Hybrid
2008 Model
Revised
(Include 2010 Model Updates and 2013 Model Updates)

Emergency Response Guide
Foreword

This LS600h L gasoline-electric hybrid Emergency Response Guide has been revised to include the changes of the 2010 and 2013 model year LS600h L. These changes include minor updates to the vehicle exterior and interior. The important changes affecting the emergency responder is the reshaped high voltage battery pack and the addition of pyrotechnic front seat active headrests (2010 model), and front door electronic side impact sensor and the method of shutting off the vehicle in an emergency (2013 model). The LS 600h L hybrid introduced in May 2007 continues to share the basic vehicle systems and features of the conventional, non-hybrid, Lexus LS 460 L.

High voltage electricity powers the electric motor, generator, air conditioning (A/C) compressor, and inverter/converter. All other automotive electrical devices such as the horn, radio, and gauges are powered from a separate 12 Volt auxiliary battery. Numerous safeguards have been designed into the LS 600h L to help ensure the high voltage, approximately 288 Volt, Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH) Hybrid Vehicle (HV) battery pack is kept safe and secure in an accident.

The LS 600h L utilizes the following electrical systems:

- Maximum 650 Volts AC
- Nominal 288 Volts DC
- Maximum 46 Volts AC / DC
- Nominal 12 Volts DC

LS 600h L Features:

- A mechanical all-wheel drive hybrid powertrain.
- A boost converter in the inverter/converter that boosts the available voltage to the electric motor to 650 Volts.
- A high voltage Hybrid Vehicle (HV) battery pack rated at 288 Volts.
- A high voltage motor driven Air Conditioning (A/C) compressor rated at 288 Volts.
- An Electric Power Steering (EPS) assist motor rated at 46 Volts.
- Active stabilizer suspension system motors rated at 46 Volts. (2008 - 2012 models)
- A body electrical system rated at 12 Volts, negative chassis ground.
- Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) - dual stage frontal airbags, knee airbags, front seat and optional rear seat side airbags, side curtain airbags, front and rear outside seat belt pretensioners, and when equipped with an optional rear seat Ottoman, a passenger side rear seat cushion airbag.
- Active headrests for the front seats. (from 2010 models)

High voltage electrical safety remains an important factor in the emergency handling of the LS 600h L Lexus Hybrid Drive. It is important to recognize and understand the disabling procedures and warnings throughout the guide.

Additional topics in the guide include:

- Lexus LS 600h L identification.
- Major Lexus Hybrid Drive component locations and descriptions.
- Extrication, fire, recovery, and additional emergency response information.
- Roadside assistance information.
This guide is intended to assist emergency responders in the safe handling of a LS 600h L vehicle during an incident.

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About the LS 600h L

The LS 600h L 4-door sedan joins the GS450h, RX450h, HS250h and CT200h as a hybrid model for Lexus. Lexus Hybrid Drive means that the vehicle contains a gasoline engine and an electric motor for power. The two hybrid power sources are stored on board the vehicle:

1. Gasoline stored in the fuel tank for the gasoline engine.
2. Electricity stored in a high voltage Hybrid Vehicle (HV) battery pack for the electric motor.

The result of combining these two power sources is improved fuel economy and reduced emissions. The gasoline engine also powers an electric generator to recharge the battery pack; unlike a pure all electric vehicle, the LS 600h L never needs to be recharged from an external electric power source.

Depending on the driving conditions one or both sources are used to power the vehicle. The following illustration demonstrates how the LS 600h L operates in various driving modes.

1. During light acceleration at low speeds, the vehicle is powered by the electric motor. The gasoline engine is shut off.

2. During normal driving, the vehicle is powered mainly by the gasoline engine. The gasoline engine also powers the generator to recharge the battery pack and to drive the motor.

3. During full acceleration, such as climbing a hill, both the gasoline engine and the electric motor power the vehicle.

4. During deceleration, such as when braking, the vehicle regenerates kinetic energy from the wheels to produce electricity that recharges the battery pack.

5. While the vehicle is stopped, the gasoline engine and electric motor are off, however the vehicle remains on and operational.
LS 600h L Identification

In appearance, the LS 600h L is nearly identical to the conventional, non-hybrid Lexus LS 460 L. The LS 600h L is a 4-door sedan and the suffix “L” indicates a long wheelbase. Exterior, interior, and engine compartment illustrations are provided to assist in identification.

The alphanumeric 17 character Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is provided in the front windshield cowl, engine compartment, and driver side B pillar.

Example VINs:
JTHDU4EF840020208 (2008 - 2009 Models)
JTHDU1EF840020208 (All 2013 Models and 2010 - 2012 Models with 4-seat)
JTHDU5EF840020208 (2010 - 2012 Models with 5-seat)

An LS 600h L is identified by the first 6 alphanumeric characters JTHDU4, JTHDU1, or JTHDU5.
LS 600h L Identification (Continued)

Exterior (2008 - 2009 Models)

1. **Lexus** and **LS 600h L** logos on the trunk.
2. **HYBRID** logo on the rear door moldings.
3. Gasoline fuel filler door located on the driver side rear quarter panel.
LS 600h L Identification (Continued)

Exterior (2010 - 2012 Models)

1. **Lexus** and **LS 600h L** logos on the trunk.
2. **HYBRID** logo on the rear door moldings.
3. Gasoline fuel filler door located on the driver side rear quarter panel.

*: 2010 Model only.
LS 600h L Identification (Continued)

Exterior (2013 Model)

1. Ⓞ and Ⓟ logo on the trunk.
2. Gasoline fuel filler door located on the driver side rear quarter panel.
LS 600h L Identification (Continued)

Interior

1 The instrument cluster (hybrid system indicator, READY indicator, and warning lights) located in the dash behind the steering wheel, is different than the one on the conventional, non-hybrid LS 460 L.

