

# UX AT 108 KM/H

How we use principles  
at Volvo Car UX,  
and how you can, too

# WHO ARE YOU?

# WHO AM I?



# DESIGN IS:

practiced by and for humans / conscious and intuitive / a method / a relational process / individual and collective / driven by purpose / capable of solving challenges / intent on creating or improving conditions / an outcome / able to bring clarity or order / a means of understanding / problem-solving / value-adding / and more

**V O L V O**









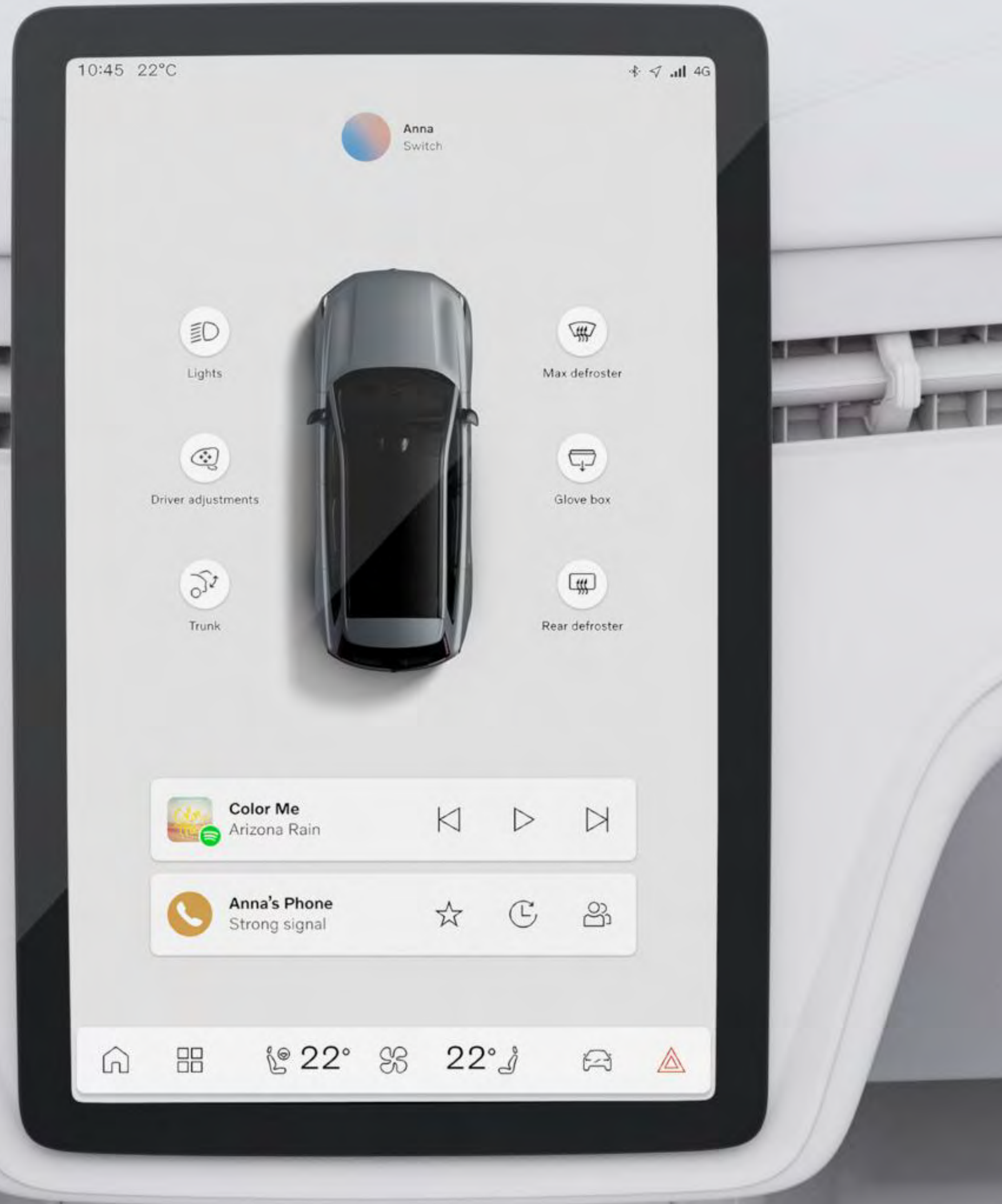
**LET ME GET NERDY  
FOR A MOMENT...**



**V O L V O**

Freedom to move  
in a personal,  
sustainable and safe way.

