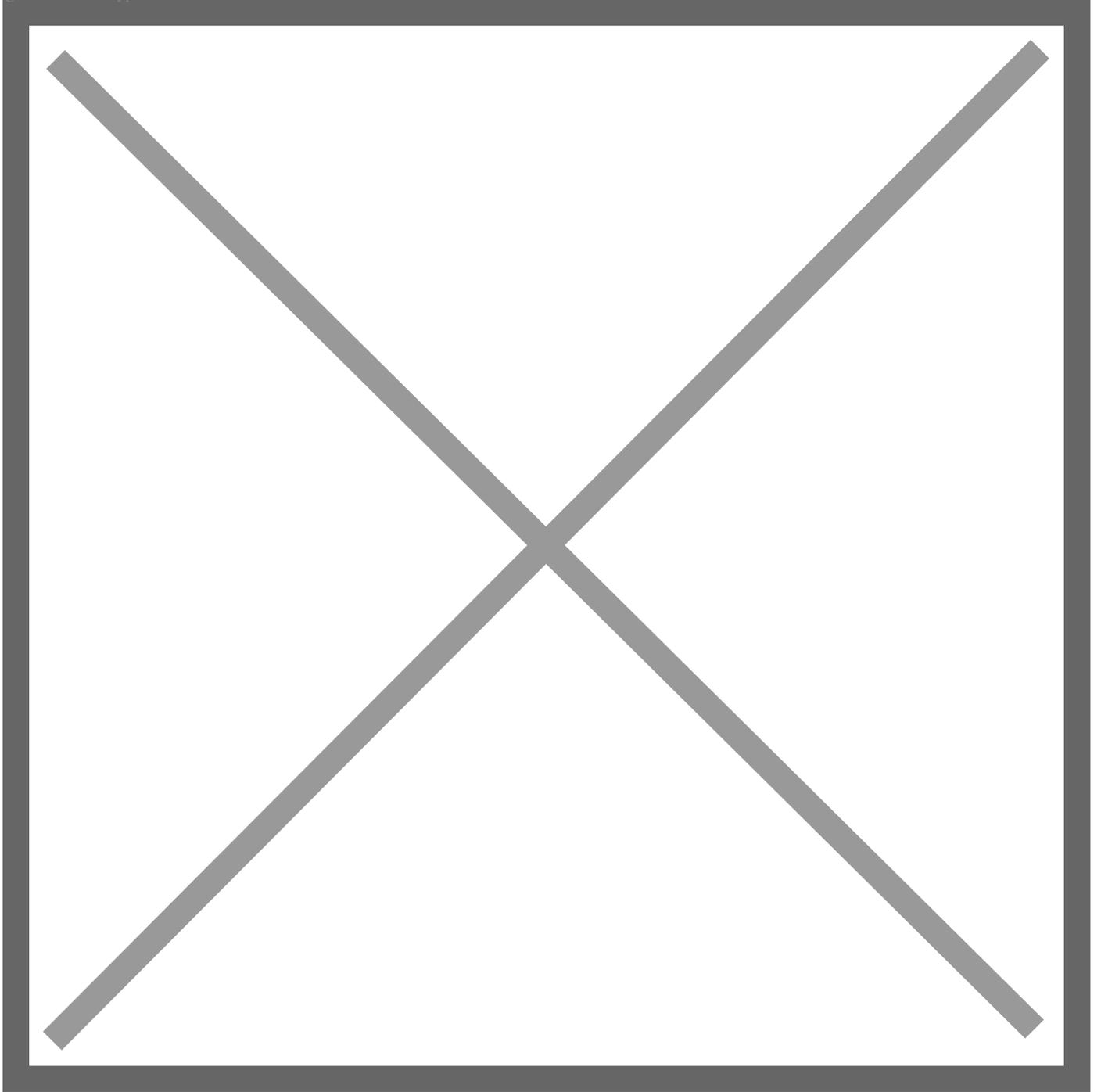


# Five Things to Know About the New 2026 Lexus IS

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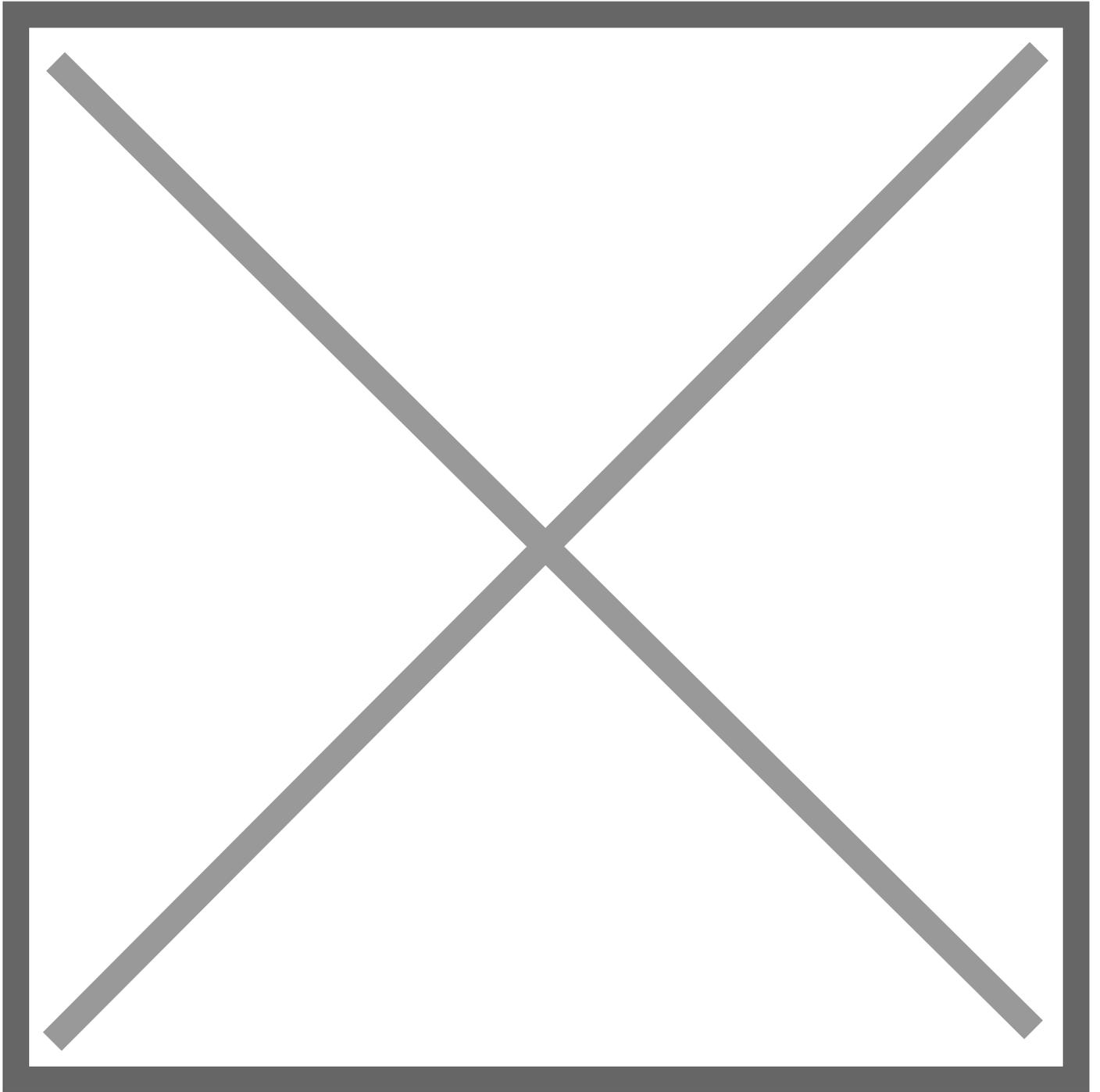
As the IS grew in popularity, it became a symbol of the Lexus driving experience, earning praise for its dynamic performance and bold, sporty design.

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.