2 2008 - 2009 models: The hybrid system indicator is located next to the tachometer.

2010 - 2012 models: The hybrid system indicator is located next to the speedometer.

2013 model: A switchable gauge in the instrument cluster showing either a hybrid system indicator or a tachometer depending on driving mode.

NOTE:
If the vehicle is shut off, the instrument cluster gauges will be “blacked out”, not illuminated.
LS 600h L Identification (Continued)

Engine Compartment

6 5.0-liter aluminum alloy gasoline engine.

7 Logo on the plastic engine cover.

Logo on Cover

-Engine Compartment View-
# Lexus Hybrid Drive Component Locations & Descriptions

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<td>Driver Side of trunk</td>
<td>A lead-acid battery that supplies power to the low voltage devices.</td>
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<td>Hybrid Vehicle (HV) Battery Pack</td>
<td>Trunk Area, Mounted behind Rear Seat</td>
<td>288 Volt Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH) battery pack consisting of 20 low voltage (14.4 Volt) modules connected in series.</td>
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<td>Power Cables</td>
<td>Undercarriage and Engine Compartment</td>
<td>Orange colored power cables carry high voltage Direct Current (DC) between the HV battery pack, inverter/ converter, and A/C compressor. These cables also carry 3-phase Alternating Current (AC) between the inverter/ converter, electric motor, and generator.</td>
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<td>Inverter/ Converter</td>
<td>Engine Compartment</td>
<td>Boosts and inverts the high voltage electricity from the HV battery pack to 3-phase AC electricity that drives the electric motor. The inverter/ converter also converts AC electricity from the electric generator and electric motor (regenerative braking) to DC that recharges the HV battery pack.</td>
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<td>Gasoline Engine</td>
<td>Engine Compartment</td>
<td>Provides two functions: 1) Powers vehicle. 2) Powers generator to recharge the HV battery pack. The engine is started and stopped under control of the vehicle computer.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Electric Motor</td>
<td>Transmission</td>
<td>3-phase high voltage AC permanent magnet electric motor contained in the transmission and drives the four wheels through the transfer case and propeller shafts.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Electric Generator</td>
<td>Transmission</td>
<td>3-phase high voltage AC generator that is contained in the transmission and recharges the HV battery pack.</td>
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<td>Engine Compartment</td>
<td>3-phase high voltage AC electrically driven motor compressor.</td>
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<td>DC-DC Converter for 12 Volt Auxiliary Battery</td>
<td>Inside HV Battery Pack in Trunk</td>
<td>Converts 288 Volts from the HV battery pack to 12 Volts for low voltage vehicle power.</td>
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<td>DC-DC Converter for EPS and *Active Stabilizer Suspension System</td>
<td>On HV Battery Pack</td>
<td>Converts 288 Volts from the HV battery pack to 46 Volts for EPS and active stabilizer suspension system. Dull yellow colored sheathing identifies 46 Volts wires that are routed under the vehicle body to power the EPS and the active stabilizer suspension system.</td>
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<td>Fuel Tank and Fuel Line</td>
<td>Undercarriage and Driver Side and Center</td>
<td>The fuel tank provides gasoline via a fuel line to the engine. The fuel line is routed along the driver side and center tunnel under the floor pan.</td>
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*: Only for 2008 - 2012 models.
**Lexus Hybrid Drive Component Locations & Descriptions (Continued)**

**Key Specifications:**

- **Gasoline Engine**: 390 hp (290 kW), 5.0-liter Aluminum Alloy Engine
- **Electric Motor**: 221 hp (165 kW), Permanent Magnet Motor
- **Transmission**: Automatic Only (electrically controlled continuously variable transmission)
- **HV Battery**: 288 Volt Sealed NiMH-Battery
- **Curb Weight**:
  - 5,049 lbs / 2,290 kg (2008 - 2009 models)
  - 5,360 lbs / 2,420 kg (2010 - 2012 models)
  - 5,115 - 5,247 lbs / 2,320 - 2,380 kg (2013 model)
- **Fuel Tank**: 22.1 gals / 84 liters
- **Frame Material**: Steel Unibody
- **Body Material**: Steel Panels except for Aluminum Hood
- **Seating Capacity**: 4 passenger/5 passenger
Smart Access System with Push-Button Start

The LS 600h L smart access system consists of a smart key transceiver that communicates bi-directionally, enabling the vehicle to recognize the smart key in proximity to the vehicle. Once recognized, the smart key will allow the user to lock and unlock the doors without pushing smart key buttons, and start the vehicle without inserting it into an ignition switch.

Smart key features:
- Passive (remote) function to lock/unlock the doors, unlock the trunk, and start the vehicle.
- Wireless transmitter buttons to lock/unlock all 4 doors and unlock the trunk.
- Hidden metal cut key to lock/unlock the doors, glove box, and unlock the trunk.

The LS 600h L is equipped with 2 types of smart keys:
- Smart key (fob)
- Card smart key

The card smart key is designed to be stored in a wallet and has all the same functions as the smart key (fob), except push buttons.
Smart Access System with Push-Button Start (Continued)

Door (Lock/Unlock)
There are several methods available to lock/unlock the doors.

- Pushing the smart key lock button will lock all doors. Pushing the smart key unlock button once unlocks the driver door, twice unlocks all doors.

- Touching the unlock touch sensor on the backside of the any exterior door handle, with the smart key in close proximity to the vehicle, unlocks the doors. Pushing the lock button of the any exterior door handle locks the doors.