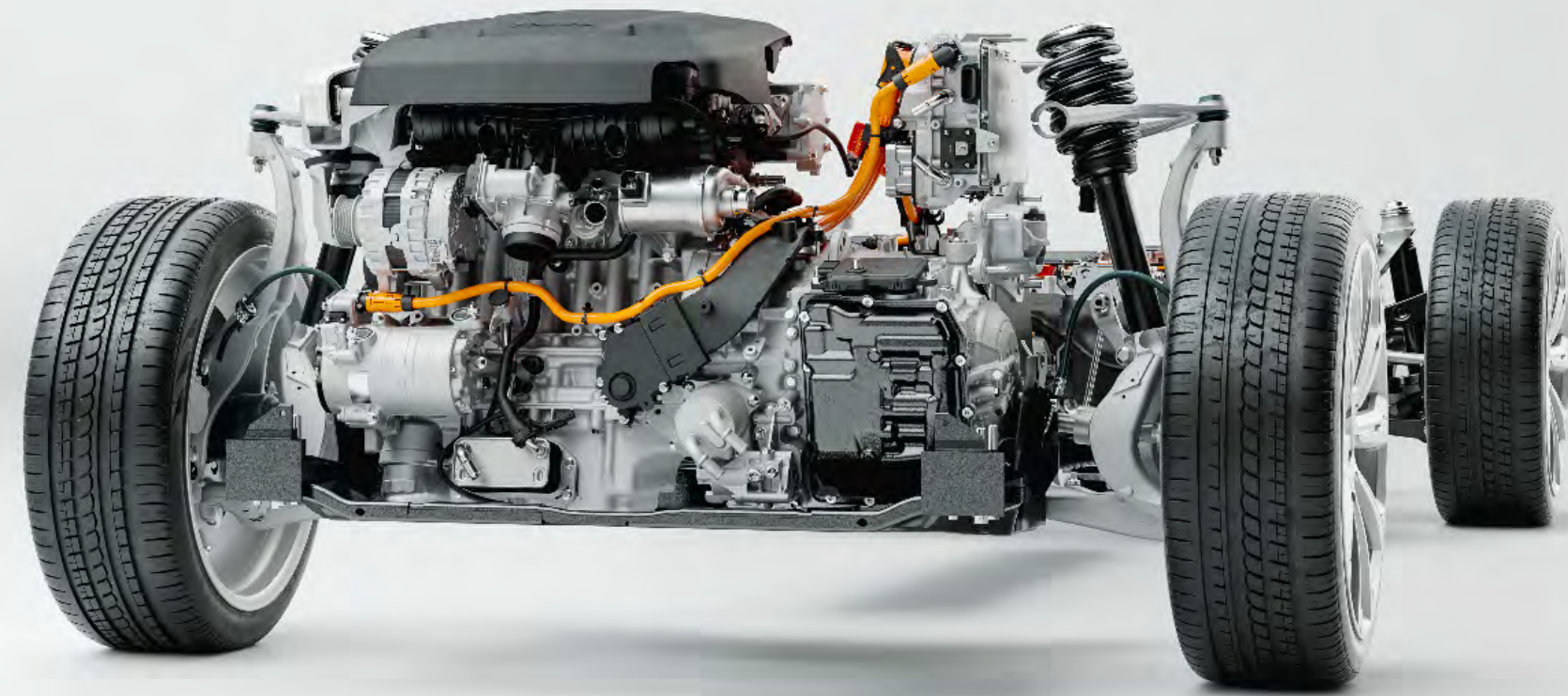




# PERSONAL

By and for people (in process and outcomes)

