Everything you would not expect in a station wagon, plus more...

Volvo offers you a choice … if you want value, practicality and extra space from your next station wagon without sacrificing comfort, handling and safety.

Compare the Volvo station wagon to our competition and you gain in value, safety and handling. Volvo's extensive list of standard equipment and built-in safety features represents an exceptional value that won't be found elsewhere. And the same responsiveness and superb handling that drivers associate with Volvo sedans make the Volvo station wagon the best handling wagon available.

Compare the Volvo station wagon to our sedans and you'll add extra practicality — and adding more practicality to a Volvo isn't easy to do. It offers the best features of Volvo sedans — all the best features — plus the capacity for additional cargo and passengers. It doesn't sacrifice comfort for utility, performance for payload or any other compromise that would be best not made. Think about it. More people have bought a Volvo station wagon because it offers the same qualities as our sedans.

Inside, the Volvo station wagon differs only slightly from our sedans. The cargo compartment is different, of course, but the part the driver and passengers see and use remains nearly the same: the same orthopedically designed seats with lumbar support. The same ergonomically efficient driving environment designed to keep you comfortable and safely alert. Even the same responsive and economical B21A overhead cam four-cylinder engine. And you'll also find the same quality and attention to comfort that has made the Volvo sedan famous.

Many other station wagons, in order to give you sufficient space inside, are oversized outside. Volvo engineers disagreed with this arrangement. Outside, the Volvo wagon is compact. Inside, there's plenty of room where you need it most. It took Volvo engineering to accomplish this. Our station wagon has the same length and width dimensions as its sedan counterpart. That keeps it just as easy to park and drive as the sedan. Very few sedans — let alone station wagons — can match its 32'2"/9.8 metres turning circle. Power-assisted, rack and pinion steering provides quick and very precise, positive steering control. In the cargo area, the counter-balanced tailgate lifts easily with one hand to expose a cargo area that can easily accommodate a six-foot couch. Underneath the carpeted cargo deck, there's a large storage compartment that can also be used to hold the accessory third seat.

The Volvo station wagon weighs a lot less than most large wagons. Consider what you may save in fuel cost.
Inside, Volvo is pleased to offer you superior quality and comfort.

How many times have you felt that most station wagons seem to waste interior space? Is this really what you want in your next station wagon? We don't think so. Volvo is pleased to offer you a superior alternative: two station wagons with interiors that are comfortable, efficient and spacious.

Volvo has a tradition of providing the finest in seating comfort for driver and passengers. Comfort begins with properly designed seats, and Volvo's expertise in seat design is well known. The orthopedically designed seats are not only comfortable, but also contribute to your safety on long trips. These qualities are important to the driver because fatigue and discomfort are distractions, and distractions are dangerous. The driver's seat adjusts nine ways to fit you comfortably and offers firm back, leg and adjustable lumbar support. The padded steering wheel and all the instruments and controls are positioned so that the driver can reach, see and operate them with ease—something that Volvo engineers insist upon. And key controls are just a fingertip away.

The front passenger seat is also fully adjustable (the seat height can be changed by resetting a few bolts). The seats are supported internally for lasting resiliency and comfort and are designed, statistically, to fit 99% of the North American adult population. The rear seat is supported by springs and foam padding for greater comfort. There's ample leg and headroom for five adults, and, when you need extra cargo area, the rear seat conveniently folds forward.

Upholstery is installed to Volvo's exacting standards. Leather-faced upholstery with matching vinyl trim is standard on the 265GL, while 245 seats are done in tough, durable vinyl. Both interiors offer exactly the same attention to detail and quality found in Volvo sedans.

The standard electric rear window defroster adds to your safety. Visibility is further improved with the standard rear window wiper and washer (intermittent on the 265GL), operated by the convenient lever on the steering column.

Other passenger comfort and convenience features include: tinted glass with a dark tint band in front for greater glare reduction, convenient storage compartment...
located in each front door, the reliable accuracy of a quartz crystal clock, 12-outlet flow-through ventilation with separate fresh air inlet, intermittent windshield wipers, day-night rear view mirror, child-proof rear door locks, lockable illuminated glove compartment with vanity mirror, stereo speakers in each front door and full interior carpeting, including the cargo area.

