

SECURITY

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- Security system developed in conjunction with Thatcham.
- Deadlock system operated from remote control key fob.
- 'Approach' and 'Home Safe' lighting system fitted to every model.
- Laminated windows available.
- Volvo On Call

Volvo is committed to protecting the car, its occupants, and their possessions, and it has won overall 'Best Manufacturer' in the annual British Insurance Car Security Awards (BISCA) two years running (2004 and 2005).

The Volvo S40's security systems were developed in association with the security experts at Thatcham, and every model is fitted with a sophisticated alarm, electronic immobiliser and deadlocks as standard.

Uniquely identified control modules and electronic "anti-theft" marking offers further protection, and the audio system is an integral part of the on-board electrical system.

The remote control central locking unit also operates the Approach lighting system, which illuminates the car and the surrounding area as the driver approaches. Likewise, a tweak of the headlight stalk activates the Follow-Me-Home function, which switches on the headlamps for up to 90 seconds after the occupants have left the vehicle.

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Volvo's holistic approach to vehicle design also extends to the field of personal security and it has won overall 'Best Manufacturer' in the annual British Insurance Car Security Awards (BISCA) two years running (2004 and 2005).

The new Volvo S40 was engineered in association with Thatcham, the world leading automotive and technology centre, and the car is fitted as standard with a wide range of features designed to protect occupants from burglary, theft and assault.

An electronic immobiliser makes it impossible to start the car without the correct key, while deadlocks make it more difficult to break in. If a thief does manage to get in, via a window, for example, the deadlock system makes it impossible to open a door from the inside. The Volvo S40 is also equipped with electronic "anti-theft" marking and uniquely identified control modules, while the audio equipment is an integral part of the on-board electrical system.

The sophisticated locking system of the new Volvo S40 can be individually tailored across a wide range of settings. For example, the remote control can be set so that a single 'plip' opens all the doors, or just the driver's, and the indicators can be set to flash when the doors are locked or unlocked. It is also possible to set the doors to lock automatically when the car pulls away and to open and close the windows with the remote. As an option, the new Volvo S40 can be equipped with laminated side windows, which are extremely difficult to smash. This is an unusual feature on a car in this sector.

Another important contribution to personal security is provided by the Approach and Follow-Me-home lighting system. By pressing a button on the remote control when approaching the car, the driver is able to turn on the inside lights, the side marker lights and the lights in the rear-view mirrors. On leaving the car, a tweak of the headlight stalk activates the dipped beam headlamps, lighting a path to the door. The headlamps can be set by the driver to stay on for 30, 60 or 90 seconds.

Volvo On Call

Volvo On Call is a new telematics system and another valuable personal security feature. It uses an integrated GSM telephone with a built-in GPS unit for satellite positioning, and ensures help is always close at hand.

Volvo On Call comes with a standard safety and security package:

If an airbag or seatbelt pre-tensioner is triggered in the event of an accident, Volvo On Call automatically calls the Emergency Services via BT999 and can also provide data of your location.

Alternatively, pressing the red 'SOS' button on the integrated GSM telephone will put you straight through to the Emergency Services.

Also, if the car breaks down or you need help, pressing the Volvo On Call button will put you straight through to a Volvo On Call operator who is only a call away at any time of day to offer personal services such as route guidance, or to guide roadside assistance to you. An optional Volvo On Call security package offers the added benefits of a remote door unlock facility, theft notification and vehicle tracking.

These simple but effective security features offer considerable peace of mind and contribute to the comfort and convenience of owning a Volvo S40.