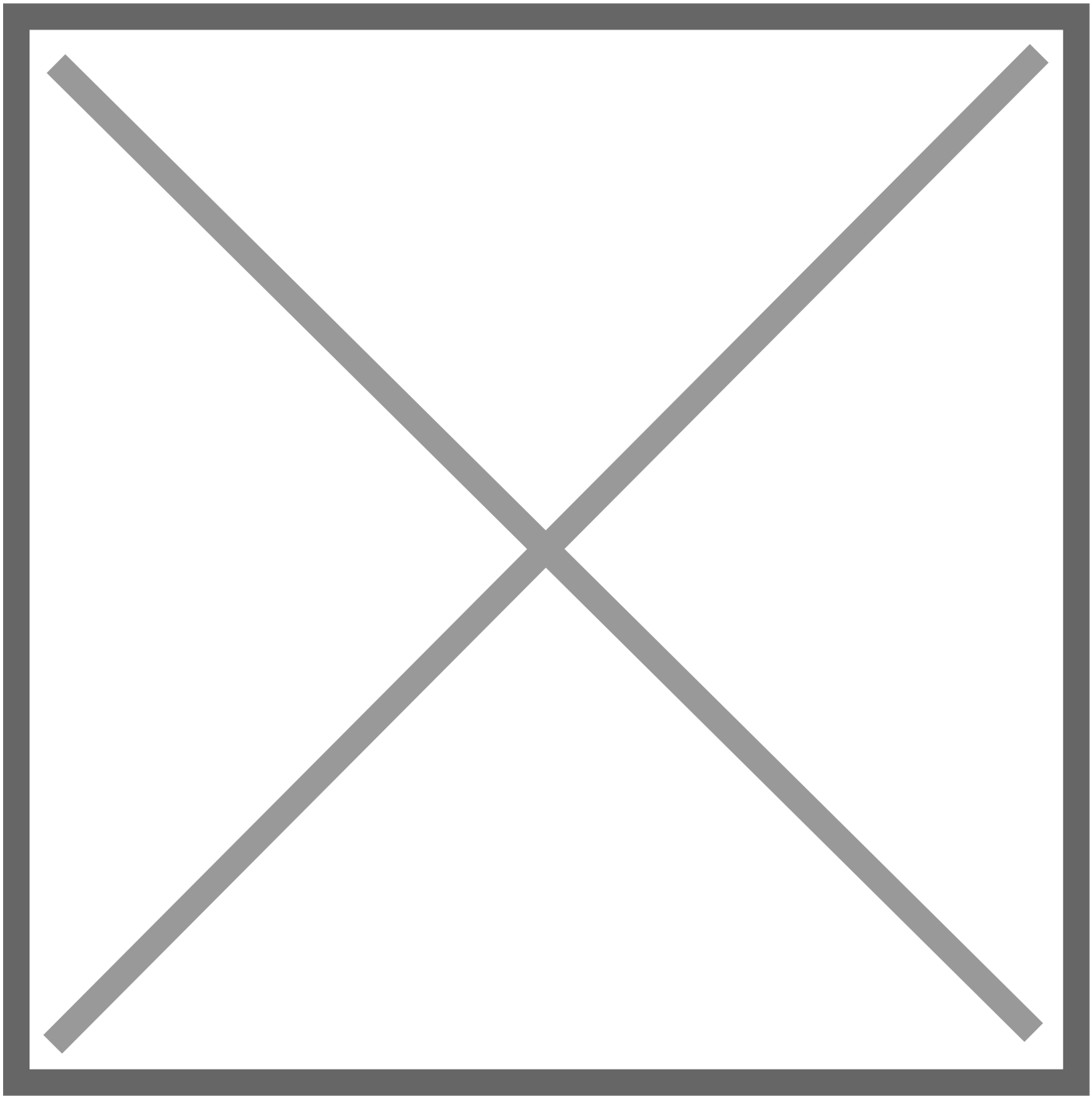
As the IS grew in popularity, it became a symbol of the Lexus driving experience, earning praise for its dynamic performance and bold, sporty design.

The luxury sports sedan development has been a journey of rigorous testing, dedicated to perfecting the distinctive performance feel that is the Lexus Driving Signature.

As it celebrates another year, the 2026 Lexus IS features changes that enhance the driving experience.