Carpeting in the 265GL is a special plush-pile. There's deluxe interior trim and the cargo area is attractively upholstered with the same carpeting. Also, standard on the 265GL are air conditioning, power windows, electric rear view mirrors, metallic paint and map pockets in the front seat backs.

Volvo's occupant safety features deserve special mention. Beginning with easy-to-use three-point seat belts, Volvo's safety engineering takes step after step to protect driver and occupants. Volvo's structurally strong welded unit body forms the foundation for occupant safety. Also, a built-in safety "cage" surrounds the passengers.

Volvo's unitized body is carefully designed to absorb and cushion impact energy instead of transmitting it to the passenger compartment. Reinforced doors, crash resistant latches and a protected gasoline tank are other important safety features.

If you consider what you want to carry in your station wagon, then the cargo area is very important. Were this area not spacious, easy-to-use and well-designed, there would be little reason to purchase a station wagon. Volvo engineers, therefore, designed the Volvo wagon to be the most efficient possible.

Access to the spacious cargo area is made easy by the full-width rear tailgate. Hinged at the top to a steel frame, it lifts easily with one hand, aided by dual, gas cylinder mechanisms. It's mechanically simple, designed for years of trouble-free use. When lifted up, you have unhindered access to a cargo area with a low, flat floor — intended for easy loading. The loading height is only 23 inches (59 cm). The sides of the cargo area are flat to allow you maximum storage capacity — up to 76 cubic feet with the rear seat folded down (room enough for a six-foot couch), or more than 40 cubic feet with the rear seat in use (room enough for a lot of camping gear). On the left side, the spare tire is stored vertically behind a cover for convenient access. In the middle, there's a large, underfloor storage area that, when fully open, allows you extra room to stand tall objects. On the right, underneath, there's the reservoir for the rear window wiper/washer.

Along either side of the cargo area, there are tie-down rings so you can secure your cargo. The carpeted floor is edged with metal bindings to prevent wear. This was done to make your Volvo wagon last longer. The 265GL has plush carpeting on the floor and sides. There's a dome light above.

Everything about the Volvo station wagon cargo compartment is
well thought out, convenient to use and practical. Volvo engineers would not do it any other way.

In addition to the spacious cargo compartment, there are other Volvo features you should consider. The Volvo wagon weighs a little more than its sedan counterparts. So, despite big payload capacity, there's little penalty in day-to-day operating economy. Handling and ride are superb and, we feel, much better than most other sedans. A test drive will prove what we're saying. You'll be able to feel the effects of the specially selected higher-rate springs, rear stabilizer bar (on the 245), firm shock absorbers, high capacity radial tires and power-assisted steering. And you'll be very satisfied with the comfortable ride.

The 265GL comes with a fully automatic, air-activated load-leveler system when you carry a heavy payload, this device will automatically level your station wagon. This improves handling, vehicle control and stability for a safer ride. This system is also available for the 245 wagon.

Another feature built into all Volvo wagons is their towing capability. You don't have to order a special suspension package. A Volvo can tow up to 2,000 lbs. with no extra or heavy-duty suspension modifications. The trailer hitch, mirrors and wiring harness are all available accessories.

If you need extra cargo capacity to add to the utility of your station wagon, a permanent or removable roof/luggage rack is available. For extra seating capacity, there's an accessory third seat that folds neatly down into the underfloor storage compartment.

Finally, included in every Volvo is its rugged, unitized construction that minimizes weight with maximum strength. This is important in a station wagon, because you want it to stand up to hard work. There's a strong safety cage surrounding you and nearly 4,000 spot welds to insure strength and minimize rattles ... all to help your Volvo wagon last for years of efficient use.

The Volvo station wagon offers superior load-handling capability combined with the valued qualities of the Volvo sedan. With most cars, you give up qualities when you buy the wagon version. With Volvo you gain: value, practicality and extra space.
The Volvo station wagon is a pleasure to drive.

Of all the qualities built into Volvo's 245 and 265GL station wagons, none offers more satisfaction than their driveability, performance and handling qualities. These qualities combine with Volvo's legendary durability to produce wagons that are enjoyable and long-lasting.