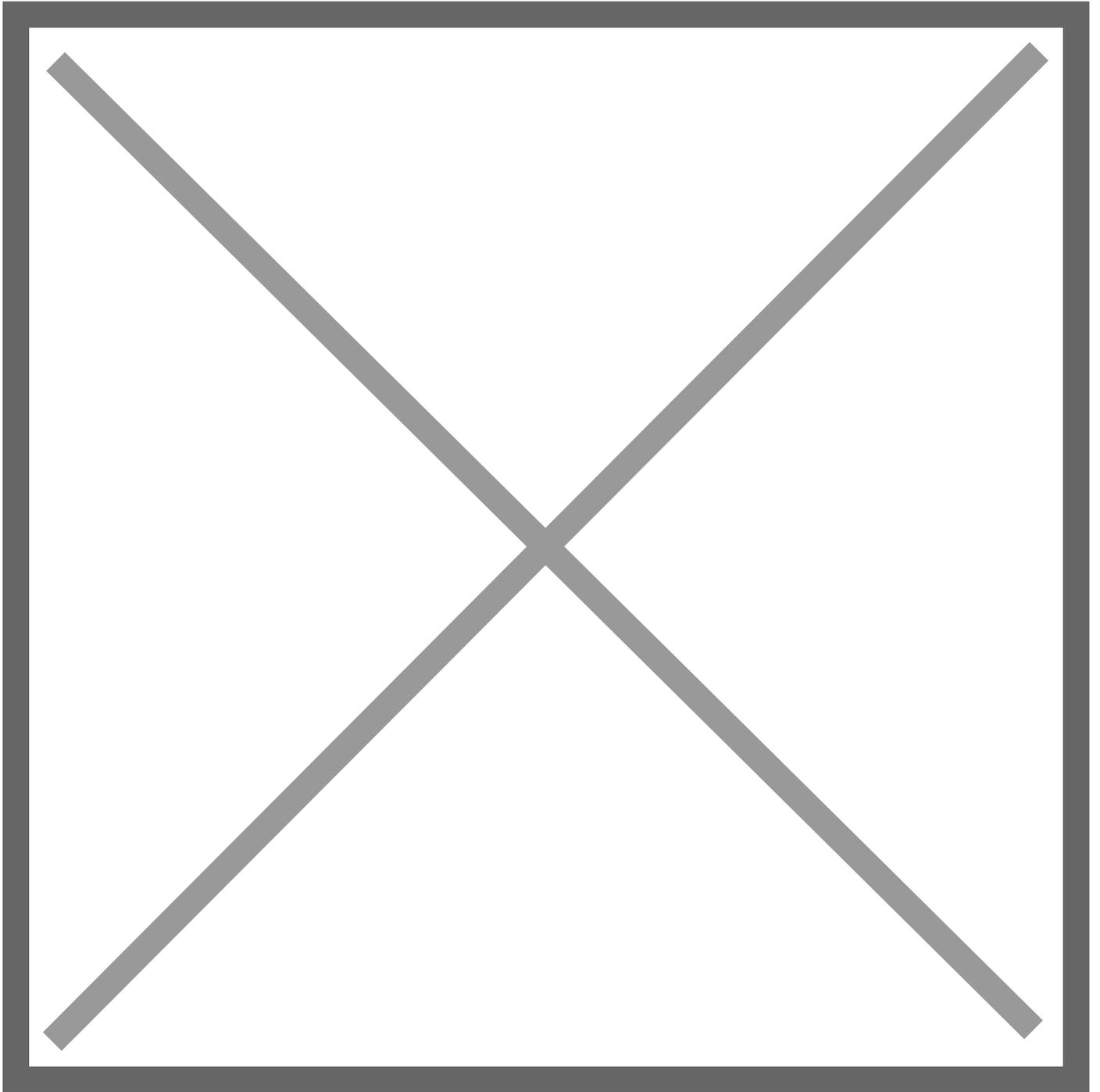
Here are five defining characteristics that contribute to the appeal of the 2026 Lexus IS.

