

2018 RLX Sport Hybrid SH-AWD vs. 2018 Lexus GS 450h





Introduced in 1991, the Lexus GS is currently in its fourth generation and was all new for the 2013 model year. For 2018, the 4-cylinder turbocharged GS 200t has been renamed the GS 300, but is essentially unchanged.

The GS comes with the choice of a turbocharged inline 4-cylinder (GS 300), a 3.5-liter V-6 (GS 350) or as a hybrid version (GS 450h). The rear-wheel-drive GS 300 and 350 come with an 8-speed automatic transmission. The all-wheel-drive GS 350 has a 6-speed automatic transmission. The GS 450h has a continuously variable transmission and only comes in rear-wheel drive.

While the design and focus of GS has become sportier as it evolves, it doesn't offer many of the advanced features you'll find on the RLX.

Acura RLX Sport Hybrid SH-AWD advantages over Lexus GS 450h

- Gasoline engine has more horsepower and torque than the GS 450h (310 hp/272 lb-ft vs. 286 hp/254 lb-ft).
- More total system power¹ than the GS 450h (377 hp vs. 338 hp).
- Advanced lithium-lon battery (vs. Nickel Metal Hydride).
- 7-speed Dual Clutch Transmission (vs. Continuously Variable Transmission).
- Standard 12-way power front seats (vs. 10-way; 16-way is optional).
- Standard tri-zone climate controls (vs. dual-zone).
- Standard multi-view rear camera² (vs. single-view)
- The RLX Sport Hybrid SH-AWD comes with a host of standard features that you won't find on the GS 450h:
 - Variable Cylinder Management[™] (VCM[®])
 - Super Handling All-Wheel Drive™
 - Noise-reducing wheels to help lessen interior noise
 - GPS-linked³ climate control when equipped with navigation
 - Long-range remote engine start
 - Active Sound Control to help reduce interior noise
 - Surround View Camera System²
 - Road Departure Mitigation System⁴
 - Tire Sealant and Inflator Kit
 - Song By Voice[®] and Aha^{™5} compatibility
 - On Demand Multi-Use Display™ (ODMD™)
- You'll have to pay extra on the GS 450h to get these standard RLX Sport Hybrid SH-AWD features:
 - Agile Handling Assist⁶
 - Forward Collision Warning (FCW) system⁷
 - Pandora® compatibility⁸
 - Hard-drive-based navigation system³
 - Continuously updated traffic⁹ when equipped with navigation
 - Traffic Rerouting $^{\rm TM9}$ when equipped with navigation

Lexus GS 450h advantages over Acura RLX Sport Hybrid SH-AWD

- Driver and front passenger knee airbags (vs. driver side only)
- Smaller turning circle diameter curb-to-curb (36.8 feet vs. 40.5 feet)
- Better fuel economy ratings¹⁰ for highway and combined (29/34/31 vs. 29/30/29)
- Longer corrosion warranty (6 years/unlimited miles vs. 5 years/unlimited miles)

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- 1 Horsepower includes the maximum power of the engine and all motors combined that can be produced at any one time. Not SAE net.
- 2 Always visually confirm that it is safe to drive before backing up, as the rearview camera may not provide complete information about conditions at the rear of your vehicle.
- 3 Acura Navigation System and related features available in the 48 contiguous United States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. See your local Acura dealer for information regarding navigation system area coverage.
- 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.
- 5 Compatible smartphone required. All Aha platform feeds are audible, not visual in nature. Vehicle does not provide any feeds. Some state laws prohibit the operation of handheld electronic devices while operating a vehicle. Launch smartphone applications only when the vehicle is safely parked. Aha is a trademark of HARMAN International Industries, Inc. Your wireless carrier's rates may apply.
- 6 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.
- 7 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.
- 8 Pandora, logo and trade dress are owned by Pandora Media, Inc., and used with permission. Compatible with select smartphones. See: www.pandora.com/everywhere/mobile. Wireless carrier's rates apply.
- 9 AcuraLink Real-Time Traffic is operable only in select markets within the 48 contiguous United States, as well as Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal. The service is available at no cost for three years after purchase whereupon it will continue to be available on a subscription basis.
- 10 Based on 2017/2018 EPA mileage ratings. Use for comparison purposes only. Your actual mileage will vary depending on how you drive and maintain your vehicle, driving conditions, battery pack age/condition (hybrid only) and other factors.