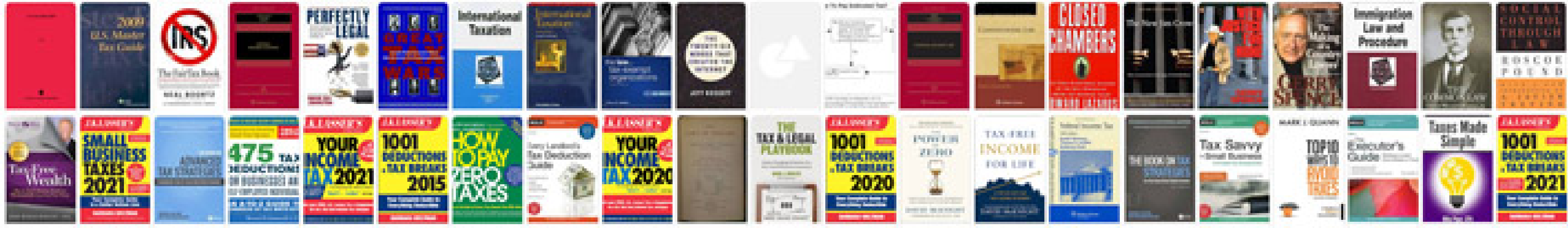

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Over the past few years, the Lexus IS has had the potential to be an intriguing pick for a small luxury sedan. It cost less than its German rivals yet offered more features and similar levels of comfort and quality. Sounds great, right? Unfortunately, the IS also suffered from a lack of driving refinement, a distracting-to-use technology interface and a small cabin. Hoping for a better result, Lexus is hitting a soft reset with the Lexus IS The exterior is only lightly refreshed, but there are substantial changes underneath and inside that seek to solve the IS 's most pressing problems. Additional reinforcements and welds increase body rigidity, which Lexus says improves handling and steering response among other benefits. Some suspension components are lighter than before, which reduces unsprung mass and should translate to a more comfortable ride. Inside, Lexus has replaced the distracting-to-use mouse-like controller with a touchpad controller. This new system eliminates the on-screen cursor that made the prior Lexus system difficult to use. The rest of the interior is pretty much unchanged. Is the IS better than before? Most certainly. We don't expect the IS will zoom up to the top of our small luxury sedan rankings, but it could be worth a look if value is a priority. The two are identically equipped, with one difference that's somewhat self-explanatory: The former is rear-wheel-drive and the latter is all-wheel-drive. Strangely, each uses a unique powertrain. The RWD model is powered by a turbocharged 2. IS The IS comes standard with:. The IS is also equipped with a set of advanced safety features, many of which are optional on rivals. These include:. Write a review. See all 1 reviews. The BMW 3 Series has consistently been a luxury sport sedan benchmark, but the newest version has left us a bit wanting. It performs well â€” the base i turns in a mph time of just 5. That said, a somewhat compromised 3 Series is still a better pick than the IS in most respects. Both sedans are less expensive than their German rivals and are more generously equipped, and they also meet expectations for the luxury class. The Acura has a more comprehensive set of features than the Lexus, and its larger size affords more passenger room. The Audi A4 proves that you don't always have to pay extra to get the best. Though it lacks a few features compared to the base IS , every A4 comes with all-wheel drive and a more attractive starting price than the 3 Series or the Mercedes-Benz C-Class. This Audi also excels in the areas of passenger comfort, driving refinement and interior design. Available styles include 4dr Sedan 2. Consumer ratings and reviews are also available for the Lexus IS and all its trim types. Overall, Edmunds users rate the IS 5. Edmunds consumer reviews allow users to sift through aggregated consumer reviews to understand what other drivers are saying about any vehicle in our database. Detailed rating breakdowns including performance, comfort, value, interior, exterior design, build quality, and reliability are available as well to provide shoppers with a comprehensive understanding of why customers like the IS Edmunds experts have compiled a robust series of ratings and reviews for the Lexus IS and all model years in our database. Our rich content includes expert reviews and recommendations for the IS featuring deep dives into trim levels and features, performance, mpg, safety, interior, and driving. Edmunds also offers expert ratings, road test and performance data, long-term road tests, first-drive reviews, video reviews and more. This review was written by a member of Edmunds' editorial team of expert car reviewers. Our team drives every car you can buy. We put the vehicles through rigorous testing, evaluating how they drive and comparing them in detail to their competitors. We're also regular people like you, so we pay attention to all the different ways people use their cars every day. We want to know if there's enough room for our families and our weekend gear and whether or not our favorite drink fits in the cupholder. Our editors want to help you make the best decision on a car that fits your life. Simply research the type of car you're interested in and then select a car from our massive database to find cheap vehicles for sale near you. Once you have identified a used vehicle you're interested in, check the AutoCheck vehicle history reports, read dealer reviews, and find out what other owners paid for the Lexus IS Edmunds has deep data on over 6 million new, used, and certified pre-owned vehicles, including rich, trim-level features and