

2026 Lexus NX450h...

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Along with that power, the NX450h+ is a plug-in hybrid, so its battery pack can afford 37 miles of pure EV range. Once that battery is depleted, the NX450h+ turns into a normal hybrid, bringing around 34 mpg combined city and highway.

And that power is easily felt. The NX450h+ can hit 60 mph in 5.6 seconds, which is quite impressive considering how fuel efficient the NX is. The available F Sport Handling package adds an adaptive suspension system, firms up the ride and delivers a bit more poise but doesn't really turn the NX into a true sport SUV. It does enhance the looks of the NX with its own grille and bumpers, along with special seats, pedals and other trim pieces.

As expected in electric mode the NX 450h+ is extremely quiet, with the motors providing enough power to get you off the line and accelerate with plenty of pace without the gas engine needing to assist. The CVT transmission does send the revs soaring on occasion, however, the transition from electric to gas is so smooth it can hardly be detected.

Plugged in, the NX450h+ has a full recharge time of about 2.5 hours using a 240-volt power source. But the best part is that this is all totally optional. If you decide you want to plug it in and travel 37 miles gas-free, then



do so. Otherwise, the NX remains a full-fledge hybrid, bringing in great fuel economy. And with a total combined range of around 550 miles, the NX450h+ removes the stress of range anxiety.

For 2026, last year's base model, the NX250, has been discontinued, making the NX350 the new base. Also, for 2026, the NX350h is now available with front-wheel drive.

The NX has never been a flashy SUV, even as the NX450h+ wearing the F Sport attire, it still won't stand out in a crowd. But it covers all bases when it comes to comfort, luxury, technology, and efficiency. For buyers that want Lexus luxury yet don't want to sacrifice fuel economy or utility, the NX450h+ certainly hits on all those points.

- Christopher A. Randazzo

By The Numbers:

2026 Lexus NX450h+ AWD

Base Price: \$ 61,740.00
Price as Tested:\$ 67,289.00
Layout:front-engine / all-wheel drive
Engine:2.5 liter inline 4- cylinder with electric motor
Transmission:CVT automatic
Horsepower (total):304 hp
EPA Fuel Economy:84 MPGe / 34 mpg

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