- Removing the driver door handle cover, inserting the hidden metal cut key in the driver door lock and turning clockwise once unlocks the driver door, twice unlocks all doors. To lock all doors turn the key counterclockwise once. Only the driver door contains an exterior door lock for the metal cut key.
Smart Access System with Push-Button Start (Continued)

**Trunk (Unlock)**
There are several methods available to open the trunk.

- Pushing the smart key trunk opener button.
- Pushing the electric trunk opener switch on the lower dash panel.
- Pushing the electric trunk opener switch on the trunk with the key in proximity to the vehicle.
- Using the hidden metal cut key to unlock the trunk from the exterior.
Smart Access System with Push-Button Start (Continued)

Vehicle Starting/Stopping
The smart key has replaced the conventional metal cut key, and the power button with an integral status indicator light has replaced the ignition switch. The smart key only needs to be in proximity to the vehicle to allow the system to function.

- With the brake pedal released, the first push of the power button operates the accessory mode, the second push operates the ignition-on mode, and the third push turns the ignition off again.

  Ignition Mode Sequence (brake pedal released):

- Starting the vehicle takes priority over all other ignition modes and is accomplished by depressing the brake pedal and pushing the power button once. To verify the vehicle has started, check that the power button status indicator light is off and the READY indicator is illuminated in the instrument cluster.

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<td>Accessory</td>
<td>Amber</td>
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<td>Ignition-On</td>
<td>Amber</td>
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<td>Brake Pedal Depressed</td>
<td>Green</td>
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<tr>
<td>Vehicle Started (READY-ON)</td>
<td>Off</td>
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<tr>
<td>Malfunction</td>
<td>Blinking Amber</td>
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**Power Button with Integral Status Indicator Light**

**Ignition Modes**
(Brake Pedal Released)

**Starting Sequence**
(Brake Pedal Depressed)
Smart Access System with Push-Button Start (Continued)

Vehicle Starting/Stopping (Continued)

- If the internal smart key battery is dead, use the following method to start the vehicle.
  1. Touch the Lexus emblem side of the smart key to the power button (a buzzer will sound).
  2. Within 5 seconds after the buzzer sounds, push the power button with the brake pedal depressed (the READY indicator will illuminate).

- Once the vehicle has started and is on and operational (READY-ON), the vehicle is shut off by bringing the vehicle to a complete stop, placing the gearshift lever in park (P), and then depressing the power button once.

- To shut off the vehicle before coming to a stop in an emergency, push and hold down the power button for more than 3 seconds (all models), or as an alternative, push the power button 3 times or more in a row (2013 model only). These procedure may be useful at an accident scene in which the READY indicator is on, park (P) cannot be selected, and the drive wheels remain in motion.
Lexus Hybrid Drive Operation

Once the READY indicator is illuminated in the instrument cluster, the vehicle may be driven. However, the gasoline engine does not idle like a typical automobile and will start and stop automatically. It is important to recognize and understand the READY indicator provided in the instrument cluster. When lit, it informs the driver that the vehicle is on and operational even though the gasoline engine may be off and the engine compartment is silent.

Vehicle Operation

- With the LS 600h L, the gasoline engine may stop and start at any time while the READY indicator is on.

- Never assume that the vehicle is shut off just because the engine is off. Always look for the READY indicator status. The vehicle is shut off when the READY indicator is off.

- The vehicle may be powered by:
  1. The electric motor only.
  2. The gasoline engine only.
  3. A combination of both the electric motor and the gasoline engine.
Lexus Hybrid Drive Operation (Continued)

Vehicle Operation (Continued)

- The vehicle computer determines the mode in which the vehicle operates in order to help enhance fuel economy and reduce emissions. Four features on the LS 600h L are EV (Electric Vehicle) mode, ECO (Economy) mode, Sport mode, and Snow mode:

1. EV Mode: When activated, and certain conditions have been met, the vehicle operates with the electric motor powered by the HV battery.
2. ECO Mode: When activated, ECO mode helps enhance fuel economy on trips that involve frequent braking and acceleration. (from 2010 models)
3. Sport Mode: When activated, Sport mode optimizes acceleration feel by increasing the power output more quickly at the beginning of accelerator pedal operation. When Sport mode is selected on the 2013 model, the tachometer is displayed in the instrument cluster instead of the Hybrid System Indicator.
4. Snow mode: When activated, Snow mode helps accelerator pedal operation performance and stability when accelerating from a stop on slippery surfaces such as a snowy road.

Vehicle Proximity Notification System

The vehicle proximity notification system that emits a sound when the vehicle is driven using only the electric motor at speeds less than 12 mph. The sound is intended to notify pedestrians that the vehicle is approaching. (2013 model)
Hybrid Vehicle (HV) Battery Pack

The LS 600h L features a high voltage Hybrid Vehicle (HV) battery pack that contains sealed Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH) battery modules.

**HV Battery Pack**
- The HV battery pack is enclosed in a metal case and is rigidly mounted to the trunk area behind the rear seat. The metal case is isolated from high voltage and concealed by fabric covers in the trunk.
- The HV battery pack consists of 20 low voltage (14.4 Volt) NiMH battery modules connected in series to produce approximately 288 Volts. Each NiMH battery module is non-spillable and sealed in a metal case.
- The electrolyte used in the NiMH battery module is an alkaline mixture of potassium and sodium hydroxide. The electrolyte is absorbed into the battery cell plates and will not normally leak, even in a collision.