specs information like: MSRP, average price paid, warranty information basic, drivetrain, and maintenance , features upholstery, bluetooth, navigation, heated seating, cooled seating, cruise control, parking assistance, keyless ignition, satellite radio, folding rears seats ,run flat tires, wheel type, tire size, wheel tire, sunroof, etc. Edmunds also provides tools to allow shopper to compare vehicles to similar models of their choosing by warranty, interior features, exterior features, specifications, fuel economy, vehicle dimensions, consumer rating, edmunds rating, and color. Is it better to lease or buy a car? Ask most people and they'll probably tell you that car buying is the way to go. And from a financial perspective, it's true, provided you're willing to make higher monthly payments, pay off the loan in full and keep the car for a few years. Leasing, on the other hand, can be a less expensive option on a month-to-month basis. It's also good if you're someone who likes to drive a new car every three years or so. Popular searches. My notifications My Account. Home Lexus Lexus IS Select year - New - New. Other years. Pros Smooth and comfortable ride on bumpy roads Cabin is well isolated from noise Offers more features for the money than German rivals Cons Subpar fuel economy with all-wheel-drive powertrain Rear seats can be a tight fit for adults What's new Revised infotainment system Styling updates to front and rear fascias Changes to chassis and suspension for improved handling F Sport package no longer available Part of the third Lexus IS generation introduced for We recommend sticking with the base IS RWD unless you need the extra traction of all-wheel drive. The turbocharged four-cylinder is more economical than the V6 and is nearly as powerful. None of the options is prohibitively expensive, but if you only have a little wiggle room in your budget, the Comfort package is a must-have. The Mark Levinson audio system is a close second. These include: Forward collision mitigation warns you of an impending collision and applies the brakes in certain scenarios Lane keeping system makes minor steering corrections to help keep the vehicle centered in its lane Adaptive cruise control maintains a driver-set distance between the Lexus and the car in front Blind-spot monitor with rear cross-traffic alert warns you if a vehicle is in your blind spot during a lane change or while reversing Packages and stand-alone options for the IS include: Comfort package Sunroof Heated steering wheel Heated and ventilated front seats Navigation package Read more. Find savings on the IS for sale near you. ZIP Code. See Pricing. See all IS lease offers. Sponsored cars related to the IS Most helpful consumer reviews 5 out of 5 stars, Excellent. Dynamic Radar Cruise Control Helps drivers maintain a preset distance by adjusting the vehicle's speed in relation to the vehicle directly ahead. Intelligent High Beams Switches between high and low beams automatically by using cues from a camera that helps detect when other vehicles are present. Lexus IS vs. People who viewed this also viewed 5 average Rating out of 3 reviews. Related IS Articles. The Edmunds experts tested the IS both on the road and at the track. You probably care about Lexus IS fuel economy, so it's important to know that the IS gets an EPA-estimated 22 mpg to 25 mpg, depending on the configuration. What about cargo capacity? When you're thinking about carrying stuff in your new car, keep in mind that the IS has And then there's safety and reliability. Learn more. To determine whether the Lexus IS is reliable, read Edmunds' authentic consumer reviews, which come from real owners and reveal what it's like to live with the IS Look for specific complaints that keep popping up in the reviews, and be sure to compare the IS 's average consumer rating to that of competing vehicles. There's a lot to consider if you're wondering whether the Lexus IS is a good car. Safety scores, fuel economy, cargo capacity and feature availability should all be factors in determining whether the IS is a good car for you. Check back soon for the official Edmunds Rating from our expert testing team Learn more. Other versions include: 4dr Sedan 2. IS variants include 4dr Sedan 2. What do people think of the Lexus IS ? Edmunds Expert Reviews Edmunds experts have compiled a robust series of ratings and reviews for the Lexus IS and all model years in our database. Our Review Process This review was written by a member of Edmunds' editorial team of expert car reviewers. What's a good price for a New Lexus IS ? Which Lexus IS s are available in my area? Can't find a new Lexus IS s you want in your area? Consider a broader search. Why