INTERIOR DESIGN CONCEPT

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- Elegant, car-like dashboard with typically simple Swedish design

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What's more, the armrest between the front seats is removable to create more leg room for the passenger in this centre seat.

The third row features two separate seats, offering full comfort for children or for adults of modest build. Unlike on some rival cars, these do not take up valuable space or have to be clumsily removed; instead, they simply fold away individually out of sight into the boot floor, so are always on hand.

In Full:

- Innovative and flexible interior.
- Contemporary, Swedish design with uncluttered, ergonomic dashboard.
- Seven individual, forward facing seats in three rows.
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- Air vents on B-pillar for added comfort of rear passengers.
- Front passenger seat folds forwards to accommodate loads.

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The third row features two separate seats, offering full comfort for children or for adults of modest build. Unlike some rivals, these do not take up valuable space or have to be clumsily removed, but instead they neatly and simply fold away individually out of sight into the boot floor when not in use, so are always on hand.

"Everyone rides in Business Class in the Volvo XC90, nobody travels economy class." says Peter Horbury, Volvo's former Vice President and Chief Designer.

Both the second and third rows of seats can be folded down to create an entirely flat luggage compartment floor no less than 1.89 metres long, 1.13 metres wide and with a volume of 1837 litres (64.9 cu ft). In addition, the front passenger seat also folds forward to accommodate extra long loads. Even with all seven seats in use there is still a useful amount of loadspace for the family – or, to be precise, 249 litres (8.8 cu ft).

The driver will appreciate one of the clearest and most ergonomically designed instrument panels in a typically simple Scandinavian simplicity of line and functionality: plenty of information from a small number of meticulously designed instruments.

Compared with those found in a normal saloon, the instruments and controls are angled slightly up towards the driver's eyes. Together with the high seating position, this enhances the feeling of control – the single quality that SUV buyers generally prize most highly.