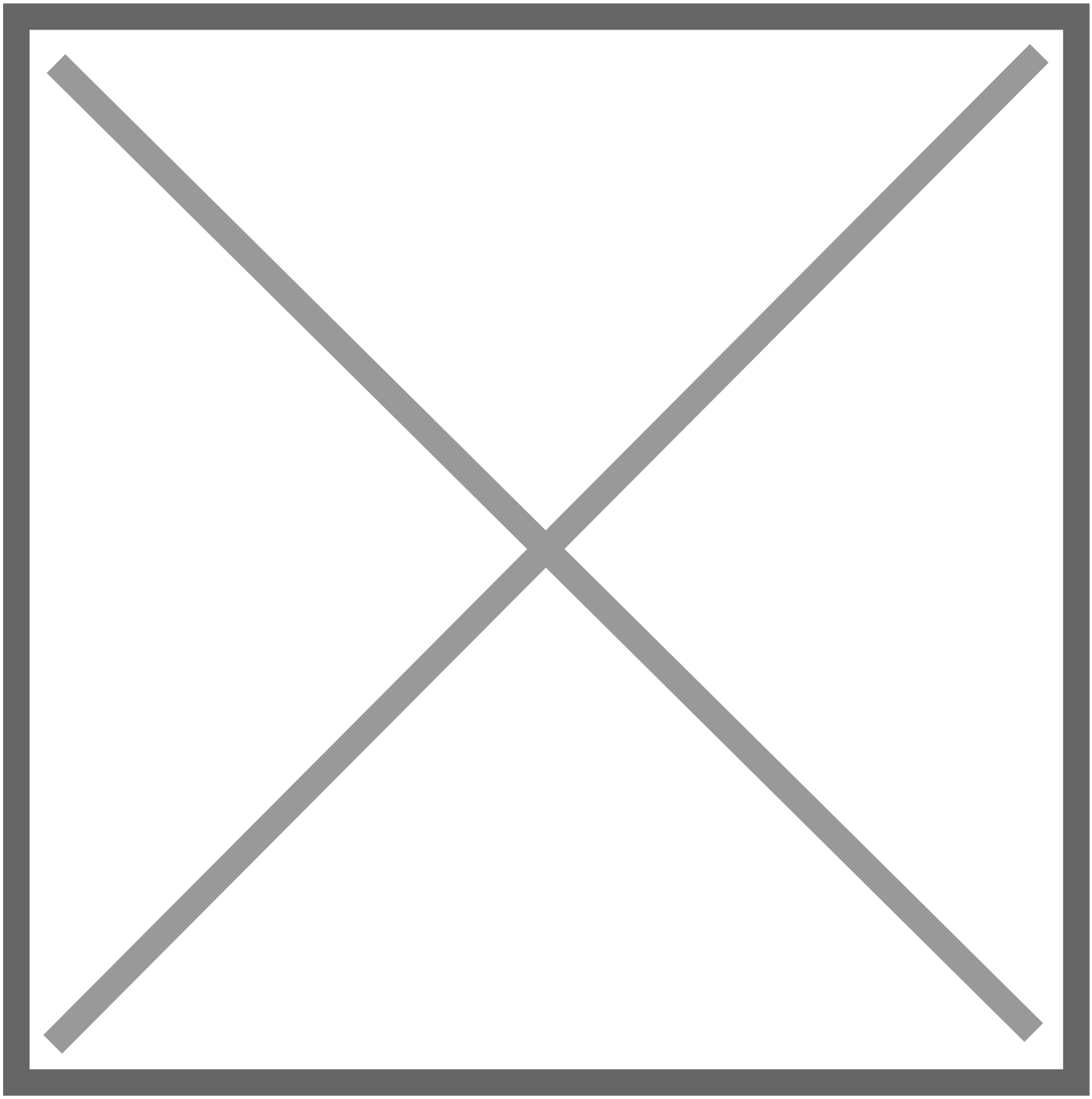
Here are five defining characteristics that contribute to the appeal of the 2026 Lexus IS.

Two Grades, One Goal



The latest update to the 2026 Lexus IS has arrived with one variant: the powerful IS 350, offered in two exhilarating grades, F SPORT and F SPORT Design. Every aspect of this update embodies a core philosophy of “refinement in performance and design.” This enhancement pushes its dynamic, sporty design to new heights.

Reimagined Exterior & Elevated Cabin Aesthetics



The 2026 Lexus IS commands attention with a refreshed front design, projecting a bold, low-slung presence.