trust Edmunds? Should I lease or buy a Lexus IS ? Check out Lexus lease specials. Sign Up. Get price. Lexus has decided to take it upon themselves to revamp a fairly recent car of theirs, the IS that was released in for an all-new look. Its release is the IS, which will boast updated exterior and interior features, such as more cabin space and new trims. The IS has new enhanced features to make the ride more comfortable, futuristic, and stylish. The engine is the same, but this time it is all about the good looks for Lexus. Here is more on its costs, facts, and figures. Let's go. The Lexus IS offers two models, one base model and one sport. For the base model, the driver will enjoy bhp from its 2-liter turbo petrol engine. The upgraded sports version offers drivers a 3. Lexus has upgraded its chassis and suspension system to offer more support and luxury. The chassis upgrades will improve noise, vibration, and ride comfort. Simultaneously, the suspension makes room for larger wheels that will help with comfort while driving. The IS has taken inspiration from the previous ES model. The main difference in the design is that the IS is longer, wider, and higher. The extra 30mm in length and height make the cabin more spacious and convenient for passengers. The more elevated seating reportedly reflects the comfort and performance of the car. Key exterior features include triple LED headlights, which sit snuggly in the cluster grille. The IS will also be available in five new paint colors. The layout is simple and spacious, with luxury leather seating and trims. For entertainment, the IS features a There is a Mark Levinson sound system with 17 speakers that offer 1, watts to blast your favorite tunes. Drivers and passengers definitely will not get bored driving around in this Lexus model. If you are into futuristic technology, the Lexus IS boasts an augmented-reality smartphone app, which allows you to interact with the car in multiple ways. So, if you would rather ask your car to turn up the heating, you can use your voice instead of distracting yourself with the screen. Seeing as there are two models of the IS, the performance varies. The rear-wheel-drive option offers an eight-speed automatic. On the tracks, both reported hitting top speeds of mph. The base model can hit 0 to 60 mph in 6. Its speed and power both prove to be impressive. The mileage is not overly impressive, but it's a fair mileage for the engine's size. Unfortunately, it is not due to release in the UK or Europe, but those customers may get it shipped. Shipping could prove expensive, so if you are looking for a similar model, an ES Lexus ride might be the best option. For a few thousand dollars extra, customers can get a larger engine, more design features, and an all-wheel-drive. The price you pay depends on what you are looking for from the car. If you want something completely seamless, powerful, and more luxurious in design, the sports version with an all-wheel-drive might be best for you. In summary, the new Lexus IS is a great steal for the price. With a robust and reliable V6 engine, all drivers can enjoy racing around a track or the city or the countryside. It's luxurious in design and spacious inside to offer customers convenience and comfort. The IS is an all-rounder ride, and its various options offer something for all drivers. Share Share Tweet Email Comment. Via: Motor Authority. Via: The Car Connection. Via: Motor Biscuit. Here's What Gabriel Iglesias Drives. Related Topics Fast Cars. Make Model Year. Price and Payment. Vehicle History. Engine and Drivetrain. Vehicle Listing Details. It's not a misprint. And the odometer isn't broken. This is a very low mileage Lexus IS A rare find these days. The Lexus IS will provide you with everything you have always wanted in a car -- Quality, Reliability, and Character. The look is unmistakably Lexus, the smooth contours and cutting-edge technology of this Lexus IS will definitely turn heads. There is no reason why you shouldn't buy this Lexus IS It is incomparable for the price and quality. All Approved! Everyone drives! Get paid cash? No problem!! We price our cars at wholesale price to guarantee the best deals for our customers. Our inventory moves quick, please call to confirm the availability of the vehicle of your interest Springfield location Come visit our new showroom in Springfield NJ. What is Wholesale to the Public? They are generally higher mileage, older, lower-priced vehicles that are perhaps flawed in some way. Some general guidelines for a wholesale vehicle: They all come with a vehicle condition report and were encourage you to look at it. There is no negotiation necessary. All vehicles have an inspection