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<tr>
<td>Number of NiMH battery modules in the pack</td>
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<td>NiMH battery module voltage</td>
<td>14.4 V</td>
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<tr>
<td>NiMH battery module dimensions</td>
<td>0.6 x 21 x 3.3 in.</td>
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<td>(16 x 542 x 86 mm)</td>
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<td>NiMH module weight</td>
<td>4.8 lbs (2.2 kg)</td>
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<td>17 x 33 x 17.3 in.</td>
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<td>(432 x 842 x 439 mm)</td>
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<td>NiMH battery pack weight</td>
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<td>148 lbs (67 kg)</td>
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<td>174 lbs (79 kg)</td>
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**Components Powered by the HV Battery Pack**
- Electric Motor
- Inverter/converter
- A/C Compressor
- DC-DC Converter for 12 Volt Auxiliary Battery
- DC-DC Converter for EPS and *Active Stabilizer Suspension System
*: Only for 2008 - 2012 models

**HV Battery Pack Recycling**
- The HV battery pack is recyclable. Contact the nearest Lexus dealer or:
  - United States: (800) 255-3987, Canada: (800) 265-3987
46 Volt System

The LS 600h L is equipped with a 46 Volt electrical system that powers the Electric Power Steering (EPS) assist motor in the engine compartment and the optional active stabilizer suspension system motors for the front and rear stabilizer bars.

- 46 Volt electrical system wires are bundled in dull yellow sheathing for identification.
- The 46 Volt electrical system does not contain a storage battery. It is powered by converting high voltage battery power. The wires are routed underneath the vehicle from the HV battery pack DC-DC converter.
- If the HV battery pack malfunctions, backup power is provided to the EPS motor by boosting the 12 Volt electrical system.

NOTE: 46 Volts has a higher arc potential than 12 Volts DC.

The active stabilizer suspension system is removed from the 2013 model.
Low Voltage Battery

**Auxiliary Battery**
- The LS 600h L contains a sealed lead-acid 12 Volt battery. The 12 Volt auxiliary battery powers the vehicle electrical system similar to a conventional vehicle. As with other conventional vehicles, the negative terminal of the auxiliary battery is grounded to the metal chassis of the vehicle.

- The auxiliary battery is located in the trunk. It is concealed by a fabric cover on the driver side in the rear quarter panel well.

**NOTE:**
An under hood label shows the location of the HV battery (traction battery) and 12 Volt auxiliary battery.
High Voltage Safety

The HV battery pack powers the high voltage electrical system with DC electricity. Positive and negative orange colored high voltage power cables are routed from the battery pack, under the vehicle floor pan, routed along the propeller shaft and transmission tunnel to the inverter/converter. The inverter/converter contains a circuit that boosts the HV battery voltage from 288 to 650 Volts DC. The inverter/converter creates 3-phase AC to power the motor. Power cables are routed from the inverter/converter to each high voltage motor (electrical motor, electric generator, and A/C compressor). The following systems are intended to help keep occupants in the vehicle and emergency responders safe from high voltage electricity:

High Voltage Safety System
- A high voltage fuse 1 provides short circuit protection in the HV battery pack.
- Positive and negative high voltage power cables 2 connected to the HV battery pack are controlled by 12 Volt normally open relays 3. When the vehicle is shut off, the relays stop electrical flow from leaving the HV battery pack.
- Both positive and negative power cables 2 are insulated from the metal body. High voltage electricity flows through these cables and not through the metal vehicle body. The metal vehicle body is safe to touch because it is insulated from the high voltage components.
- A ground fault monitor 4 continuously monitors for high voltage leakage to the metal chassis while the vehicle is running. If a malfunction is detected, the hybrid vehicle computer 5 will illuminate the master warning light ⚠ in the instrument cluster and indicate “CHECK HYBRID SYSTEM” on the multi-information display.

⚠️ WARNING:
The high voltage system may remain powered for up to 10 minutes after the vehicle is shut off or disabled. To prevent serious injury or death from severe burns or electric shock, avoid touching, cutting, or breaching any orange high voltage power cable or high voltage component.
**SRS Airbags & Seat Belt Pretensioners**

**Standard Equipment**
- Electronic frontal impact sensors (2) are mounted in the engine compartment as illustrated.
- Front seat belt pretensioners are mounted near the base of the B-pillars.
- Outside rear seat belt pretensioners are mounted near the C-pillar on the rear seatbacks.
- A frontal dual stage driver airbag is mounted in the steering wheel hub.
- A frontal twin-chamber shaped dual stage passenger airbag is integrated into the dashboard and deploys through the top of the dashboard.
- The SRS computer, which contains an impact sensor, is mounted on the floor pan underneath the center console.
- Front electronic side impact sensors (2) are mounted near the base of the B-pillars.
- Rear electronic side impact sensors (2) are mounted near the base of the C-pillars.
- Front seat side airbags are mounted in the front seatbacks.
- Side curtain airbags are mounted along the outer edge inside the roof rails.
- Front knee airbags (2) are mounted on the lower portion of the dash.
- Pyrotechnic front seat active headrests (from 2010 models).
  For details, see description on page 29.
- Front door electronic side impact sensors (2) are mounted near the base of the lower front doors.

**Optional Equipment**
- Rear seat side airbags are mounted in the rear seatbacks.
- The optional passenger side rear ottoman power seat contains an airbag mounted in the bottom seat cushion.
- The optional pre-crash safety system contains a radar sensory system, occupant seat sensor, and an electric motor-pyrotechnic pretensioner system. During a pre-collision event, an electric motor in the pretensioners retracts the front seatbelts. When conditions stabilize the electric motor will reverse itself. When the airbags deploy, or as necessary, the pyrotechnic pretensioners function normally.

