

CAR GAZING

2018 LEXUS LC

Gorgeous Design, Power

PRESS RELEASE

The emotional designs and high-performance models issued by Lexus in the last few years prefaced a new chapter for the brand, one that begins now with the arrival of the 2018 LC flagship performance coupe. A concept car come to life, the Lexus LC combines stunning design, scintillating performance, long-distance comfort and premium craftsmanship to join an elite group of international grand touring coupes.

The Lexus LC 500 makes the strongest statement yet about the brand's future direction. Previewed by the LF-LC concept in 2012, the Lexus LC debuted as a production model at the 2016 North American International Auto Show in Detroit. Now it arrives in Lexus dealerships as the



Lexus' new flagship performance coupe, the LC, debuts with a design that looks like a stunning show car.



The Lexus LC cockpit artfully integrates the brand's latest audio, navigation and connectivity technologies.

V8-powered LC 500 with an MSRP of \$92,000 and the LC 500h with a new Multi Stage Hybrid powertrain at an MSRP of \$96,510.

Toyota Motor Corporation president, Akio Toyoda, who is also Chief Branding Officer and master driver for Lexus, inspired development of the LC. Focused on offering more emotional and exciting vehicles for global markets, he called for a flagship production coupe echoing the spirit of the hand-built Lexus LFA supercar and

delivering the visual impact of the Lexus LF-LC concept.

DESIGN

Immediately identifiable as a Lexus thanks to its hallmark spindle grille and dynamic character lines, the 2018 LC represents the most passionate expression of the brand's design direction. The grille itself features a unique mesh texture that changes visual tension as it spreads across the front of the car. Independent L-shaped daytime running

lights beneath new ultra-compact Triple LED headlamps create the distinctive LC front lighting signature.

Functional venting serves aerodynamic stability and cooling. The combination of a large glass panel and blacked-out rear pillars creates a floating roof appearance, and chrome-plated moldings along the edges, which echo the lines of a traditional Japanese sword, amplify the effect. One can, however, order an optional carbon fiber reinforced

BY THE NUMBERS

Base price: \$92,000
Wheelbase: 113 in.
Length: 187.4 in.
Width: 75.6 in.
Height: 53 in.
Engine: 5.0-liter V8, 471 hp, 398 lb.-ft. torque
Transmission: 10-speed automatic
EPA Mileage: 16 city, 26 highway

plastic (CFRP) roof in place of the glass.

POWER

The Lexus LC offers a choice no other premium coupe does: the LC 500 with a high-performance V8 or LC 500h with a new-generation Multi Stage Hybrid powertrain. In both, the focus is driving excitement, with the LC 500h offering higher fuel efficiency associated with the world's luxury hybrid leader. Upon startup, exhaling through the variable Active Exhaust, the 5-liter naturally aspirated V8 issues a clarion call to driving enthusiasts. Based on the engine in the Lexus GS F and RC F high-performance models, the LC 500 version raises the output to 471 hp and 398 lb.-ft. of peak torque. The LC 500 can sprint from zero to 60 mph in less than 4.5 seconds.