

WHEELS

Volvo S80 sedan wins award for whiplash system

At a ceremony in London, England, the Canadian research body, Physical Medicine Research Foundation handed over its John McMennell Award to a representative of Volvo's safety centre.

In making the presentation, PMRF stated: "We award this prize to Volvo in recognition of their commitment to whiplash injury preven-

tion and their significant achievement in technical and engineering innovation with the introduction of the Whiplash Protection System in the 1999 Volvo S80 sedan.

In a collision from behind, the WHIPS seat follows the backward motion of the body. This involves a parallel motion so that the head and spine are restrained in a gentle

and balanced way to reduce strains on the body. The back rest is then lowered backward/downward to counteract throwback and the risk of the dangerous whiplash motion.

This award is yet another notch in what is becoming the most successful model introduction in Volvo's history.

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BMW introduces its two newest bicycles

BMW has continued to make news with two-wheeled vehicles, but this time it's not a motorcycle.

At the recent Frankfurt Auto Show, BMW unveiled the Q6.S mountain bike and the Q5.T touring bike — BMW's third generation of bicycles.

The company started in 1992 to offer the marque-minded, quality-oriented and sporting BMW customer a wide range of outstanding bicycles providing an even higher level of individual freedom and mobility.

The two new bikes excel through their all-new design, the continuation of BMW's proven technology, and the introduction of new bicycle components.

The two Q Series bikes were created and developed by BMW designers and engineers. The frame is an all-new BMW development made up of aluminum tube profiles with a joint line extending all the way round.

One of the most outstanding technologies featured on the new bikes is the front suspension based on BMW's Telelever principle.

BMW has been using this technology for a number of years also in the production of bicycles and remains the only manufacturer worldwide to offer this unique Telelever system combining extra safe-



BMW is offering its third generation in high-tech mountain bike that can fold and fit into the trunk of any Bimmer.

ty with supreme comfort.

The rear wheel, in turn, runs on an active single-joint swinging arm, steel springs with hydraulic fluid damping ensuring good ground contact and seating comfort at all times.

Mountain bike Q6.S comes with Shimano XT components including a 3x9 gear Rapid Fire gear shift, optimum deceleration is ensured by the Magura Louise disc brake.

Overall weight of the Q6.S mountain bike is a mere 12.9 kg or 28.4 lb.

The touring bike, called the Q5.T, boasts the same fundamental structure and design.

Featuring the same frame as the Q6.S mountain bike, the Q5.T tourer combines Telelever front suspension with a Headshok fork. A further highlight featured for the first time is the automatic Auto-D hub shift complete with reverse pedal brake, a new Shimano technology making its world debut in this bike.

Yet a further outstanding feature is the weight-reduced hub dynamo in the front wheel. Overall weight of the Q5.T is 14.8 kg or 32.6 lb.

Like all BMW trekking and mountain bikes, so far, the new Q Series bikes fold up conveniently, fitting into the luggage compartment of a standard car.



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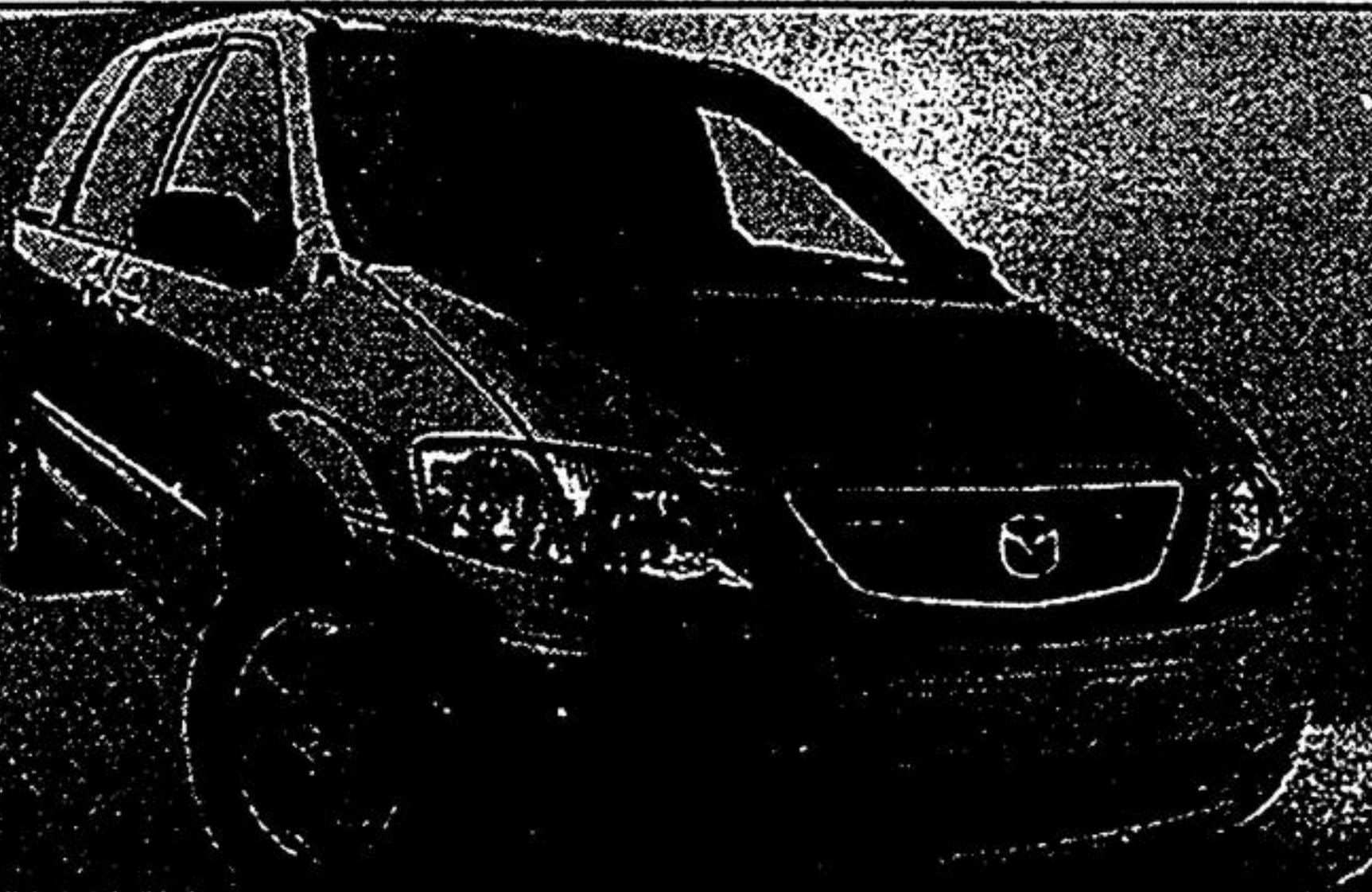
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