**WARNING:**
The SRS may remain powered for up to 90 seconds after the vehicle is shut off or disabled. To prevent serious injury or death from unintentional SRS deployment, avoid breaching the SRS components.
SRS Airbags & Seat Belt Pretensioners (Continued)

NOTE:
The front seatback mounted side airbags and the side curtain airbags may deploy independently of each other.

The knee airbags deploy simultaneously with the frontal airbags and seat belt pretensioners.

The LS 600h L is equipped with a standard front passenger occupant classification system that may prohibit the deployment of the front passenger frontal airbag, knee airbag, side airbag, front seat active headrest, and seat belt pretensioners. If the front passenger occupant classification system prohibits deployment during an SRS event, the front passenger SRS will not re-arm nor deploy.

Electronic side impact sensors are installed near the base of the Front Door, B-pillar, and C-pillar to aid in side collision detection accuracy.
Emergency Response

On arrival, emergency responders should follow their standard operating procedures for vehicle incidents. Emergencies involving the LS 600h L may be handled like other automobiles except as noted in these guidelines for Extrication, Fire, Overhaul, Recovery, Spills, First Aid, and Submersion.

⚠️ **WARNING:**
- *Never* assume the LS 600h L is shut off simply because it is silent.
- Always observe the instrument cluster for the **READY** indicator status to verify whether the vehicle is on or shut off. The vehicle is shut off when the **READY** indicator is off.
- Failure to shut off the vehicle before emergency response procedures are performed may result in serious injury or death from the unintentional deployment of the SRS or severe burns and electric shock from the high voltage electrical system.

### Extrication
- **Immobilize Vehicle**
  - Chock wheels and set the parking brake.
  - Move the shift lever to the park (P) position.

  **NOTE:**
  The LS 600h L utilizes a push/pull parking brake switch that electromechanically sets/releases the rear parking brakes.
  - To set/release, push/pull the parking brake switch located on the dash to the right side of the steering column (refer to illustration).
  - If the AUTO button is set and illuminated, the parking brake will automatically set when the vehicle is shifted to the park (P) position.
  - To verify that the parking brake is set, confirm that the **PARK** light illuminates on the instrument cluster (refer to illustration). The **PARK** light will turn off after approximately 15 seconds.

- **Disable Vehicle**
  Performing either of the following two procedures will shut the vehicle off and disable the HV battery pack, SRS, and gasoline fuel pump.
Emergency Response (Continued)

Extrication (Continued)

Procedure #1

1. Confirm the status of the READY indicator in the instrument cluster.
2. If the READY indicator is illuminated, the vehicle is on and operational. Shut off the vehicle by pushing the power button once.
3. The vehicle is already shut off if the instrument cluster lights and the READY indicator are not illuminated. Do not push the power button because the vehicle may start.
4. If the smart key is easily accessible, keep it at least 16 feet (5 meters) away from the vehicle.
5. If the smart key cannot be found, disconnect the 12 Volt auxiliary battery in the trunk to prevent accidental restarting of the vehicle.
Emergency Response (Continued)

Extrication (Continued)

Procedure #2 (Alternate if power button is inaccessible)

1. Open the hood.
2. Remove the engine compartment and fuse box covers.
3. Remove the IG2 relay in the engine compartment fuse box (refer to illustration). If the correct relay cannot be recognized, pull both relays in the fuse box.
4. Disconnect the 12 Volt auxiliary battery under the cover in the trunk. (refer to illustrations on page 25)

NOTE:
Before disconnecting the 12 Volt auxiliary battery, if necessary, set the parking brake, reposition the power tilt and telescopic steering wheel, power seats, lower the windows, unlock the doors, open the trunk, and open the fuel filler door as required. An electric fuel filler door opener switch is located on the lower dash panel to the left of the steering wheel (refer to illustrations on page 36). A manual fuel filler door release is located inside the trunk (refer to illustrations on page 36). Once the 12 Volt auxiliary battery is disconnected, power controls will not operate.

⚠️ WARNING:
- The high voltage system may remain powered for up to 10 minutes after the vehicle is shut off or disabled. To prevent serious injury or death from severe burns or electric shock, avoid touching, cutting, or breaching any orange high voltage power cable or high voltage component.
- The SRS may remain powered for up to 90 seconds after the vehicle is shut off or disabled. To prevent serious injury or death from unintentional SRS deployment, avoid breaching the SRS components.
- If none of the disabling procedures can be performed, proceed with caution as there is no assurance that the high voltage electrical system, SRS, or fuel pump are disabled.

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Emergency Response (Continued)
Extrication (Continued)

- **Stabilize Vehicle**
  Crib at (4) points directly under the front and rear pillars.
  Do not place cribbing under the high voltage power cables, exhaust system, or fuel system.

  **NOTE:**
The LS 600h L is equipped with a tire pressure warning system that by design prevents pulling the metal valve stem with integral transmitter from the wheel. Snapping the stem with pliers or removing the valve cap and valve core will release the air in the tire.

The LS 600h L is equipped with an air suspension system. In the event of a collision, fire or malfunction, air leakage may occur, allowing the body to drop.

- **Access Patients**
  **Glass Removal**
  The LS 600h L is equipped with laminated side windows having similar properties as laminated windshield glass. If side glass removal is required, use the same techniques as the front windshield glass.