Personalizable and customizable experiences



# SUSTAINABLE

2030: Fully electric

2040: Climate neutral

Innovating to reduce  
emissions in production



# SAFE

“Trygghet”  
cultural value and human right

Perceived and  
experienced safety

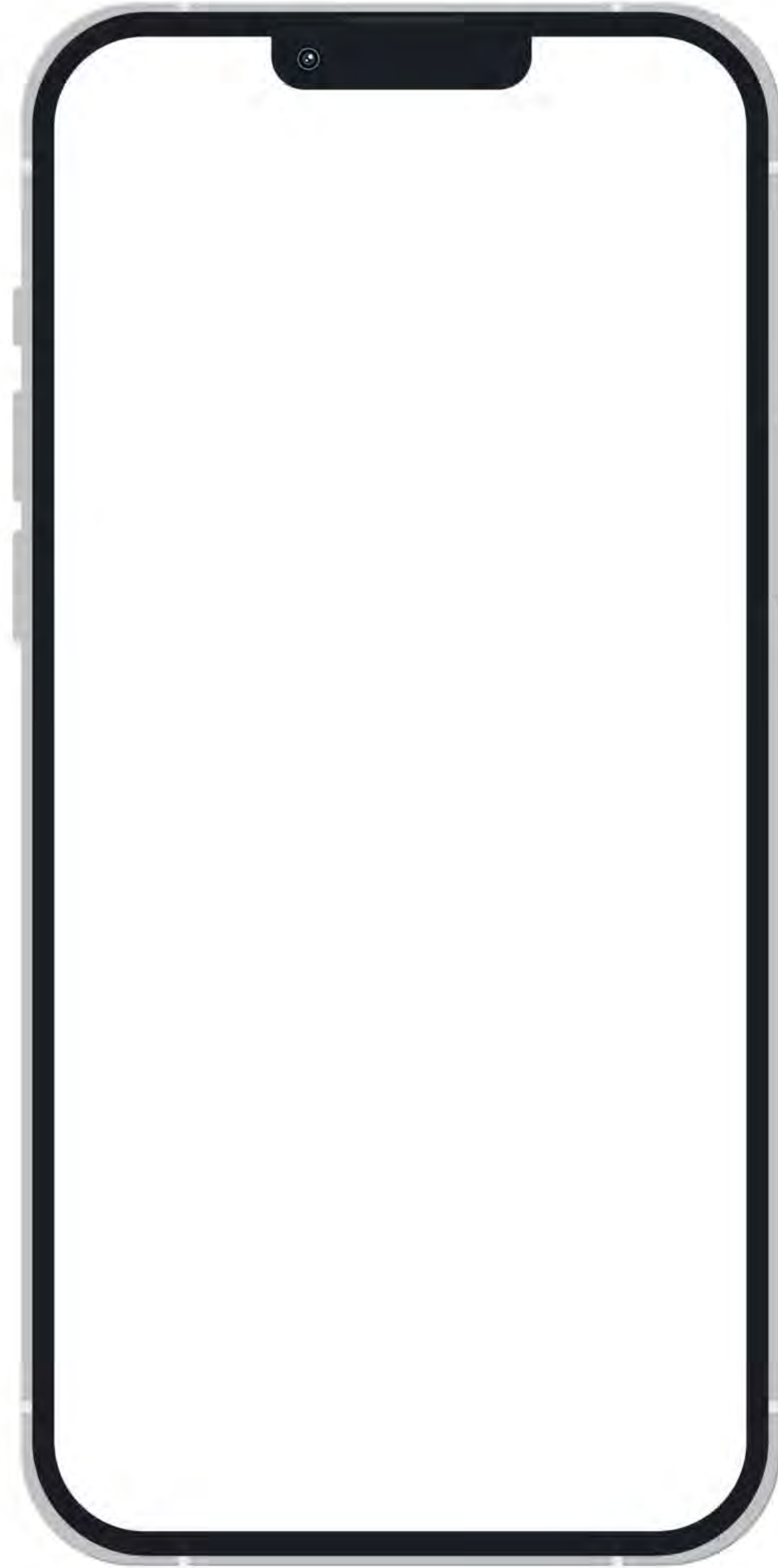
# CAR...UX?

