

# Satisfying oomph and stoplight launch

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customers grit their teeth as much as I do over that annoying extra dime per litre.

Power from the 3.5-litre V6 is translated smoothly through a six-speed automatic transmission, blending the overall ride and handling harmoniously with that long list of dynamic performance technologies mentioned earlier.

This whole package is wrapped very nicely in an elegantly long sweeping body that was upgraded for '08.

"The GS series launched the L-finesse design language of all

Lexus passenger cars," said Yves Gionet, Director of Lexus in Canada. "So for 2008 Lexus decided to give all GS models an update with a newly designed grille, front and rear bumper, headlamps and aluminum alloy wheels on the outside, as well as updated interior trim details."

The GS interior in comfortable but taller drivers will feel the seat does not sink far enough into the floor. The cabin is well appointed but not overly ornate. The steering wheel is a little too plain-Jane for this level of product but it was set in front of a very sporty metal-



faced gauge cluster. My tester's mix of cream and dark gray textures, brushed metal and chrome highlights accenting the

LEFT: As tested, the GS 350 offered a handsome blend of colours and textures - metal-faced gauges, cream and dark gray tones, brushed metal and chrome highlights accenting California Walnut woodgrain.

California Walnut woodgrain was particularly handsome, especially on the console. The optional Navigation

System display on the centre-stack was large and very legible.

There's a long list of standard equipment on the GS350 including:

- Satellite Radio-ready Lexus Premium Audio System, with AM/FM stereo/cassette/CD auto changer with 10 speakers, steering wheel-mounted audio controls, and roof-mounted satellite radio "fin" antenna
  - Climate control system featuring automatic temperature control, dual zone air conditioning, a cabin air filter and rear seat
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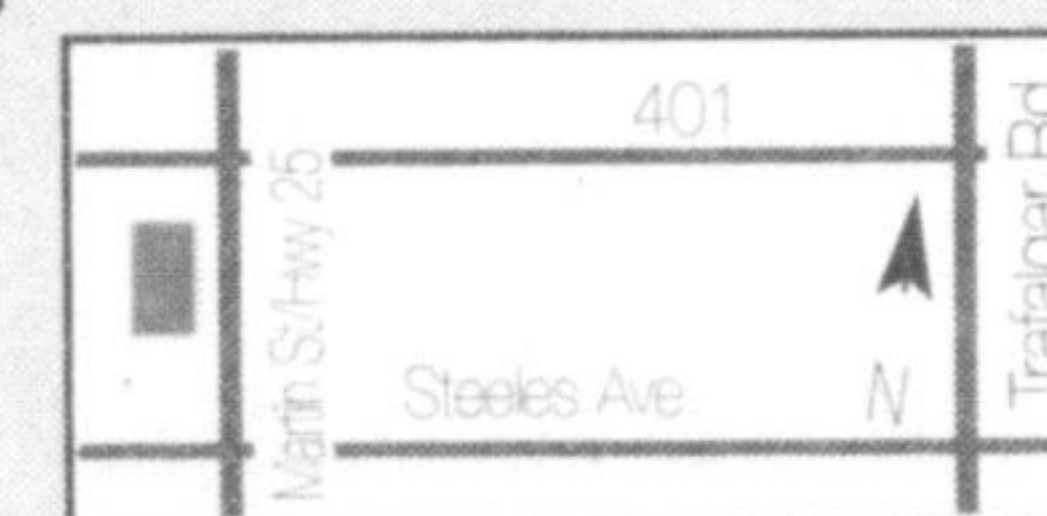
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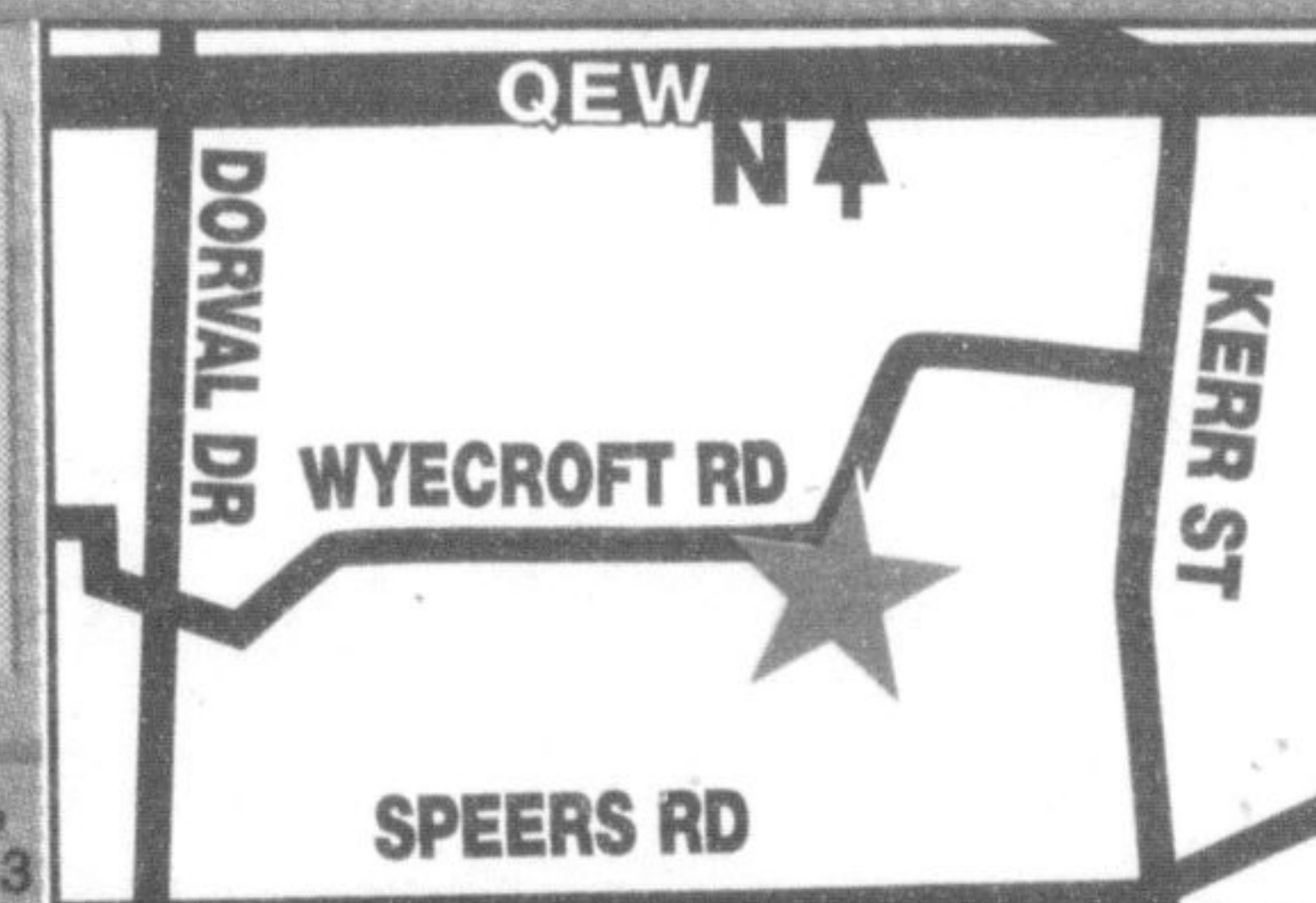


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