Volvo handling begins with steel-belted radial tires that deliver positive road-holding characteristics through improved traction in cornering, braking and straight-line driving. The special Volvo wagon suspension utilizes McPherson strut suspension in front and coil springs in the rear, allowing a quiet, smooth ride to be combined with responsive handling. Front and rear stabilizer bars minimize body roll during cornering and Volvo's "live" rear axle design assures constant track and wheel angles for optimum traction and road-holding. On the 265GL, the automatic load-leveler replaces the rear stabilizer bar. Four-wheel power-assisted disc brakes provide sure, minimum-fade stopping capability. For increased stopping efficiency, the 265GL is equipped with front disc brakes ventilated for optimum cooling.

Volvo's rack-and-pinion steering system delivers precise, positive response and blends with the suspension to produce Volvo's conception of proper handling. The relationship between what the driver does and how the car reacts must be uncomplicated, natural and predictable. Further, proper handling must not interfere with ride comfort. The balance between ride and handling in Volvo wagons retains the best of both qualities.

The two engines offered in Volvo wagons are engineered specifically for the models in which they are installed. The 245 wagon is powered by the economical, carbureted B21RA four-cylinder engine. This overhead cam engine is engineered for quickness, with more emphasis on low-speed torque and acceleration than on high top speeds. This attention to responsiveness gives the 245 an advantage over most quality wagons and makes driving more enjoyable.

The luxurious 265GL Volvo prestige wagon, is equipped with Volvo's most powerful engine, the 2.7 liter B27F engine, a V6 with light-alloy aluminum block and cylinder heads. Continuous Flow fuel injection, chain-driven overhead camshafts, solid state ignition and our highly effective Lambda-sond™ emission control system, a combination of modern engineering elements that results in a favorable power-to-weight ratio, efficient operation and brisk performance.

On the 245DL/265GL, you can choose either of two transmissions: a four-speed manual gearbox with electrically-activated overdrive, or a three-speed automatic transmission. Both are standard to suit your particular driving style.

Also included with every Volvo wagon at no extra charge is one of the automobile industry's finest and most thorough durability programs. Because Volvo believes you deserve the best in durability, every Volvo body receives a comprehensive application of rust-preventive measures; zinc coating of rust-susceptible components, factory undercoating, "Slipstream" ventilated rocker panels that prevent moisture accumulation, the injection of rust-preventive fluids into closed body cavities, and a multi-layer exterior finish that keeps its good looks for years.

Further protection is added to the sheet metal below the belt line, lower half of the doors and rocker panels to minimize stone chip damage... another example of Volvo's concern for the life of your car.

All these and many other features contribute to making the Volvo station wagons, automobiles that exhibit the highest standards of quality, comfort and luxury while at the same time offering enjoyable performance, worthwhile practicality and that rarest of all automotive qualities, value for money.
The 1979 Volvos at a glance

Engine: 282C, 246GL, 266GL

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Carburetor: B21A in-line 4-cylinder, cast iron block with five main bearings, aluminum-alloy cross-flow cylinder head. Valves actuated by a belt-driven, single overhead camshaft operating directly on bucket-type tappets, single side draught carburetor. Type of fuel required: regular (93 RON). Displacement: 130 cubic inches (2127 cc). Bore x Stroke: 3.62 x 3.15 ins. (92 x 80 mm). Horsepower (SAE-net): 104 @ 5200 rpm (77 kW @ 88 R.P.S.). Torque (SAE-net): 120 ft. lbs. @ 2500 rpm (162 NM @ 42 R.P.S.). Compression Ratio: 8.5:1.

Engine: 242GT and 244GL
Fuel injection: 821F in-line 4-cylinder, cast iron block with five main bearings, aluminum-alloy cross-flow cylinder head. Valves actuated by belt-drives, single overhead camshaft operating directly on bucket-type tappets. Induction by Continuously Flow mechanical injection. Fuel is sprayed into each branch of aluminum inlet manifold. Type of fuel required: regular (93 RON). Displacement: 130 cubic inches (2127 cc). Bore x Stroke: 3.62 x 3.15 ins. (92 x 80 mm). Horsepower (SAE-net): 111 @ 5200 rpm (83 kW @ 88 R.P.S.). Torque (SAE-net): 120 ft. lbs. @ 2500 rpm (162 NM @ 42 R.P.S.). Compression Ratio: 9.3:1. Exhaust Emission Control
All 262C, 264GL and 265GL have the three-way catalyst, Lambda-sonic wide area system.