Our mission and focus

UX is often  
found here

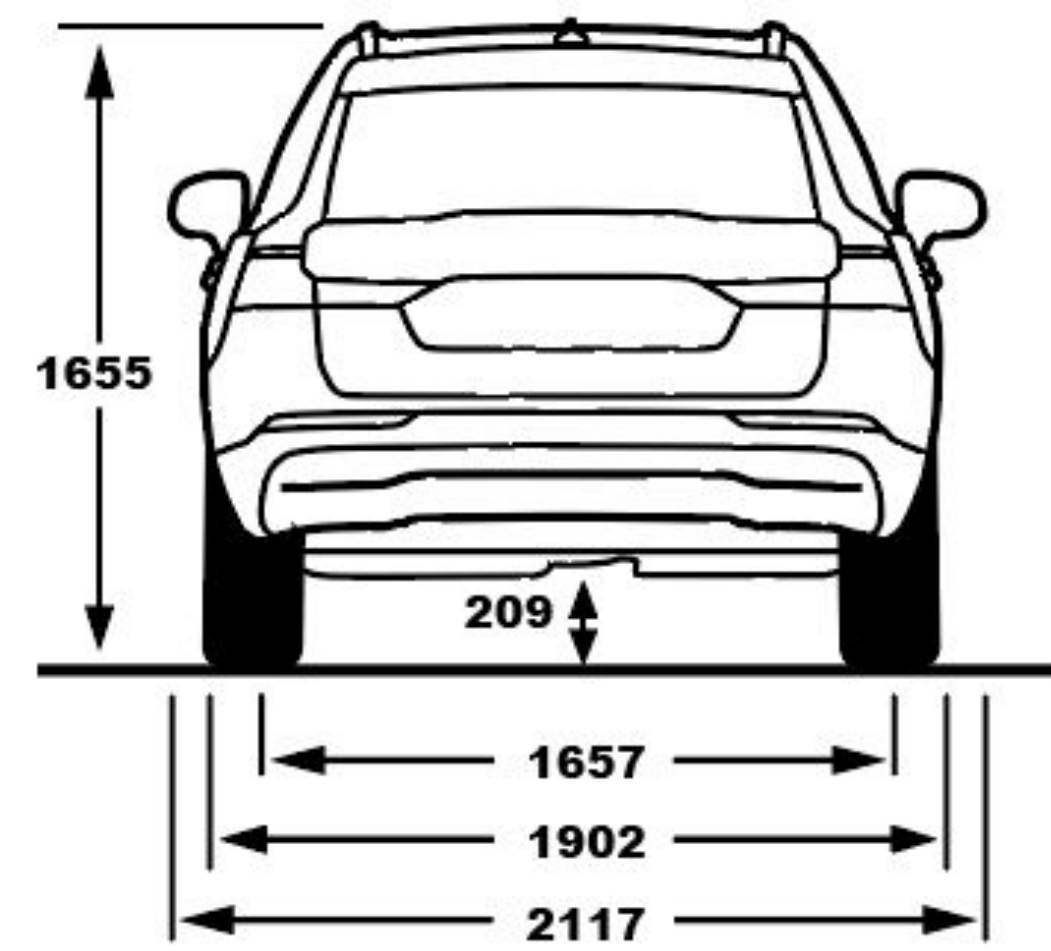
