The 2000 Model Year

Pricing

Base Price MSRP as of 2/1/2000 $31,505
Destination Charge $495

Factory Options and Packages

In-dash, Six-CD Auto-Changer $1,080
Adaptive Variable Suspension (AVS) — requires Leather Trim, Nakamichi or Value Package $620
Heated Front Seats — requires Leather Trim, Nakamichi or Value Package $440
High Intensity Discharge (HID) Headlamps $315
Leather Trim Package with Driver’s Seat and Outside Mirror Memory, Interior Air Filter and HomeLink® Universal Transceiver to operate Garage, Gate, Home Lighting and Home Security Systems $1,885
Nakamichi Premium Audio System with Six-CD Auto-Changer, 230 watts $1,630
Power Tilt/Slide Moonroof with Sunshade $1,100
16" Tires and Chrome Wheels $1,740
Nakamichi Audio Package includes: Nakamichi Premium Audio System with Six-CD Auto-Changer; Leather Trim Package with Driver’s Seat and Outside Mirror Memory; Interior Air Filter; HomeLink® Universal Transceiver to operate Garage, Gate, Home Lighting and Home Security Systems; and Power Tilt/Slide Moonroof with Sunshade $2,465
Lexus Value Package includes: Leather Trim Package with Driver’s Seat and Outside Mirror Memory; Interior Air Filter; High Intensity Discharge (HID) Headlamps; Brake Assist added to the available Vehicle Skid Control (VSC) system.

Powertrain/Performance

Engine 3.0L V6
Horsepower 210 hp. @ 5,800 rpm
Torque 220 lb.-ft. @ 4,400 rpm
Transmission 4-speed automatic (ECT) with overdrive
0-60 Acceleration 7.8 seconds*
Coefficient of Drag 0.29
Fuel Consumption 20/28**


Dimensions

Seating (std.) 5
Wheelbase 105.1 in.
Length 190.2 in.
Width 70.5 in.
Height 54.9 in.
Turning Radius 36.7 ft.
Curb Weight 3,274 lbs.
Front Headroom 38.6 in.
Front Headroom w/moonroof 36.8 in.
Rear Headroom 36.2 in.
Rear Headroom w/moonroof 36.0 in.

Lexus’ executive luxury sedan is better than ever. Still generous with power and stingy with fuel, the gracefully sophisticated design of the ES 300 is enhanced for 2000 with a decidedly more aggressive front lower bumper and radiator grille, three vibrant new colors, two lush new seat fabrics and additional walnut accents. Exciting new options are available as well — such as newly designed 16" aluminum alloy wheels, High Intensity Discharge (HID) headlamps and Brake Assist added to the available Vehicle Skid Control (VSC) system.

These new features — and more — combined with familiar performance and luxury advantages will help keep the ES 300 at the forefront of the most competitive segment in the luxury market. It all adds up to a great new year for people who love to drive.
Key Features — The 2000 ES 300

The 2000 model ES 300 offers a wide array of standard features, enticing options, powertrain technology and value. Take a look at the new features along with many of the continuing advantages that define the latest model of Lexus’ understated elegant ES 300.

Performance

- New available 16" aluminum alloy or chrome wheels with P205/65R16 tires
- Standard P205/60R15 summer tires; available P205/55R15 all-season tires at no charge; full-size spare tire
- Four-cam 24-valve 3.0L V6 engine featuring continuously variable Valve Timing with intelligence (VVT-i)
- Aluminum block, cylinder heads, intake manifold, valve lifters, pistons, oil pan and radiator core
- Three-way stainless steel exhaust system with bypass muffler and chrome-tipped-exhaust pipe
- Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) certification