Fuel System
13.2 Imperial gallon tank (60 litres).
240 Series—Carburetor, regular fuel with minimum rating of 93 RON.
240 Series—Fuel injection, regular fuel with minimum rating of 93 RON, electric fuel pump.
262 Series—Fuel injection, unleaded fuel with minimum rating of 91 RON (no lead), electric fuel pump.

Cooling System
Sealed “tropic” system holds 9.6 Imperial quarts (10.9 litres) in the 260 series, 9.6 Imperial quarts (10.9 litres) in the 262 series, anti-freeze coolant, with a translucent expansion tank.

Electrical System
12-volt system features solid-state ignition on all fuel-injected 240 and 240 Series models. A 70A rated alternator (55A on 240 Series) and 70 amp hour battery on 260 Series (60 amp on 240 Series). Starter motor output 1.1 hp.

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| Utilized construction with safety absorbing front and rear ends with central “safety cage” Hot-dipped galvanized steel in rust susceptible areas. Undercarriage process is also used. A special anti-corrosive coating is sprayed inside the doors, rocker panels etc. Factory undercoating, high-impact polypropen front fender inner-liner and special stone chip resistant paint. Exhaust system is partially aluminized.

Additional Standard Equipment: 240 Series
Fully adjustable front bucket seats, adjustable lumbar support, tinted glass all around, 12-outlet heating and ventilation system, fresh air inlet, intermittent windshield wipers, full interior carpeting, heated driver's seat, front door operated storage compartment on front doors, vanity mirror, and lockable, illuminated glove compartment, quartz crystal clock, day-night rear view mirror, dual outside mirrors, childproof rear door locks, electric rear window defroster, stereo door speakers and radio antenna, trip meter, light integrity sensor, passenger assist handles, rear seat centre armrest (sedans), four three-point, self-adjusting safety belts, and one rear lap safety belt, luggage compartment light, cloth upholstery with vinyl trim (all in vinyl in station wagon), electric rear window wiper can be switched on and off, and controlled with rubber facing, vinyl inserted molding, tall tailgate gas cylinders, on 242, 242T; Custom interior upholstery and trim, tachometer, GT steering wheel, high-speed CN-36 Prestige tires, grille-mounted fog lights, engine compartment light, GT suspension/handling package, air spolier, special exterior trim, and Mystic Silver metallic paint.

Fuel injection, solid state ignition, sliding steel sunroof on 242GT and 244GAL. Also on 244GL. Leather-faced upholstery, stainless steel radial tires on light-alloy wheels, tachometer and metallic paint.

Additional Standard Equipment: 260 Series
Sliding steel sunroof, metallic paint, choice of leather-faced upholstery with matching vinyl trim, color co-ordinated interior or velour upholstery, tachometer, map pockets on front seat backs, delayed switch-off of front light, power windows, remote control-rear view mirrors, air conditioning, plush carpeting including trunk or cargo area, 25-port, tinted glass all around, 12-outlet heating and ventilation system, fresh air inlet, intermittent windshield wipers, with rubber facing, vinyl inserted molding, tall tailgate gas cylinders, on 242L, 242T; Custom interior upholstery and trim, tachometer, GT steering wheel, high-speed CN-36 Prestige tires, grille-mounted fog lights, engine compartment light, GT suspension/handling package, air spolier, special exterior trim, and Mystic Silver metallic paint.

Accessories
Finish, all wide variety of accessories, including stereo radios and tape players, designed to tailor-a-Volvo to your individual specifications.

Warranty and Maintenance
Volvo offers a 12 month limited warranty without mileage restriction. To help you fully understand your warranties, servicing needs and maintenance schedules, Volvo has prepared a service booklet.

Leasing
Volvo's comprehensive leasing program is designed to make the most of your business trip. All the details, even complete financing, can be handled over the phone. Developing a plan that accommodates your itinerary and schedule.


Cover: 245 Four-door station wagon in Carlsbad Yellow with accessory roof rack and wheel trim rings.