## **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.

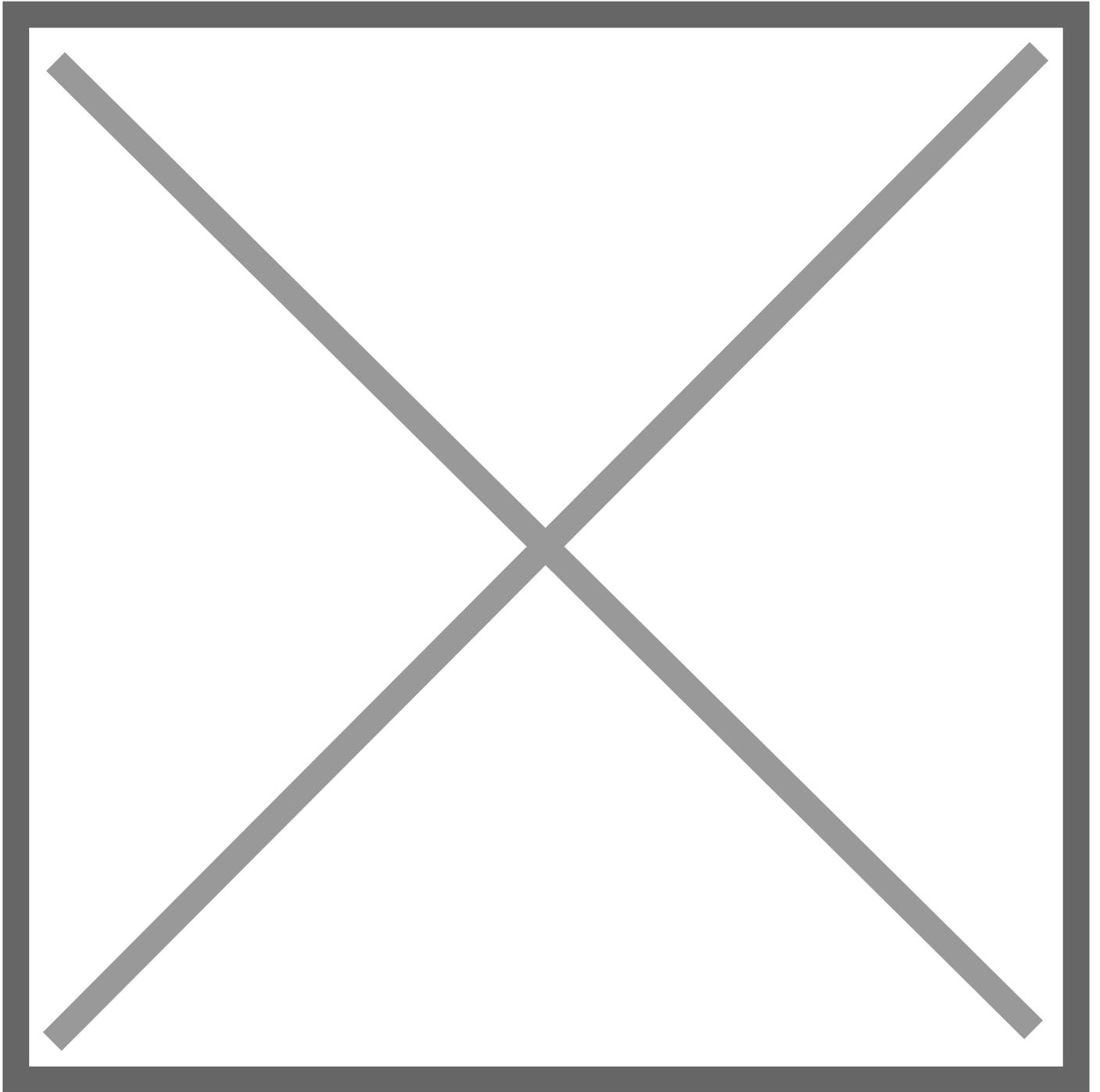
F SPORT models further enhance their sharp performance with an available rear spoiler and optional red brake calipers. A dynamic exterior palette, including classics and bold hues, is highlighted by the exhilarating new Wind color — a metallic light gray that embodies speed, even at a standstill.

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.