report in the vehicle showing any found issues that might need to be repaired. It is your option to choose what you would like to fix or who to have fix. Why Wholesale to the Public? Simply put our customers have requested that we make these vehicles available. Many of our customer have a need for basic transportation. The Value Equation These vehicles are no longer subject to 3rd party markup. The vehicles are generally priced with the consideration that repairs are needed. This opportunity is unique in this market. This Lexus IS is one that you really need to take out for a test drive to appreciate. This car was well taken care of by its previous and only owner. Plus, even better! No need to stress over if this Lexus IS has been maintained over the years. The vehicle history report shows no history of ever having been wrecked and our careful inspection of the body confirms this. Humility is said to be a virtue. Under the hood of this car rests a fuel efficient 3. The sporty handling will make driving fun and help you gracefully handle even the toughest of curves and turns. You will be able to handle any weather condition, both on and off-road with the tough built suspension that this baby is built with. You will feel completely pampered by all the luxurious amenities that this baby has to offer. Nothing was spared in outfitting this highly functional car. You will find every desirable feature accounted for. This car has undergone a painstakingly thorough inspection ensuring it exceeds mechanical standards. A real cream puff with a perfect exterior, you are going to have a hard time finding a nicer car than this. The condition of the interior will have you believing that you just bought a brand new car. We have checked and double checked all of the major mechanical systems and know they are in great shape and waiting for you to drive it. Aside from the usual wear and tear, the exterior is first-rate. We also provide a free AutoCheck report on this and every car we sell assuring you of complete satisfaction when buying a car from us. We can reassure you that every car has been throughly inspected and comes with an AutoCheck history report. Looking to buy a one owner car? Not a problem. We have the AutoCheck report to prove that this car has had only one owner. For more information, stop by or give us a call. Call us today at to find out just how low your monthly payments can be with approved credit and low money down. Cash Buyers Welcome. Come In and Make A Deal! We are located only minutes from Rockville! Powerful, luxurious ride. You will instantly feel at home once you step into this Lexus IS. The title records confirm that this car has had only one previous owner. Rest assured knowing that this Lexus IS has the low miles that you have been searching for with only 39, on the odometer. This car still has it, because it has never been smoked in. You will be completely satisfied with its quality. We know safety is key for purchasing a vehicle. We also know that this vehicle has never been in any kind of wreck. Spend less time at the gas pumps with great fuel mileage from this Lexus IS. The sport wheels and road hugging suspension make handling those curves a breeze. Like the outdoors? This car is off-road ready to help you on your next outdoors adventure. Why not be pampered by your vehicle? This car has all of the comforts that you could want. You will not find another Lexus IS fully equipped with all the convenience, safety, and power options at this price. We have gone over this car with a fine tooth comb and can assure you that everything under the hood is in perfect working order. Completely free of any door dings or scratches, you will have a hard time telling this one from new. The interior of this ride is nothing less than perfect and is a sign of the excellent care and attention that this car has seen since it was new. The road has been great to this one and everything is in proper working order. The outside appearance is cosmetically very good with only minor nicks in the finish that are hardly noticeable unless you go looking for them. The interior shows only the slightest amount of wear and is in excellent overall condition. Each vehicle that we sell comes with not only our assurance of satisfaction but is also guaranteed to have a clean title history by CARFAX. You want the AutoCheck report, and we have it for you on this one and every other vehicle we sell. Each vehicle that we sell comes with not only our assurance of satisfaction but is also guaranteed to have a clean title history by AutoCheck. Stop by or call us for more information. Be sure to ask us about our optional extended warranty packages that are available and