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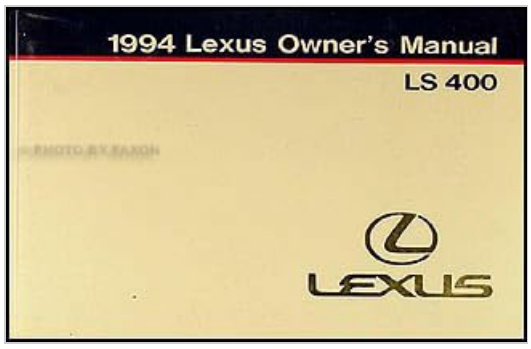
Lexus LS 400

1994 Lexus LS 400 Owner's Manual

Your comprehensive guide to operating and maintaining your vehicle.

Introduction

This owner's manual provides detailed information about the operation, features, and maintenance of your 1994 Lexus LS 400. To ensure safe and enjoyable driving, please read this manual thoroughly and keep it in your vehicle for future reference. It contains important safety warnings, operating instructions, and maintenance schedules designed to help you get the most out of your Lexus.



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Setup and Pre-Operation Checks

Before operating your Lexus LS 400, perform the following essential checks to ensure safe driving conditions.

- **Tire Pressure:** Verify all tires are inflated to the recommended pressure levels, including the spare. Refer to the label on the driver's side door jamb for specifications.
- **Fluid Levels:** Check engine oil, coolant, brake fluid, power steering fluid, and windshield washer fluid levels. Top up as necessary.
- **Lights and Signals:** Confirm all exterior lights (headlights, tail lights, brake lights, turn signals) and interior lights are functioning correctly.
- **Wipers and Washers:** Ensure windshield wipers operate smoothly and the washer fluid sprays effectively.
- **Brake Function:** Test the brakes at a low speed in a safe area to confirm proper operation.

Operating Your Lexus LS 400

Starting the Engine

1. Ensure the transmission is in Park (P) or Neutral (N).
2. Insert the key into the ignition switch.
3. Press the brake pedal firmly.
4. Turn the key to the 'START' position. Release the key once the engine starts.

Driving Controls

- **Automatic Transmission:** Select 'D' for normal driving. Use 'R' for reverse, 'P' for park, and 'N' for neutral. Lower gears (L, 2) can be selected for engine braking on steep descents.
- **Steering Wheel:** Adjust the tilt and telescopic steering wheel for a comfortable driving position.
- **Cruise Control:** To activate, press the 'ON/OFF' button, then press 'SET/COAST' at your desired speed. Use 'RESUME/ACCEL' to increase speed or resume a set speed.

Climate Control System

Your LS 400 features an automatic climate control system. Set your desired temperature, and the system will automatically adjust fan speed and air distribution.

- **AUTO Button:** Press to engage fully automatic climate control.
- **TEMP Control:** Adjust the temperature up or down.
- **FAN Speed:** Manually adjust fan speed if desired.
- **A/C Button:** Turns the air conditioning compressor on or off.

Maintenance

Regular maintenance is crucial for the longevity and performance of your Lexus LS 400. Adhere to the recommended service schedule.

Scheduled Maintenance Intervals

Interval	Service Item
Every 5,000 miles (8,000 km) or 6 months	Oil and filter change, tire rotation, inspect fluid levels, inspect brakes.
Every 15,000 miles (24,000 km) or 18 months	Replace cabin air filter, inspect drive belts, inspect suspension components.
Every 30,000 miles (48,000 km) or 36 months	Replace engine air filter, replace spark plugs (if applicable), inspect fuel system.

Owner Checks

- **Engine Oil:** Check level weekly.
- **Coolant:** Check reservoir level monthly.
- **Tires:** Inspect for wear and proper inflation monthly.

- **Wiper Blades:** Replace when streaking occurs.

Troubleshooting Common Issues

This section addresses common problems you might encounter with your Lexus LS 400.

- **Engine Will Not Start:**
  - Check battery terminals for corrosion or looseness.
  - Ensure the transmission is in Park (P) or Neutral (N).
  - Verify there is sufficient fuel in the tank.
- **Warning Light Illuminated:**
  - **Check Engine Light:** Indicates an issue with the engine or emissions system. Consult a qualified technician.
  - **Oil Pressure Light:** Stop the vehicle immediately and check engine oil level. Do not drive with low oil pressure.
  - **Brake Warning Light:** May indicate low brake fluid or a problem with the braking system. Have it inspected promptly.
- **Flat Tire:**
  - Safely pull over to a level area away from traffic.
  - Engage the parking brake and turn on hazard lights.
  - Refer to the vehicle's jack and tool kit instructions for changing the tire.

Specifications

Key technical specifications for the 1994 Lexus LS 400.

Feature	Specification
Engine Type	4.0L V8 (1UZ-FE)
Horsepower	Approximately 250 hp
Transmission	4-speed automatic
Fuel Tank Capacity	Approximately 85 liters (22.5 US gallons)
Overall Length	Approximately 4,995 mm (196.7 in)
Curb Weight	Approximately 1,700 kg (3,750 lbs)
Tire Size (Standard)	205/65R15

Warranty Information

Your 1994 Lexus LS 400 was originally sold with a comprehensive warranty package. Please refer to your original warranty booklet for specific terms, conditions, and coverage details, including duration and limitations for powertrain, basic, and corrosion perforation coverage. Warranty coverage is typically non-transferable or limited for subsequent owners. For current warranty status or extended warranty options, please consult an authorized Lexus dealership.

Customer Support

For any questions, service needs, or further assistance with your Lexus LS 400, please contact your nearest authorized Lexus dealership. Lexus-trained technicians are equipped to provide expert service and genuine Lexus parts.

You can find your local Lexus dealer by visiting the official Lexus website or by consulting your vehicle's original documentation.

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