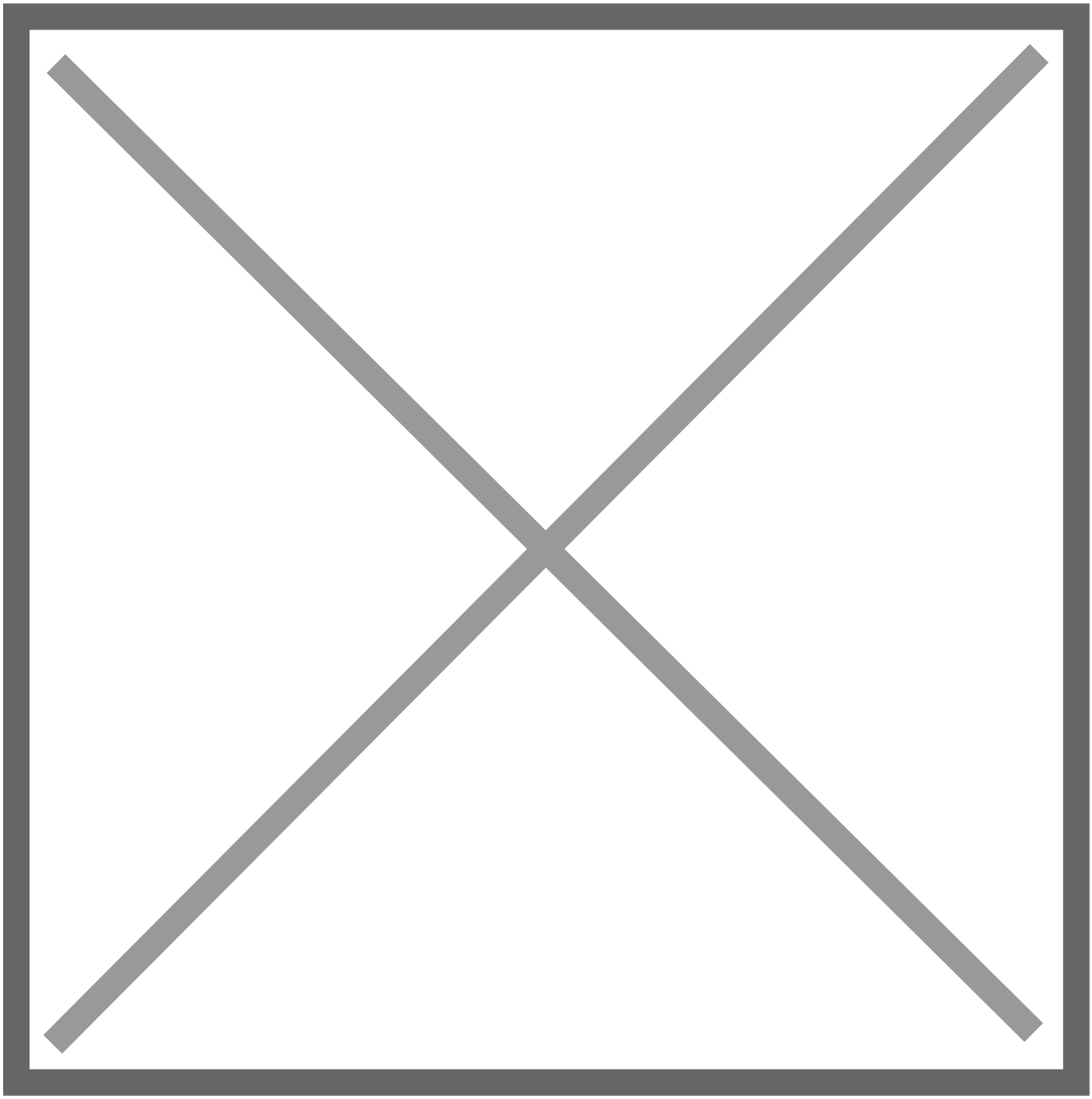
F SPORT models further enhance their sharp performance with an available rear spoiler and optional red brake calipers. A dynamic exterior palette, including classics and bold hues, is highlighted by the exhilarating new Wind color — a metallic light gray that embodies speed, even at a standstill.

Inside, the impression only deepens. A meticulously crafted, driver-centric cockpit emphasizes functionality and a connection to the road. Key to this command center are 12.3-inch digital displays – the Lexus Interface and instrument cluster – offering superb visibility, intuitive control and crystal-clear information.

Passion ignites with exquisite new “Forged Bamboo” ornamentation, its “In-ei” shading reflecting the 2026 Lexus IS’s dynamic spirit. F SPORT models heighten aggression with an exclusive, solar-flare-inspired “Radiant Red” interior, transforming the cockpit into a high-octane environment.