at very affordable prices. We can help qualified buyers get low payments. Call us at to find out more. With amazing deals at Merlex Auto Group, you will be sure to drive away smiling. We are conveniently located near Spencerville. One look at this Lexus IS and you will just know, this is your ride. We here at Merlex Auto Group have done the research for you and know that this car has had only one previous owner. It has never been in a wreck nor had any body work done to it at all. With rising gas prices, fuel efficiency is more important than ever. The precision handling that the sports tuned suspension gives will straighten out even the curviest of roadways. Have fun enjoying the great outdoors with this off-road suspension. You want nothing less than the best and the luxurious accommodations on-board will give you exactly what you are looking for in that special ride. Do you hear that? Nothing, exactly. This car is mechanically perfect and ready for you to drive off the lot. Turn heads when you drive down the road in this beauty. The exterior of this car is incomparable. Rest easy knowing that all of the major mechanical systems have been checked and are confirmed to be in great shape and road ready. We want you to be completely satisfied with your purchase, so we offer an optional extended warranty at a very affordable price. Just ask for the details. With approved credit and a low down payment you can get this IS today with monthly payments that you can afford today! What are you waiting for? Call right now! Come swing by today and check out this great deal, we are only minutes from Gaithersburg! Best of all the price you see is the price you pay. No haggling. No back and forth. No pressure. And this price is so good it is guaranteed. Subject to certain terms and conditions. See store for details. Some restrictions apply. AutoNation has a Haggle free, one price on every preowned vehicle. 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If you like to take your vehicles out for a rough off-road trek then this Lexus IS is perfect for you as it is ready off the lot to do some serious adventuring. One thing we can assure you of is that pampered luxury is what this ride is all about. The interior is in perfect condition without a spot on it anywhere. As with any used vehicle, a certain level of depreciation is expected but the interior of this car is still in beautiful condition. We provide a free AutoCheck report without the run around and hassle on this vehicle and all others on our lot. We want you to buy with confidence. We have an optional extended warranty program available for an incredibly low price. Want a new car? Have bad credit or no credit? Not a problem! Interested in low monthly payments? Call us today at or come by to see if you qualify. Want a great deal? We are located only minutes from Spencerville! US -Contact us at or autoholding gmail. 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If you are considering buying this car I would encourage you to do so. Sign Up. With the launch of the LS , Lexus showed how serious Toyota was about competing with the luxury German brands. The result was the first-gen Lexus IS, a sports sedan with the heart of a Supra. It would make its way over to the US in in 2 trims. The first, the IS, has the same 2. The Lexus IS, though, has something a bit more potent. The Lexus IS comes with a 3. MkIV Supra fans should be familiar with that engine code. An engine which the JDM Altezza, incidentally, never offered. The 2JZ is iconic precisely because of how overbuilt it was, Jalopnik explains. The SportCross recipe was seemingly the stuff of fanboy dreams â€" a specifically performance oriented, rear-drive, Toyota 2JZ-powered station wagon. The only elements left out were brown paint choices and a manual transmission. Still, the SportCross was almost invisible when it was new. Just 3, were sold in four years. The Altezza project began in as an attempt to take on not only the 3-series but also capture more of the home market. There would be two bodies â€" the sedan and the wagon, to be called the Altezza Gita. The car debuted in the fall of to rave reviews â€" but was JDM-only for the first 2 years. When the car was finally exported, it was as a Lexus â€" and the U. Wider rear tires 7. The SportCross, however, never seemed to connect. About half of the run was sold in the first year, and in fewer than units were sold. And starting in , a 5-speed manual and a wagon, the SportCross, became available. Though the SportCross itself is automatic-only. Stage I cars have a body kit, fog lamps, and a stainless-steel exhaust that added 8 hp. Stage II models add on new springs, larger anti-roll