  **Types of glazing found on the LS 600h L**
  - Laminated front windshield
  - Laminated side windows
  - Tempered rear window

  **SRS Awareness**
  Responders need to be cautious when working in close proximity to undeployed airbags and seat belt pretensioners. Front dual stage airbags automatically ignite both stages within a fraction of a second.
Emergency Response (Continued)

Extrication (Continued)

- Access Patients (Continued)
  - Door Removal/Displacement
    Doors can be removed by conventional rescue tools such as hand, electric, and hydraulic tools. In certain situations, it may be easier to pry back the vehicle body to expose and unbolt the hinges.

NOTE:
To prevent accidental airbag deployment when performing front door removal/displacement, ensure the vehicle is shut off and the 12 Volt auxiliary battery is disconnected.

Roof Removal
The LS 600h L is equipped with side curtain airbags. When undeployed, total roof removal is not recommended. Patient access through the roof can be performed by cutting the roof center section inboard of the roof rails as illustrated. This would avoid breaching the side curtain airbags, inflators, and wiring harness.

NOTE:
The side curtain airbags may be identified as illustrated on this page (additional component details on page 22).

Dash Displacement
The LS 600h L is equipped with side curtain airbags. When undeployed, total roof removal is not recommended to avoid breaching the side curtain airbags, inflators, and wiring harness. As an alternative, dash displacement may be performed by using a Modified Dash Roll.
**Emergency Response (Continued)**

**Extrication (Continued)**

**Rescue Lift Air Bags**
Responders should not place cribbing or rescue lift air bags under the high voltage power cables, exhaust system, or fuel system.

**Repositioning Steering Wheel and Front Seats**
Power tilt and telescopic steering wheel and seat controls are shown in the illustrations.

**Front Headrest Removal**
The LS 600h L is equipped with front seat power adjustable headrests using the power seat controls. The headrest cannot be removed.
Reposition the seat and headrest prior to disconnecting the 12 Volt auxiliary battery.

**Active Headrest**
The LS 600h L is equipped with front seat active headrests for the driver and passenger. The active headrest consists of a pyrotechnic inflator contained in the seat back, rod, and link mechanism. (from 2010 models)

When the collision sensor in the SRS computer detects a rear collision of sufficient force, the inflator is ignited, pushing up the piston. The rod inside the headrest stay is pushed up by the piston and the headrest lock is released via the link mechanism. The spring retracts pushing the front surface of the headrest 2 inches (42 mm) outward and 2 inches (39 mm) upward to provide head support in the event of a rear collision.

**NOTE:**
The active headrest does not contain an identifier such as embossed lettering, label, or tag. Reposition the seat and headrest prior to disconnecting the 12 Volt auxiliary battery.
Emergency Response (Continued)

Extrication (Continued)

Repositioning Rear Seats

Power adjustable rear seats are standard in the LS 600h L. The rear seat control panel shown in the illustration should be used if it is necessary to adjust the rear seat position. Before adjusting the position of a rear seat, select either the left or right hand seat using the selection switch.

NOTE:
In the event that a rear door is opened, the optional rear seat ottoman may automatically fold closed. To prevent the rear seat from retracting, disconnect the 12 Volt auxiliary battery before opening the rear doors.

The LS 600h L has an electrochromic auto dimming rear view mirror. The mirror contains a minimal amount of transparent gel sealed between two glass plates that will not normally leak.
Emergency Response (Continued)

Fire
Approach and extinguish a fire using proper vehicle fire fighting practices as recommended by NFPA, IFSTA, or the National Fire Academy (USA).

- Extinguishing Agent
  Water has been proven to be a suitable extinguishing agent.

- Initial Fire Attack
  Perform a fast, aggressive fire attack.
  Divert the runoff from entering watershed areas.
  Attack teams may not be able to identify an LS 600h L until the fire has been knocked down and overhaul operations have commenced.

  NOTE:
  The LS 600h L is equipped with an air suspension system. In the event of fire, air leakage may occur, allowing the body to drop.

- Fire in the HV Battery Pack
  Should a fire occur in the NiMH HV battery pack, attack crews should utilize a water stream or fog pattern to extinguish any fire within the vehicle except for the HV battery pack.

⚠️ WARNING:
- The NiMH battery electrolyte is a caustic alkaline (pH 13.5) that is damaging to human tissues. To avoid injury by coming in contact with the electrolyte, wear proper personal protective equipment.
- The battery modules are contained within a metal case and accessibility is limited.
- To avoid serious injury or death from severe burns or electric shock, never breach or remove the high voltage battery pack cover under any circumstance including fire.

When allowed to burn themselves out, the LS 600h L NiMH battery modules burn rapidly and can quickly be reduced to ashes except for the metal.

Offensive Fire Attack
Normally, flooding a NiMH HV battery pack with copious amounts of water at a safe distance will effectively control the HV battery pack fire by cooling the adjacent NiMH battery modules to a point below their ignition temperature. The remaining modules on fire, if not extinguished by the water, will burn themselves out.

However, flooding the LS 600h L HV battery pack is not recommended due to the battery case design and location preventing the responder from properly applying water through the available vent openings safely. Therefore, it is recommended that the incident commander allow the LS 600h L HV battery pack to burn itself out.

Defensive Fire Attack
If the decision has been made to fight the fire using a defensive attack, the fire attack crew should pull back a safe distance and allow the NiMH battery modules to burn themselves out. During this defensive operation, fire crews may utilize a water stream or fog pattern to protect exposures or to control the path of smoke.
Emergency Response (Continued)

Overhaul
During overhaul, immobilize and disable the vehicle if not already done. Refer to illustrations on page 24, 25 and 26. The HV battery cover should never be breached or removed under any circumstances including fire. Doing so may result in severe electrical burns, shock, or electrocution.

