INTERIOR DESIGN

In brief:

'Space, style and great design' sum up the S80's cool and modern interior. It's spacious, well equipped and everyone travels in first class luxury and safety in the S80.

The cabin epitomises clean and simple, stylish Swedish design, with great ergonomics, and plenty of space for five adults, all with head restraints, seat belts with pre-tensioners, and even air vents in the middle 'B' pillar to keep rear passengers as comfortable as possible.

Volvo only had to make detail refinements to the interior of the new S80 in 2003, such as new folding key with integrated remote locking control, revised front door panels for better quality feel and more user convenience, darker 'charcoal' colour instrument surrounds, an upgraded premium audio system with 'Dynaudio' speakers, new textiles for headlining, pillars and sunvisors, and smarter instrument dials with chrome rings on five-cylinder engine models and chronograph style surrounds on six-cylinder models.

All Volvo interiors conform to its 'Clean inside and Out' programme which ensures that no emissions occur inside the car from plastics, textiles, leather or metals. State of the art filters and sensors in the S80's ECC (Electronic Climate Control) ensure no harmful emissions, pollen or dust enter the interior from outside.

In full:

- Stylish, modern Scandinavian-style interior.
- Ergonomic, uncluttered dashboard design, plus steering wheel controls for audio and cruise control.
- 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.
- 460-litre boot capacity with split/fold rear seats (not Executive) and forward folding front passenger seat for maximum load carrying flexibility.
- Integrated child seat in the rear armrest and sun curtains available.
- Shopping bag holder in loadspace to keep items contained and upright.

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The S80's cabin epitomises the typically clean and simple, stylish Swedish design, with great ergonomics and easy to use dashboard controls. There's plenty of space for five adults, all of who travel safely thanks to head restraints all round, three-point seat belts with pretensioners and additional protection from the S80's IC (Inflatable Curtain) along the side of the car, as well as Volvo's SIPS (Side Impact Protection System) and SIPS side airbags.

With the original excellence of the S80's interior design, Volvo only had to make relatively subtle detail refinements for the new S80 in 2003, which included:

- Darker 'charcoal' colour for dashboard and instrument surrounds.
- Folding key with integrated remote control and panic function.
- Upgraded premium sound system with Dynaudio speakers.
- Revised front door panels with greater quality and improved, more convenient handle locations for shorter or taller occupants.
- Chronograph style instrument dials on six-cylinder models (like S60 R).
- Chrome inlays for air vent controls.
- New textile for headlining, sunvisors and rear parcel shelf.
- New 'walnut' inlay option.

Surprise and delight features inside the S80 that help take the burden out of contemporary motoring include separate air vents in the middle 'B' pillar to keep rear passengers as comfortable as possible as well as helping to clear ice and mist from side windows in poor weather conditions.

Additional controls for the audio, cruise control and 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 driver can easily control the RTI without losing any focus on the road ahead as the screen is positioned on top of the dashboard. It neatly slides up in to view when required, and disappears back into the dashboard when switched off. There is a remote control unit for passengers to use the system, while the driver can use the controls neatly fitted on the rear of the steering wheel.

A multi-adjustable seat and steering wheel also ensures that drivers of all shapes and sizes can find the optimal driving position.

Being a large saloon, it's no surprise it offers a substantial amount of luggage space - 407 litres (14.4 cu ft) to be precise, or with the flexibility of split folding rear seats for long loads, a maximum of 902 litres (31.9 cu ft) with the rear seats down.

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But for the ultimate in luxury interiors, the S80 Executive offer the maximum levels of S80 luxury and refinement with specially designed seats upholstered in Executive Soft Leather with contrasting seams and piping and hand-finished cultivated Italian walnut wood trim. Rear seat entertainment includes a DVD player with twin screens in the rear of the front head restraints and infra red cordless headphones, remote control and games console socket. But, that's not all. The S80 Executive also offers heated front and rear seats, plus a fridge and glasses compartment.