2019 TLX 3.5 vs. 2018 Lexus ES 350



PRECISION CRAFTED PERFORMANCE



Next to the LS, the ES is one of the longest-running models in the Lexus lineup, having been introduced in 1989. The ES is currently in its sixth generation and was all new for 2013. It comes standard with a 3.5-liter V-6 engine, 6-speed automatic transmission and front-wheel drive. There is also a hybrid model available for customers looking for better fuel efficiency.

While the Lexus ES has a loyal following, it can't match the TLX in terms of sportiness and being fun to drive. ES also falls short when it comes to the many advanced convenience and safety features you'll find on TLX 3.5 models.

Acura TLX 3.5 advantages over Lexus ES 350

- More horsepower and torque (290 hp/267 lb-ft vs. 268 hp/248 lb-ft)
- The TLX 3.5 offers a more sophisticated engine that uses advanced technologies like Variable Cylinder Management[™] (VCM[®]), direct injection and, on SH-AWD models, Idle Stop for improved fuel efficiency.
- Standard 9-speed automatic transmission (vs. 6-speed automatic transmission)
- Larger wheels and tires (18-inch vs. 17-inch)
- The TLX 3.5 comes with a host of standard and available features that you won't find on the ES 350:
 - Standard Precision All-Wheel Steer™ (P-AWS®) System on 2WD
 - Available Super Handling All-Wheel Drive™ (SH-AWD®)
 - Standard paddle shifters
 - Standard Agile Handling Assist®1
 - Standard Integrated Dynamics System
 - Available heated rear seats
 - Standard 60/40 split fold-down rear seatbacks (pass-through only)
 - Available GPS-linked² climate control when equipped with navigation
 - Standard Active Sound Control
 - Standard capless fuel fill
 - Available Surround View Camera system
 - Standard Lane Keeping Assist System (LKAS)³
 - Standard Road Departure Mitigation system⁴
 - Standard Collision Mitigation Braking System[™] (CMBS[™])⁵
 - Standard Tire Fill Assist
 - Standard Tire Sealant and Inflator Kit
 - Standard Aha™6 compatibility
 - Standard Siri^{®7} Eyes Free
 - Standard Apple CarPlay $^{\rm TM8}$ and Android $^{\rm TM}$ Auto $^{\rm 9}$ integration
 - Available wireless phone charger
 - Standard On Demand Multi-Use Display™ (ODMD™)
- You'll have to pay extra on the ES 350 to get these standard TLX 3.5 features:
 - Heated front seats
 - Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) with low-speed follow¹⁰ (vs. no low-speed follow)
 - Multi-view rear camera¹¹ (vs. single-view)
 - Streaming audio via Bluetooth®12
 - Pandora® compatibility¹³
 - Forward Collision Warning (FCW) system¹⁴
 - Lane Departure Warning (LDW) system¹⁵

Lexus ES 350 advantages over Acura TLX 3.5

- Available hybrid model
- Smaller turning circle diameter curb-to-curb (37.4 feet vs. 38.8 feet)
- Available panoramic glass roof
- Standard 10-way power front passenger seat (vs. 8-way power)
- More rear legroom (40.0 inches vs. 34.5 inches)
- More cargo volume (15.2 cu. ft. vs. 13.2 cu. ft.)¹⁶
- Standard front-passenger knee airbags as well as available rear-passenger side-impact airbags

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- 1 The Agile Handling Assist system cannot enhance stability in all driving situations. You still need to drive and corner at speeds appropriate for the conditions and always leave a sufficient margin of safety.
- 2 Acura Navigation System and related features available only in the United States, Puerto Rico and parts of Canada. See your local Acura dealer for information regarding navigation system area coverage.
- 3 LKAS only assists driver in maintaining proper lane position when lane markings are identified without a turn signal in use and can only apply mild steering torque to assist. LKAS may not detect all lane markings; accuracy will vary based on weather, speed and road condition. System operation affected by extreme interior heat. Driver remains responsible for safely operating vehicle and avoiding collisions.
- 4 Road Departure Mitigation may not detect all lane markings or lane departures; accuracy will vary based on weather, speed and road conditions. System operation affected by extreme interior heat. Driver remains responsible for safely operating vehicle and avoiding collisions.
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- 10 Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) with low-speed follow cannot detect all objects ahead and may not detect a given object; accuracy will vary based on weather, speed and other factors. ACC should not be used in heavy traffic, poor weather or on winding roads. The driver remains responsible for avoiding a collision.
- 11 Always visually confirm that it is safe to drive before backing up, as the rearview camera and Rear Cross Traffic Monitor (if present) may not provide complete information about conditions at the rear of your vehicle.
- 12 Bluetooth® word mark and logos are owned by the Bluetooth SIG, Inc., and any use of such marks is under license.
- 13 Compatible with select smartphones. Your wireless carrier's rate plans apply.
- 14 FCW cannot detect all objects ahead and may not detect a given object; accuracy will vary based on weather, speed and other factors. System operation affected by extreme interior heat. FCW does not include a braking function. Driver remains responsible for safely operating vehicle and avoiding collisions.
- 15 LDW only alerts drivers when lane drift is detected without a turn signal in use. LDW may not detect all lane markings or lane departures; accuracy will vary based on weather, speed and road condition. System operation affected by extreme interior heat. Driver remains responsible for safely operating vehicle and avoiding collisions.
- 16 Based on SAE J1100 cargo volume measurement standard.