- Immobilize Vehicle
  Chock wheels and set the parking brake.
  Move the shift lever to the park (P) position.

  NOTE:
The LS 600h L utilizes a push/pull parking brake switch that electro-mechanically sets/releases the rear parking brakes.
  - To set/release, push/pull the parking brake switch located on the dash to the right side of the steering column (refer to illustration on page 24).
  - If the AUTO button is set and illuminated, the parking brake will automatically set when the vehicle is shifted to the park (P) position.
  - To verify that the parking brake is set, confirm that the PARK light illuminates on the instrument cluster (refer to illustration on page 24). The PARK light will turn off after approximately 15 seconds.

- Disable Vehicle
  Performing either of the following two procedures will shut the vehicle off and disable the HV battery pack, SRS, and gasoline fuel pump.

  Procedure #1
  1. Confirm the status of the READY indicator in the instrument cluster.
  2. If the READY indicator is illuminated, the vehicle is on and operational. Shut off the vehicle by pushing the power button once.
  3. The vehicle is already shut off if the instrument cluster lights and the READY indicator are not illuminated. Do not push the power button because the vehicle may start.
  4. If the smart key is easily accessible, keep it at least 16 feet (5 meters) away from the vehicle.

  Procedure #2 (Alternate if power button is inaccessible)
  1. Open the hood.
  2. Remove the engine compartment and fuse box covers.
  3. Remove the IG2 relay in the engine compartment fuse box as illustrated on page 26. If the correct relay cannot be recognized, pull both relays in the fuse box.
  4. Disconnect the 12 Volt auxiliary battery under the cover in the trunk. (Refer to illustrations on page 25)

  NOTE:
  Before disconnecting the 12 Volt auxiliary battery, if necessary, set the parking brake, reposition the power tilt and telescopic steering wheel, power seats, lower the windows, unlock the doors, open the trunk, and open the fuel filler door as required. An electric fuel filler door opener switch is located on the lower dash panel to the left of the steering wheel (refer to illustrations on page 36). A manual fuel filler door release is located inside the trunk (refer to illustrations on page 36). Once the 12 Volt auxiliary battery is disconnected, power controls will not operate.

  WARNING:
  - The high voltage system may remain powered for up to 10 minutes after the vehicle is shut off or disabled. To prevent serious injury or death from severe burns or electric shock, avoid touching, cutting, or breaching any high voltage power cable or high voltage component.
  - The SRS may remain powered for up to 90 seconds after the vehicle is shut off or disabled. To prevent serious injury or death from unintentional SRS deployment, avoid breaching the SRS components.
  - If none of the disabling procedures can be performed, proceed with caution as there is no assurance that the high voltage electrical system, SRS, or fuel pump are disabled.

- Stabilize Vehicle
  If not already done, properly crib the vehicle to prevent the vehicle body from dropping.
Emergency Response (Continued)

Recovering/Recycling of NiMH HV Battery Pack
Clean up of the HV battery pack can be accomplished by the vehicle recovery crew without further concern of runoff or spillage. For information regarding recycling of the HV battery pack, contact the nearest Lexus dealer, or:

United States: (800) 255-3987, Canada: (800) 265-3987

Spills
The LS 600h L contains the same common automotive fluids used in other non-hybrid Lexus vehicles, with the exception of the NiMH electrolyte used in the HV battery pack. The NiMH battery electrolyte is a caustic alkaline (pH 13.5) that is damaging to human tissues. The electrolyte, however, is absorbed in the cell plates and will not normally spill or leak out even if a battery module is cracked. A catastrophic crash that would breach both the metal battery pack case and a metal battery module would be a rare occurrence.

Similar to the use of baking soda to neutralize a lead-acid battery electrolyte spill, a dilute boric acid solution or vinegar can be used to neutralize a NiMH battery electrolyte spill.

NOTE:
Electrolyte leakage from the HV battery pack is unlikely due to its construction and the amount of available electrolyte contained within the NiMH modules. Any spillage would not warrant a declaration as a hazardous material incident. Responders should follow the recommendations as outlined in this emergency response guide.

In an emergency, the NiMH battery part number G9280-50011 (2008 -2009 models) G9280-50020 (from 2010 models) manufacturer’s Product Safety Data Sheet (PSDS) is available by contacting:

United States: CHEMTREC at (800) 424-9300
Canada: CANUTEC at *666 or (613) 996-6666 (collect)

- Handle NiMH electrolyte spills using the following Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):
  - Splash shield or safety goggles. Fold down helmet shields are not acceptable for acid or electrolyte spills.
  - Rubber, latex or nitrile gloves.
  - Apron suitable for alkaline.
  - Rubber boots.

- Neutralize NiMH Electrolyte
  - Use a boric acid solution or vinegar.
  - Boric acid solution - 800 grams boric acid to 20 liters water or 5.5 ounces boric acid to 1 gallon of water.

First Aid
Emergency responders may not be familiar with a NiMH electrolyte exposure when rendering aid to a patient. Exposure to the electrolyte is unlikely except in a catastrophic crash or through improper handling. Utilize the following guidelines in the event of exposure.

WARNING:
The NiMH battery electrolyte is a caustic alkaline (pH 13.5) that is damaging to human tissues. To avoid injury by coming in contact with the electrolyte, wear proper personal protective equipment.

- Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
  - Splash shield or safety goggles. Fold down helmet shields are not acceptable for acid or electrolyte spills.
  - Rubber, latex or nitrile gloves.
  - Apron suitable for alkaline.
  - Rubber boots.

- Absorption
  - Perform gross decontamination by removing affected clothing and properly disposing of the garments.
  - Rinse the affected areas with water for 20 minutes.
  - Transport patients to the nearest emergency medical care facility.

