



**VOLVO 1800 ES**



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### THE NEW VOLVO 1800ES FASTBACK COUPE

A sleek, new Volvo Fastback Coupe is to be made available for the UK shortly and will appear at the London Motor Show, Designated the '1800ES' it is, in fact, a 2-litre car with electronically controlled fuel injection, deriving its model number from the earlier P1800 series.

The distinctive body styling provides improved two-plus-two seating and features a hinged, frameless rear screen. With the rear seats folded, estate car fashion, this gives access to a large (5 ft.long) luggage area. The spare wheel is carried beneath a hinged floor panel which also conceals two additional storage wells.

Many safety features are incorporated in the 1800's elegant interior. Upholstered in soft leather, the large aircraft-type front seats have integral head restraints and four-way adjustment -- i.e, reach, height, rake of backrest and backrest tension, 'Automatic' inertia reel safety bolts are provided. As soon as the ignition is switched on a 'Fasten Seat Belts' reminder light glows on the fascia, while at night the plug-in type seat belt lock is also illuminated.

Tinted glass all round is easy on the eyes and powerful electric heating for the rear screen ensures good vision at all times.

#### 135 bhp. Engine

The Volvo B20E power unit in its latest form delivers 135 bhp (SAE) at 6,000 rpm, with a compression ratio of 10.5 to 1. Electronic control of the fuel injection cycle; has resulted



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not only in high output but cleaner exhaust gases (through more complete combustion) and good fuel economy. Electrically operated overdrive provides a fifth forward gear which assists running economy at high cruising speeds and, of course, results in lower noise levels.

#### Fail Safe Brakes

The 1800ES has large diameter disc brakes on all four wheels, actuated by dual-circuit hydraulics with three wheels in each circuit. This gives 80% braking efficiency even if one circuit is seriously damaged. Powerful servo-assistance means that only light pedal pressures are needed while a limiting valve to each rear brake prevents the wheels locking before the front in the event of emergency braking. Wheels now have 52" steel rims with distinctive wide-spoke embellishers in aluminium. Extra wide, high-speed radial tyres (185/70HR15) are standard equipment and suitable for speeds of up to 130 mph.

A revised fascia incorporates a comprehensive instrument layout. In the centre are rev, counter, water/oil temperature gauges and the speedometer, flanked by oil pressure and fuel gauges and an electric clock. There are warning lights for low charge, main beams, direction indicators, all-round emergency flashers, rear window element, overdrive and hand-brake tone or low brake pressure. The 'split' safety steering column has an integral anti-theft lock.

More than ever before the 1800ES provides 'grand touring' performance in the grand manner, together with a civilised blend of safety and comfort

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