Luxury and Convenience

- Automatic-dimming (electrochromic) inside and driver's outside mirror
- New walnut inset added to center instrument panel near audio/HVAC
- Power front windows with auto up/down feature now includes pinch protection
- Redesigned front seat-back pockets
- Automatic Sound Levelizer (ASL) added to standard audio system
- Fuel lid direction indicator added to instrument cluster
- New dust particle and odor air filter included with available Leather/Memory Package
- New high/low settings added to available heated seats
- Available two-setting memory system for driver's seat now includes outside mirrors
- Available High Intensity Discharge (HID) headlamps with dynamic auto-leveling
- New "kaizen" seat fabric available in Sable or Black
- Available (Imperial) Gauzy leather interior tint offered in Ivory, Sable or Black
- Three-dimensional door trim design with enlarged front and rear armrests and front door storage pockets
- Electronic Throttle Control System
- Four-speed automatic Electronically Controlled Transmission (ECT)
- Active Control Engine Mount reduces noise and vibration
- Engine speed-sensing, electronically controlled power rack and pinion steering
- Four-wheel MacPherson strut suspension; available Adaptive Variable Suspension (AVS)
- Anti-vibration crank sub-frame for front suspension, transmission and engine; rear suspension sub-frame; U-shaped lightweight forged front lower suspension arms for lighter weight and greater rigidity
- HomeLink® universal transceiver in driver's sun visor to operate garage, gate, home lighting and home security systems
- Available moonroof with power open/close and pinch protection
- Front cupholder with adjustable holder ring, Dual-stage center console storage box
- New "Arista" seat fabric available in Sage or Black
- Available Imperial Cologne leather interior trim offered in Ivory, Sage or Black
- New high/low settings added to available leather back seating
- New in-key transponder includes vehicle theft-deterrent and immobilizer system; AM/FM cassette with Dolby® B and C noise reduction; five-channel; 195-watt high-power amplification; six-disc CD auto changer
- Available Lexus/Nakamichi Premium Audio System; six-disc CD auto-changer; five-channel; 230-watt high-power amplification
- Available glove box-mounted six-disc CD auto changer
- New available 6-speed automatic Electronically Controlled Transmission (ECT)
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- New clear lens multi-reflector fog lamps and rededged clear lens rear taillamps
- ES 300 badge moved to rear taillamp area
- Redesigned front bumper features new chromed bar design
- Increased vertical dimension of radiator grille and new chrome plating to enhance horizontal bars (reduced to two)
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- Top shade/tinted glass on front windshield, ultra-clear and infrared ray-reducing green tint glass on all windows
- Extensive sound-deadening asphalt sheets in roof, rear quarter panels, floor pan and trunk liner
- Chip-resistant front fender liners and wheel arch protectors; door side cladding and rocker panel helps protect from stones/road debris; anti-chip paint on lower body panels
- Impact-absorbing door body construction; front and rear door side-impact beams and energy-managing crumple zones; energy-absorbing soft upper headliner, pillars
- Driver/front passenger front and front seat-mounted side-impact airbags
- Three-point belts for all seating positions, including center rear; front with force-limiting pretensioners, height-adjustable shoulder belt anchors
- Front ventilated and rear solid disc brakes with tandem brake booster, four-sensor four-channel ABS
- Traction Control System (TRAC)
- Shift lock system (A/T) with recessed and covered shift lock button

Value

- 1999 J.D. Power and Associates Lexus Nameplate Rankings
  - Customer Satisfaction Index 1 Study #1
  - Vehicle Dependability Index Study #1
- Roadside Assistance
  - 4-yr./unlimited mileage
- Limited Warranty
  - 4-yr./50K vehicle
  - 6-yr./70K powertrain
  - 6-yr./unlimited mileage corrosion protection

Design and Quality

- Front fender, front bumper, fender, side cladding and rocker panel helps protect from stones/road debris; anti-chip paint on lower body panels
- Painted rear taillamp area
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Safety and Security

- New in-key transponder includes vehicle theft-deterrent and immobilizer system; (illuminated entry, two-stage unlock, trunk open and "panic" feature, with adjustable volume and rolling code technology)
- Recessed outboard rear headrests for improved visibility
- Child Restraint Seat (CRS) top tether anchor bracket added to comply with phase-in of CRS regulations
- Driver’s SRS airbag inflator is lighter weight, more compact
- Trunk pass-through lock added in rear center armrest door

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