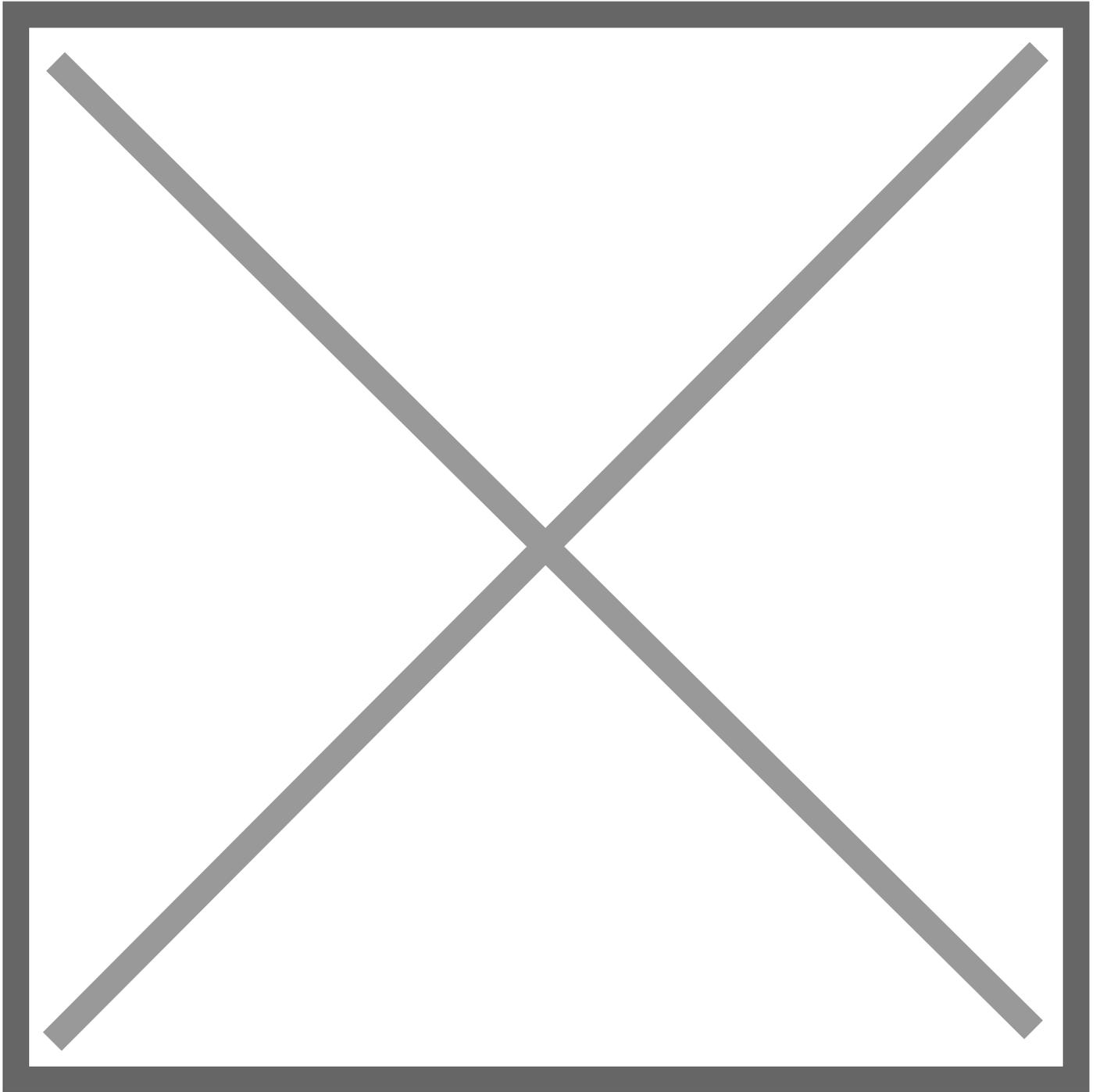
What’s more, every journey is accompanied by a rich soundscape, courtesy of the standard 10-speaker Lexus Premium Sound system. For the ultimate auditory indulgence, the optional 17-speaker Mark Levinson® system transforms