

SECURITY

In Brief:

Volvo is committed to protecting the vehicle, its occupants, and their possessions. Every V70 is fitted as standard with a sophisticated alarm and immobiliser that can be switched on and off using the convenience of a remote control on the key fob. The combination of deadlocks and the availability of laminated and dark tinted side windows make the Volvo V70 more secure.

The remote control 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 Home Safe system, switching on the headlamps for thirty seconds after the occupants have left the vehicle.

In Full:

- Electronic immobiliser fitted as standard
- Alarm and deadlock system operated from remote control key fob
- Approach and Home Safe Lighting system fitted to every model
- Laminated and dark tinted side windows available (optional)

Volvo's passion for the safety of its owners also extends to issues of personal security. The Volvo V70 is fitted as standard with a wide range of features designed to protect occupants from burglary, theft and assault.

Volvo came out as overall 'Best Manufacturer' in the first 'British Insurance Car Security Awards' announced in July 2004, and won the same award again in 2005. The BISCA aim is to raise consumer awareness of vehicle security and recognise manufacturers' efforts to make more secure cars. To be eligible for the awards, all cars had to pass strict selection criteria in line with the New Vehicle Security Ratings scheme (NVSR) developed by the Motor Insurance Repair Research Centre (Thatcham).

An electronic immobiliser makes it impossible to start the car without the right key, while the outer lock cylinder rotates, making it difficult to break in to. If the 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 introduction of optional laminated side windows also makes it harder for thieves to gain access.

The deadlock system is activated by the remote control key fob, which allows the driver to

open the car as they approach. This system can also be used to access the tailgate independently of the doors, which is a useful deterrent to opportunist thieves.

The same remote control system also switches on the alarm system, which is standard on every Volvo V70. The alarm is triggered if anyone attempts to open the doors, the bonnet or the boot lid. It also reacts to movement inside the car or if a window is broken. As an option, this system can be upgraded to include a level sensor that activates the alarm if the car is jacked up in any way.

For additional security, Volvo is one of very few car companies to offer the option of stronger, laminated windows plus dark tinted rear windows to protect the car's interior contents and aid personal security.

An important contribution to personal security is provided by the Approach and Home Safe lighting system. By pressing a button on the remote controller as they approach 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 for 30 seconds, lighting a path to the door. It's a simple system that offers considerable peace of mind.

Volvo On Call – advanced Telematics

Volvo On Call is a valuable optional safety and security feature using advanced Telematics. The system uses an integrated GSM telephone with a built-in GPS unit for satellite positioning, and ensures help is always close at hand. 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.