

INTERIOR DESIGN

In Brief:

The interior of the Volvo S60 echoes the sporting appeal of the exterior and quality and refinement expected by today's premium car buyers.

Simple, clean Scandinavian design keeps the interior design smart and stylish. The dashboard is ergonomically designed, uncluttered, simple to use, and deliberately angled towards the driver for easy, enjoyable driving.

The Volvo S60 has ample space inside for four or even five adults. And with a boot capacity of 424 litres, plus the flexibility of a ski-hatch and folding rear seats, there's plenty of room for luggage, too.

In keeping with all of today's contemporary Volvos, the S60 is packed with clever design details to make every journey easier and more enjoyable for the driver and passengers alike. For instance, rear passengers have their own air vents in the 'B' pillars, while split-folding rear seats together with a forward folding front passenger seat offer the flexibility to carry long loads, if required.

In Full:

- Stylish, modern Scandinavian style interior
- Ergonomic, uncluttered dashboard design, plus steering wheel controls for audio and cruise control (if fitted)
- Multi-adjustable driving position
- Three-point seat belts with pre-tensioners and head restraints for all five seats
- B-pillar ventilation on all models for rear passenger comfort
- 424 litre boot with ski-hatch through rear arm rest, plus split/fold rear seats and forward folding front passenger seat for maximum load carrying flexibility
- Rear waste bag/bottle holder fitted to most models (Sport and SE) with the option of an integrated child seat in the rear armrest and sun curtain
- Shopping bag holder in loadspace to keep items contained and upright (standard Sport and SE models)

Contemporary, Scandinavian Style

The smart, modern Scandinavian-style interior of the Volvo S60 echoes the sporting appeal of the exterior.

Although the basic architecture and the logical arrangement of the controls echo those of the larger Volvo S80, the centre console is angled towards the driver with careful attention given to ergonomics. The large, easy to use buttons are spread logically across the fascia, and the controls for the audio, air conditioning and all essential functions falling naturally to hand.

Additional controls for the audio, cruise control and optional Road Traffic Information (RTI) system have also been cleverly integrated into the steering wheel and can be operated while keeping the driver's hands on the steering wheel.

The three-spoke steering wheel also tilts more towards the driver than it does in any other Volvo, while a multi-adjustable seat and steering wheel also ensures that drivers of all shapes and sizes can find the optimal driving position.

The centre console was redesigned in 2004 with enhanced trim quality and a new, multi-functional armrest that opens to provide extra cup holders or a 'burger-tray'.

Comfort and Convenience

While the cockpit of the Volvo S60 is driver-orientated, it's not driver-only orientated. Volvo's designers haven't forgotten the role of passengers in the car and a high priority has been given to comfort and convenience features.

This is reflected throughout the interior. Despite the swooping, coupe-like roofline, there's ample room in the rear for two or even three adults and every passenger benefits from a full three-point seatbelt with pre-tensioner and head restraint.

The front seats were orthopaedically designed and have been praised for their high level of comfort and convenience, particularly appreciated over a long journey. They were also enhanced from the 2005 model year with Volvo's latest, multi-adjustable seats with a greater range of adjustments available.

The interior is also packed with the kind of 'surprise and delight' features that make every journey easier and more enjoyable. There are separate air vents mounted in the B-pillars for rear passengers, which add to their comfort and help to clear ice and mist from the side windows.

There's also up to seven of cupholders and plenty of storage, while a neat hook on the side of the front seats keeps a jacket within reach without it obscuring rearward vision. Some

models also feature a rear waste bin, perfect for swallowing the detritus associated with any long journey.

At 424 litres, the Volvo S60's well-shaped luggage compartment is almost a match for that of its big brother, the Volvo S80. The rear seat also split/folds to accommodate awkwardly shaped objects and, for extra-long items, the front passenger seat can also be folded forwards. The versatility of the Volvo S60's boot can be enhanced with a multi-functional load/shopping bag holder (standard for Sport and SE models) to keep items secured and upright, and when it's not needed, it folds neatly into the floor of the boot. It's yet another example of the attention to detail that helps the Volvo S60 stand out in a competitive class.