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US News lends Lexus 'Best Luxury Hybrid' title for 2023

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The report praised the Lexus ES model's comfort, fuel efficiency and user-friendly infotainment system. Image credit: Lexus

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Toyota Corp.'s Lexus is coming out on top of yet another best-of list, having now taken annual titles across certain EV categories consecutively.



The automaker triumphed in two of 9 "Best Hybrid and Electric Cars" categories from U.S. News Best Cars, U.S. News & World Report's automotive outlet.

The annual list, this year, evaluated 107 electric, hybrid and plug-in models by criteria including fuel economy, charging rate and starting price.

Top ranks

According to U.S. News Best Cars, the 2023 Lexus ES Hybrid is, for the second year in a row, the Best Luxury Hybrid.

The outlet praised the vehicle's cabin features, including luxe seating options, as well as the smoothness of the electric vehicle's ride.

Meanwhile, the 2023 Lexus NX Hybrid topped the list of Best Luxury Plug-In Hybrids in part for the driving experience the vehicle affords, a balanced fuel economy estimate and effective powertrain.

Lexus EVs have been crowned by a number of governing bodies since the year began.

Earlier this month, Kelley Blue Book named several Lexus models in its 21st annual Best Resale Value Awards, which measures the value a vehicle is predicted to retain throughout the first five years following initial purchase.

The brand at large was given the honor of Best Resale Value in the luxury category for the second year in a row, and for the fourth time ever. Lexus' LS, LX and ES models made the list as Best Luxury Full-Size Car, Best Luxury Full-Size SUV and Best Luxury Car, respectively (see story).

Lexus gave awards in return earlier this month as part of Milan Design Week.

The brand presented four artists with Design Awards for their creations which sought to solve an anticipated future

social or environmental problem. At the same event, the brand unveiled "Shaped By Air," a large-scale art installation from New York-based architect and artist Suchi Reddy, inspired by the Lexus Electrified Sport (see story).

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