

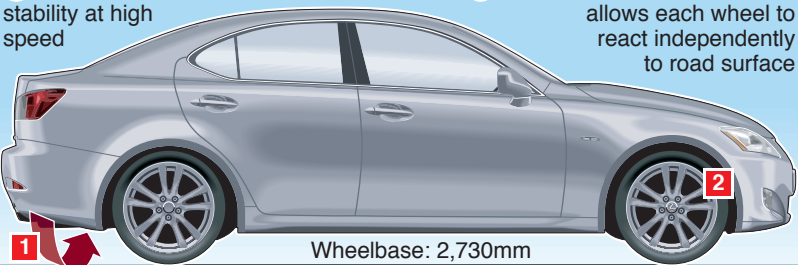
New-generation Lexus IS sport sedan

For European buyers, Lexus' all-new IS 250 features a 204-horsepower V6 engine, with a diesel version due in 2006. The IS 350, only available in the U.S., is powered a 306-hp V6 that bolts it to 100km/h in 5.3 seconds.

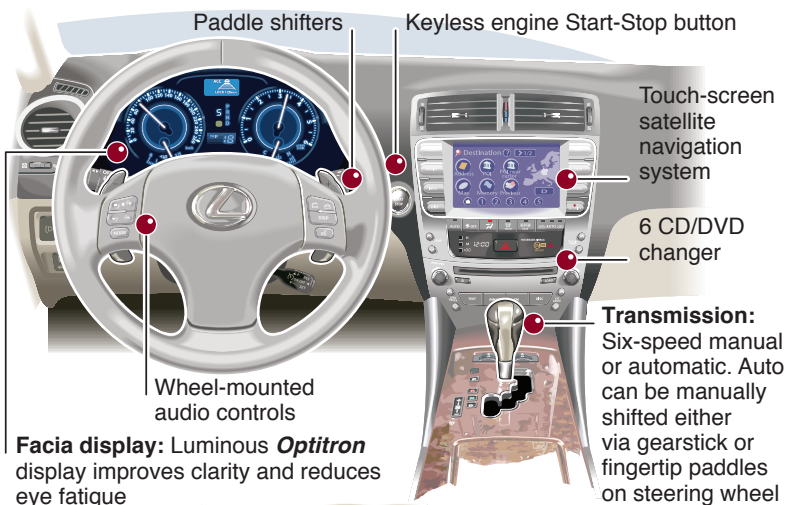
A petrol-electric hybrid version follows in the U.S. market next year

1 F1-style underbody panels improve stability at high speed

2 Double wishbone suspension allows each wheel to react independently to road surface



Wheelbase: 2,730mm



Paddle shifters

Keyless engine Start-Stop button

Touch-screen satellite navigation system

6 CD/DVD changer

Transmission: Six-speed manual or automatic. Auto can be manually shifted either via gearstick or fingertip paddles on steering wheel

Wheel-mounted audio controls

Facia display: Luminous *Optitron* display improves clarity and reduces eye fatigue

Dual-chamber airbag: Presents less risk of injury to front seat passenger

3 Twin vertical sections create central depression which cradles face while dispersing impact of inflated bag across other parts of head, shoulders and upper body

4 Knee airbags for driver and front passenger