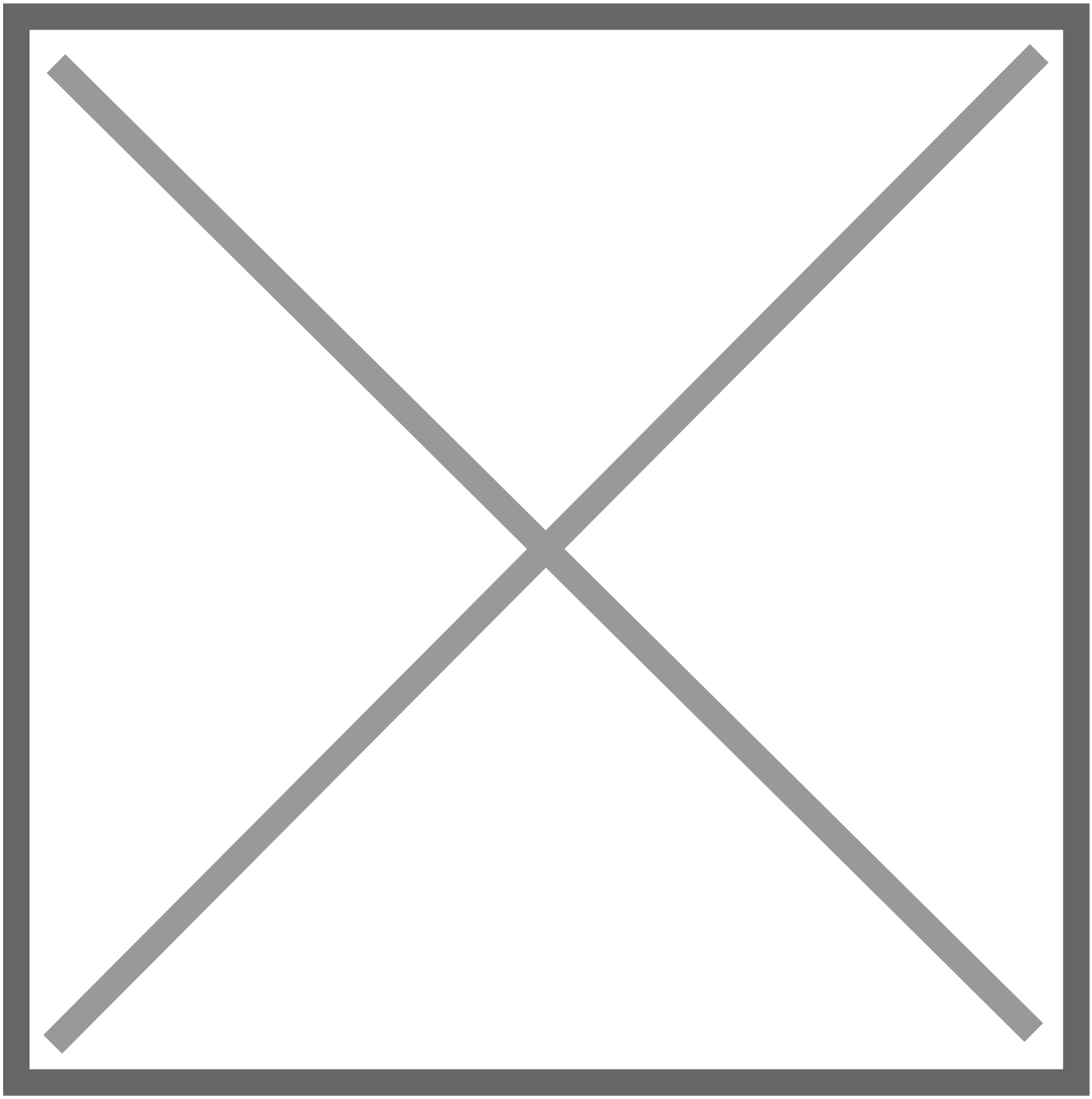
What’s more, every journey is accompanied by a rich soundscape, courtesy of the standard 10-speaker Lexus Premium Sound system. For the ultimate auditory indulgence, the optional 17-speaker Mark Levinson® system transforms the cabin into a private concert hall. Its tuned audio and optimally positioned speakers craft a fully immersive experience.

Seamless Control, Elevated Engagement



The 2026 Lexus IS driving experience is refined. Optimized Electric Power Steering (EPS) and suspension systems deliver an intuitive, consistent steering feel and precise vehicle response, fostering a deeper connection. This ensures every input, from braking to cornering to acceleration, flows with rewarding precision and control.

