

# GX 470 gives consumers what they want



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equipment.

My very first day with the GX 470 was during Ontario's last snowstorm of the winter. With the weather people predicting 15-20 cm of snow out where I work in Mississauga, the prospect of driving home was made less worrying knowing Lexus had fitted out the GX with their latest SUV tech engineering.

(LEFT) The cabin of the GX 470 leaves nothing out, the only possible option being a navigation system on drop down DVD screen for back seat viewing.

A combination of wet pavement covered here and there with ice, and driving snow blowing so hard it was going sideways is daunting at any time.

With the transfer case shift lever in "Hi" ("Lo" is strictly for bush whacking), there was the slight sensation of the grip shifting back and forth through the worst of it, but never a feeling of being out of control. Later on plowed highway, the big Lexus motored along as if it was Sunday drive in the park.

The climate control was notable. Adjustable in half degrees, I had it set at 23.5 C. It wasn't exactly hot, but every now and then as the cabin temp hit 23.5, it would turn itself down, and in the process, gave me a nice, refreshing puff of cool air on the face.

Equipped with rain-sensing wipers, they would react at just a hint of moisture. They worked great, but the speed, and suddenness, at which the blades went into action, could be startling.

All in all, Lexus has left nothing out in its pursuit of the luxury SUV intender. Big, but not corpulent, the GX 470 will no doubt be an example of Lexus reading what consumers want and making sure they get it.



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