bars, cast-aluminum wheels, and Michelin Pilot Sport tires. And a limited-slip rear differential was available as an option. As such, in terms of handling, the IS delivers. The leather seats are comfortable and supportive, Autotrader reports, and the plastics of good quality. You could also order the IS with navigation. MT reports the manual Lexus IS can do in about 6. The i, meanwhile, with its hp 3. The ZHP, with an extra 10 hp and a 6-speed manual, was even faster. But the IS was lighter than even the hp i by pounds. The only real issue is the infamous melting dashboard that many other contemporary Lexus and Toyota models suffered. The only problems MT suffered during its long-term test of a model came from damage caused by inattentive driving. Though the and later models are recommended, due to a few surfaces getting more-durable material upgrades. As for the 2JZ, the only issue is making sure the timing belts are changed at least every , miles. As such, finding clean stock ones can be tricky. Follow more updates from MotorBiscuit on our Facebook page. View this post on Instagram. Don't bring a knife to a gunfight. That's the advice offered in the movie The Untouchables, and you have to wonder if the guys at Lexus missed that part. The weapon they could have brought to a showdown between their new IS and the quick-draw BMW i is a manual transmission. Instead, the IS walks Main Street with just a five-shooter automatic in its holster. That's because, in our power-hungry U. That motor has too much torque for the six-speed stick shift used in the 2. Therefore, we get the GS's five-speed automatic, along with a similar steering-wheel-mounted pushbutton override system. A manual is on the way, says Lexus, but the immediate lack of a manual gearbox may not be a problem in a certain kind of shootout anyway. Such as in a battle for customers who like the idea of a 3-series-size sport-luxury sedan with an automatic, but who might be swayed by the likely Lexus virtues of slick build quality, certain durability, and low ownership costs. Similar in size and mission to its German rival the IS may be, but it has its own distinctive look as well as a quite different personality. For one thing, Lexus has designed an interior with its own unique flavor. Eschewing the somewhat stereotypical nature of typical sports sedans, it has adopted a quite quirky instrument panel modeled on the look of a contemporary chronograph wristwatch face. And where one might expect a leather-wrapped gearshift knob, in the IS you find a chrome ball that could be at home in a PT Cruiser. Instead of a monochrome interior, you find titanium strips enclosing the instrument binnacle, surrounding the center console, and forming the surface of the stereo system. Other design motifs consciously repeated around the car are ribbed indentations found above the dash and echoed in the door moldings and on the gear-selector housing, and oval forms repeated on the gear-selector housing and dashboard vent registers. Our car also wore the stylish optional perforated leather and Escaine suede upholstery on seat surfaces and door cappings, which is definitely recommended. Whatever you think of the IS interior, it's certainly not inspired by the typical Teutonic coal bin. And despite the seemingly eccentric design touches, it is still neutral enough in tone that you don't feel as though you're stuck in an art deco display. Nonetheless, what you see when you look under the hood is a lot more classical in style. Tidily exhibited there is a sophisticated twin-cam straight-six. Its chief virtue is torque. Lots of it, supplied with an almost soft, creamy delivery that often understates its effect. Mysteriously, traffic always drops away faster than you expect it to. A careless prod at the accelerator when leaving a stop sign quickly demonstrates how much torque is on tap, as well as how tight the torque-converter calibrations are. It's easy to snap your head back, and you soon learn to toe gently into the throttle for smooth and gradual takeoffs. For quick sprints to 60 mph, smoothness isn't necessary. With the traction control switched off, the transmission power-mode button depressed, and the car held on the brake briefly at full throttle, our car completed this little task in 7. Which, unfortunately, is 0. Since the company is usually a bit conservative about these things, we're wondering why our car ran slow. Similarly, our quarter-mile time of But less predictable was the fact that the IS ran just about exactly the maximum speed claimed for it: mph. None of this altered the experience of driving the car much. It still felt adequately fast and had more than enough power to rip through the mountains and