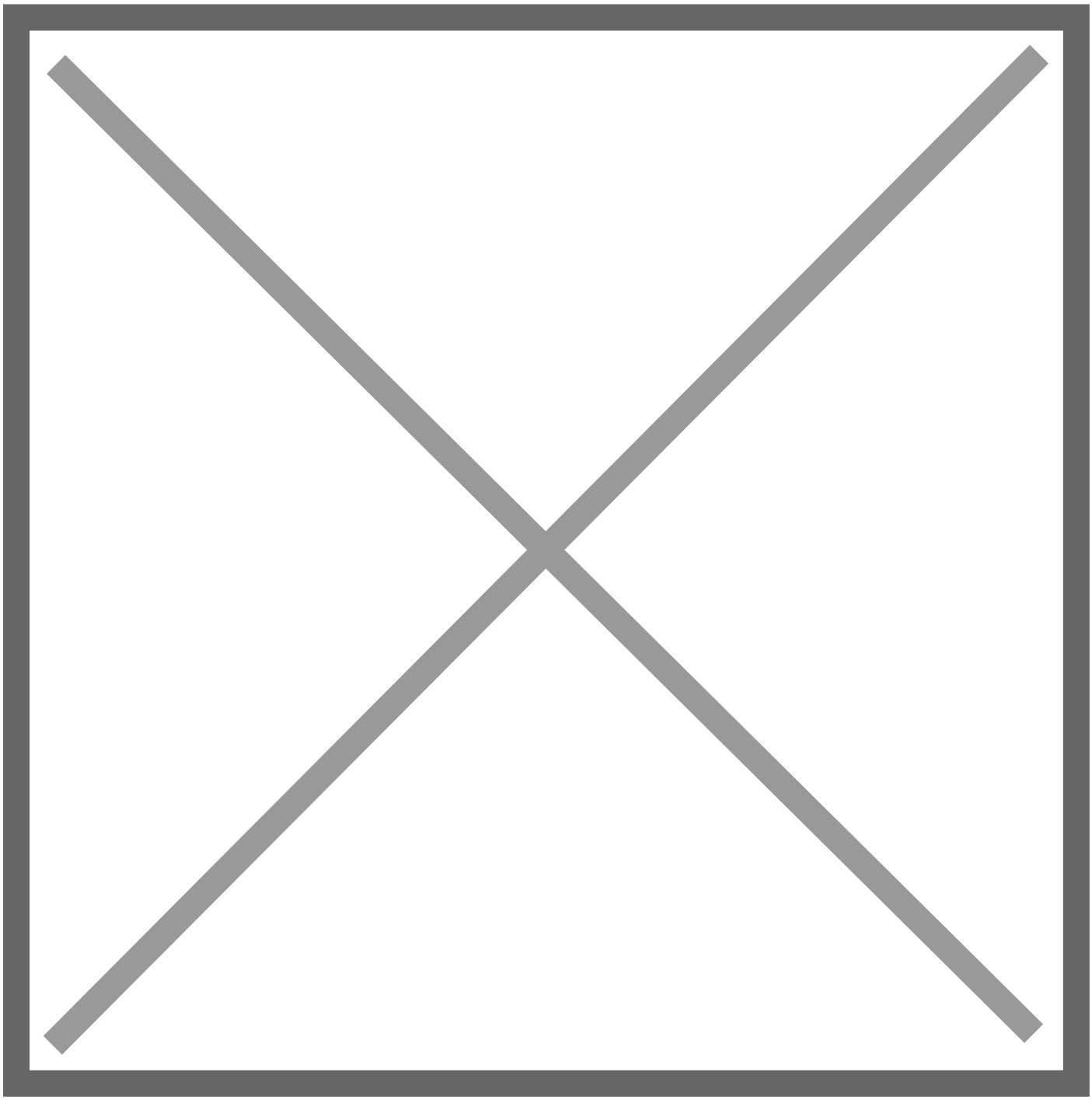
Limited Edition Luxury



To celebrate the 2026 Lexus IS, a Special Appearance Package elevates the IS 350 F SPORT. Limited to just 350 units for North America, this collector’s edition distinguishes itself with a stunning Hakugin Matte White exterior and a sophisticated White & Black interior.

It rolls on 19-inch Black BBS® forged alloy wheels, comes complete with Triple-beam LED headlamps and a moonroof, and fully integrates the Handling Package, premium Mark Levinson® Audio and a wealth of advanced driver assist and technology features. A standard SmartAccess Key Card, unique carpet floor mats and key gloves completes the package.

Stability, Control and Safety



Every 2026 Lexus IS instills supreme confidence with the standard Lexus Safety System+ 3.0.

This intelligent, vigilant co-pilot seamlessly integrates a comprehensive suite of active safety and convenience features.

From Pre-Collision System (PCS) with Pedestrian Detection and Full-Speed Dynamic Radar Cruise Control (DRCC) to precise lane-keeping assistance, Automatic High Beams, Road Sign Assist (RSA), and Proactive

Driving Assist (PDA), it helps with a safer, more intuitive and effortlessly supported journey.