the cabin into a private concert hall. Its tuned audio and optimally positioned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

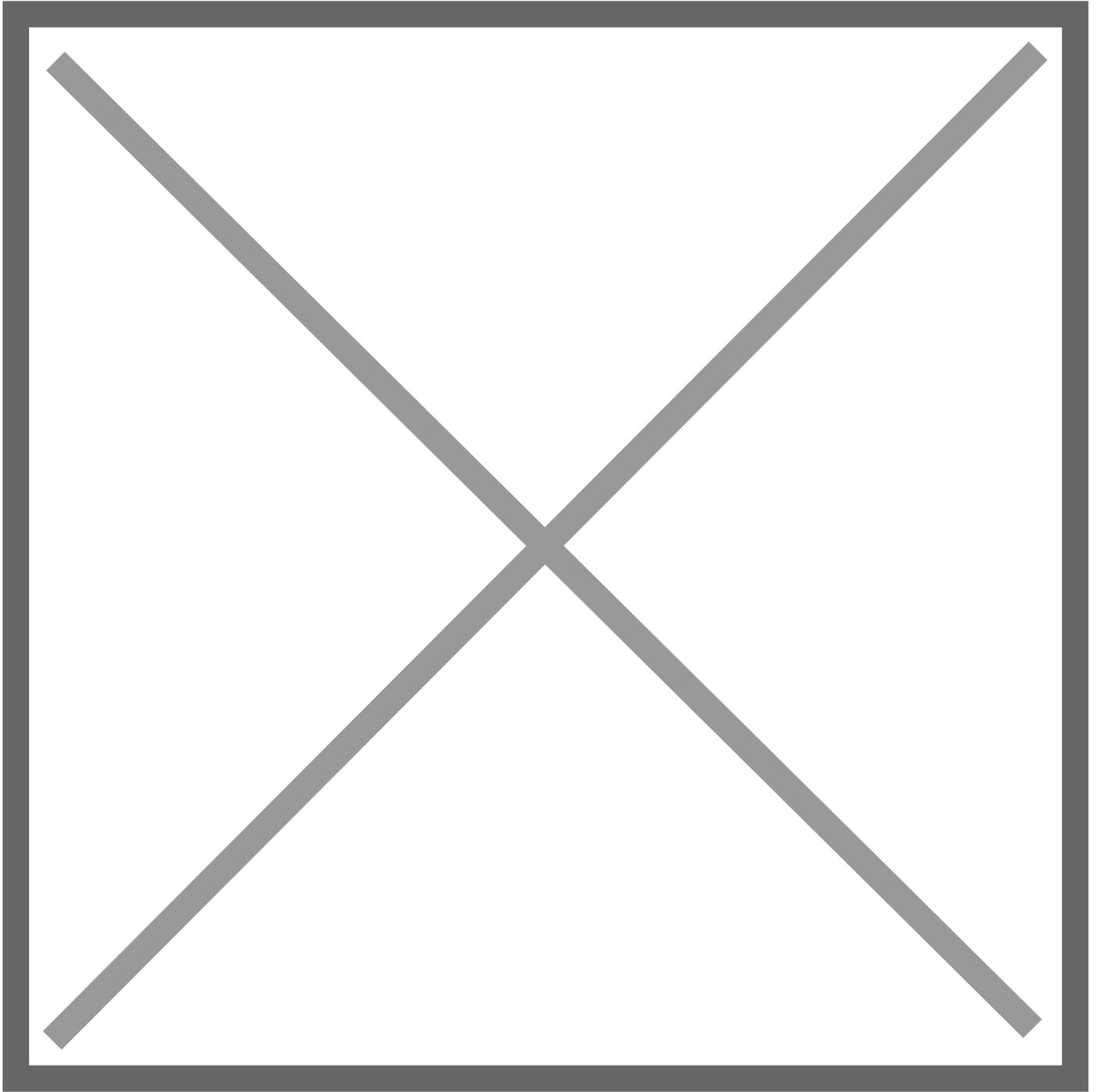
**Limited Edition Luxury**



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.