conduct itself effortlessly to speeds well in excess of what the control freaks will generally tolerate. And although the tach redline is not dizzyingly high at rpm, the close-ratio five-speed keeps the needle swinging close to that point during hard acceleration runs, and the engine sounds happy to run those speeds all day. Perhaps a better-broken-in example ours had only miles on the dial will do this and attain the performance numbers expected of it. Whatever the state of the powertrain, our car had steering that was keenly accurate, showing no corruption of the line in every situation up to the point when the front end ran out of grip and began to push wide. In normal driving, it never wandered offline or required correction to keep it between the stripes. Despite a lack of heft in the wheel, thanks to generous steering assist, the surgically precise steering combines with the car's nimble disposition not to mention a transmission that kicks down in the blink of an eye to provide all the moves you need in suburban traffic. There's a combination of calm composure and sporting athleticism that is quite schizophrenic, and one of its manifestations is the way this car's suspension reads road texture. Along the freeway on smooth new pavement, it's really quiet. Wind noise is well subdued, and the engine purrs a pleasant but muted tone. But hit some broken or rough pavement, and the suspension broadcasts the sound into the cabin like a skateboard. One minute the IS is a relaxed cruiser, slowing everything down and showing a high degree of poise. Next thing it's thumping along like a sports car. Add some strong crosswinds at 80 or so, and you'll even hear the door seals hiss. Mainly, though, it's quiet. Even at high speed. This split personality shows in the handling, too. The car carves corners like a scalpel until you push hard, then it understeers fairly shrilly, and you have to back off. Although the ride is good and body motions are generally well restrained, there comes a point when the grip and the lack of roll stiffness meet head-on, producing a peculiar rear-end wallow in corners. The Jekyll and Hyde thing is there in the manumatic mode of the transmission, too. If you stay on the gas, it plays along. Forget about it for a moment as your speed drops, and then mash the pedal for more power while still in fifth gear, and the system will automatically downshift for you. At less than full throttle, it will also perform uncalled-for upshifts. However, this particular bipolarity is pretty benign, often even downright welcome. The powerful braking performance is always totally welcome. With big Its stopping distance from 70 mph at feet may not humble an M3, but it's good for a pound car on section tires. Despite inevitable comparisons with 3-series BMWs -- some undoubtedly to appear in this magazine -- it may turn out to be the differences rather than the similarities between the models that attract buyers to the little Lexus. To me, it's the perfect car -- refined, balanced, and aggressive all at once. Knowing that Lexus shrugged off its appliancelike reputation with the GS, I could barely wait to drive the IS to see how it compared. Immediately, I thought the IS was gutsy and fun to drive hard. The styling is dynamite. It's a player. But the IS felt less compliant than the 3-series, and when I drove over a railroad crossing at a modest clip, one of the wheels banged the suspension hard against the stops. It's close, but I still want a 3-series. Something in a size "3. They ride far smoother even with sport suspensions , they handle better, their roomier interiors feel classier and more special, and their available fold-down rear seatbacks will accommodate more garage-sale loot. The skinny, hard interior of the IS, although stylish, seems downscale by comparison. Lexus is new to the luxo-sport-compact biz, and judging by the taste of this first batch of ISs, the recipe needs some fine-tuning. Maybe next car, Mom. The sporty little Lexus also has a decidedly athletic feel, with sharp steering, a taut ride, excellent grip, and racy steering-wheel-mounted buttons to control its automatic gearbox. Compared with the class-defining BMW , however, the IS's ride is less refined and its interior is less plush. Still, with a sticker price that's multiple thousands below the Bimmer's and the promise of Lexus quality and reliability, the IS is a worthy entry in the sports-sedan market. New Cars. Buyer's Guide. Type keyword s to search. Today's Top Stories. Specs Detailed. This content is created and maintained by a third party, and imported onto this page to help users provide their email addresses. 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