- Inhalation in Non-Fire Situations
  - No toxic gases are emitted under normal conditions.
Emergency Response (Continued)

First Aid (Continued)

- Inhalation in Fire Situations
  Toxic gases are given off as by-products of combustion. All responders in the Hot Zone should wear the proper PPE for fire fighting including SCBA.
  Move a patient from the hazardous environment to a safe area and administer oxygen.
  Transport patients to the nearest emergency medical care facility.

- Ingestion
  Do not induce vomiting.
  Allow the patient to drink large quantities of water to dilute the electrolyte (never give water to an unconscious person).
  If vomiting occurs spontaneously, keep the patient’s head lowered and forward to reduce the risk of aspiration.
  Transport patients to the nearest emergency medical care facility.

Submersion
A submerged hybrid vehicle does not have high voltage potential on the metal vehicle body, and is safe to touch.

Access Patients
Responders can access the patient and perform normal extrication procedures. High voltage orange color coded power cables and high voltage components should never be touched, cut, or breached.

Vehicle Recovery
If a hybrid vehicle is fully or partially submerged in water, emergency responders may not be able to determine if the vehicle has been automatically disabled. The LS 600h L may be handled by following these recommendations:

1. Remove the vehicle from the water.
2. Drain the water from the vehicle if possible.
3. Follow the immobilizing and disabling procedures on page 24, 25 and 26.
Roadside Assistance

Roadside assistance for the Lexus LS 600h L may be handled like conventional Lexus vehicles except as noted in the following pages.

Lexus Roadside Assistance is available during the basic warranty period by contacting:

United States: (800) 255-3987, Canada: (800) 265-3987

Shift Lever
Similar to many Lexus vehicles, the LS 600h L uses a gated shift lever as shown in the illustration. However, the LS 600h L shift lever includes an S position for 8 levels of engine braking.

Towing
The LS 600h L is a mechanical all-wheel drive vehicle and it must be towed with all four wheels off the ground. Failure to do so may cause serious damage to Lexus Hybrid Drive components.

- A flat bed trailer is the preferred method of towing.
- The vehicle may be shifted out of park (P) into neutral (N) by turning the ignition-on, depressing the brake, then moving the gated shift lever to neutral (N).
- If the shift lever cannot be moved out of park (P), a shift lock release button is provided under the cover near the shift lever as shown in the illustration.
- If a tow truck is not available, in an emergency the vehicle may be temporarily towed using a cable or chain secured to the emergency towing eyelet. This should only be attempted on hard, paved roads for short distances at low speeds (below 18 mph (30km/h)). The eyelet is located with the tools in the trunk, refer to the illustration on page 37.
Roadside Assistance (Continued)

Electric Trunk Opener
The LS 600h L is equipped with an electric trunk opener. In the event of 12 Volt power loss, the trunk can be opened with the metal cut key hidden in the smart key.

Electric Fuel Filler Door Opener
The LS 600h L is equipped with an electric fuel filler door opener. In the event of 12 Volt power loss, a manual release is located inside the trunk as shown in the illustration.

⚠️ WARNING:
The LS 600h L has a fuel vapor containment system that results in the tank pressure being higher than that of a conventional vehicle. If the fuel filler cap is removed after using the manual fuel filler door release, the vehicle will not automatically reduce the fuel tank pressure. Opening the fuel cap in this state will allow pressurized fuel vapors to escape, and fuel may also be discharged from the filler inlet. For these reasons, be extremely careful and open the fuel cap slowly.
Roadside Assistance (Continued)

Spare Tire
The tools, jack, towing eyelet, and spare tire are provided as shown.

Electric Parking Brake
The LS 600h L is equipped with an electric parking brake set/release switch. In the event of a 12 Volt power loss, the parking brake cannot be electrically operated. The parking brake can be manually released using the on-board tools.

- Remove the spare tire from inside the trunk.
- Remove the plug as illustrated.
- Install the parking brake release tool into the screwdriver handle as illustrated.
- Insert the parking brake release tool in the hole. While pressing firmly on the tool, turn it counterclockwise until the parking brake is released.
Roadside Assistance (Continued)

Jump Starting
The 12 Volt auxiliary battery may be jump started if the vehicle does not start and the instrument cluster gauges are dim or off after depressing the brake pedal and pushing the power button.

The 12 Volt auxiliary battery is located in the trunk. The trunk opener will not operate if the auxiliary battery is discharged. Instead use the metal cut key hidden in the smart key to open the trunk (refer to illustration on page 36).

- Open the trunk and remove the 12 Volt auxiliary battery cover on the driver side.
- Connect the positive jumper cable to the positive terminal following the numbered sequence.
- Connect the negative jumper cable to the negative terminal following the numbered sequence.
- Place the smart key in proximity to the interior of the vehicle, depress the brake pedal and push the power button.

NOTE:
If the vehicle does not recognize the smart key after connecting the booster battery to the vehicle, open and close the driver door when the vehicle is shut off.

If the smart key internal battery is dead, touch the Lexus emblem side of the smart key to the power button during the start sequence. See the instructions and illustrations on page 15 for more details.

- The high voltage HV battery pack cannot be jump started.

 Immobilizer & Anti-Theft Alarm
The LS 600h L is equipped with an immobilizer system and an anti-theft alarm as standard equipment.

- The vehicle can be started only with a registered smart key.

- To disarm the anti-theft alarm, unlock the door by using the smart key button, hidden metal cut key, or door handle touch sensor. Turning the ignition-on or starting the vehicle will also disarm the anti-theft alarm.