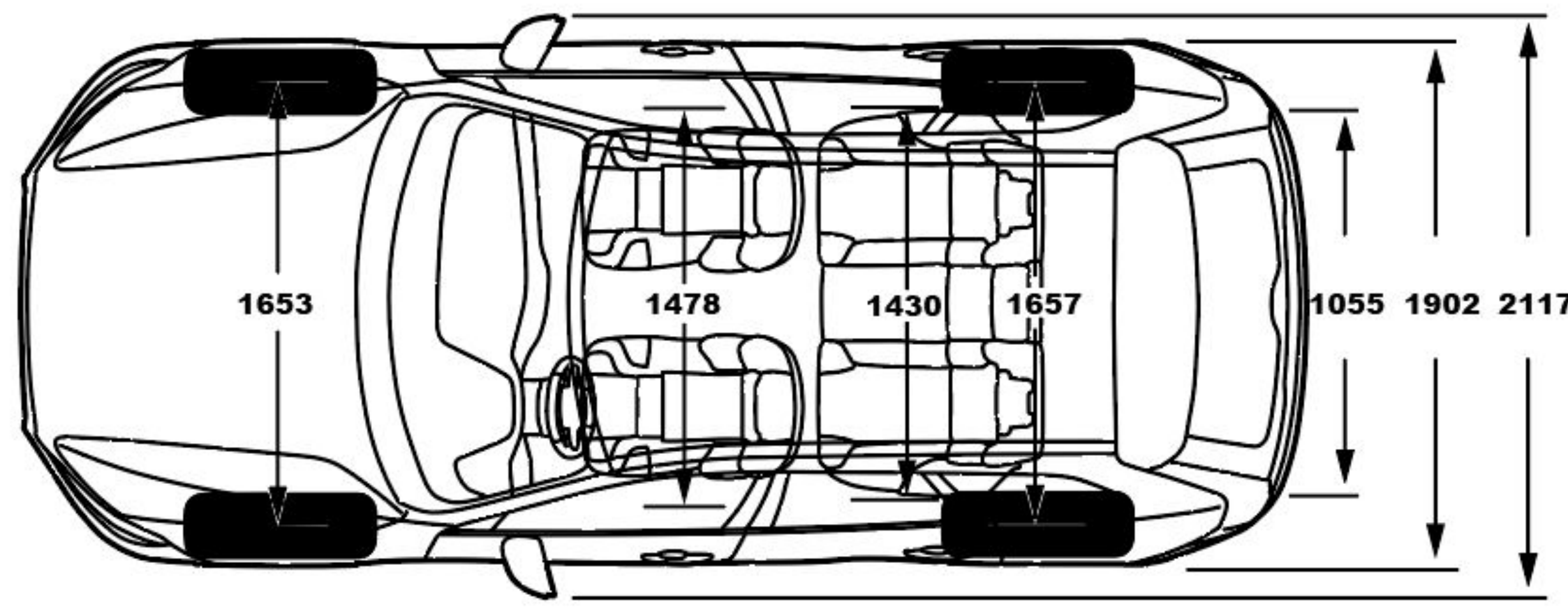
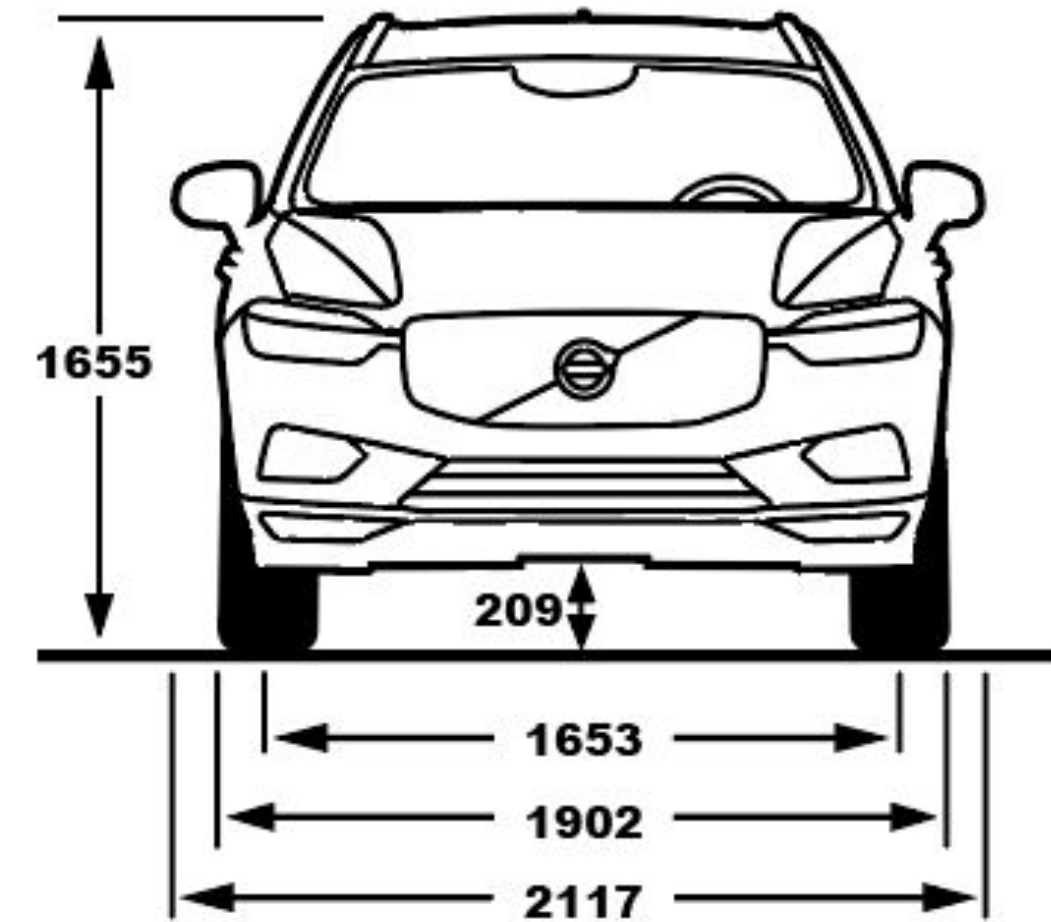
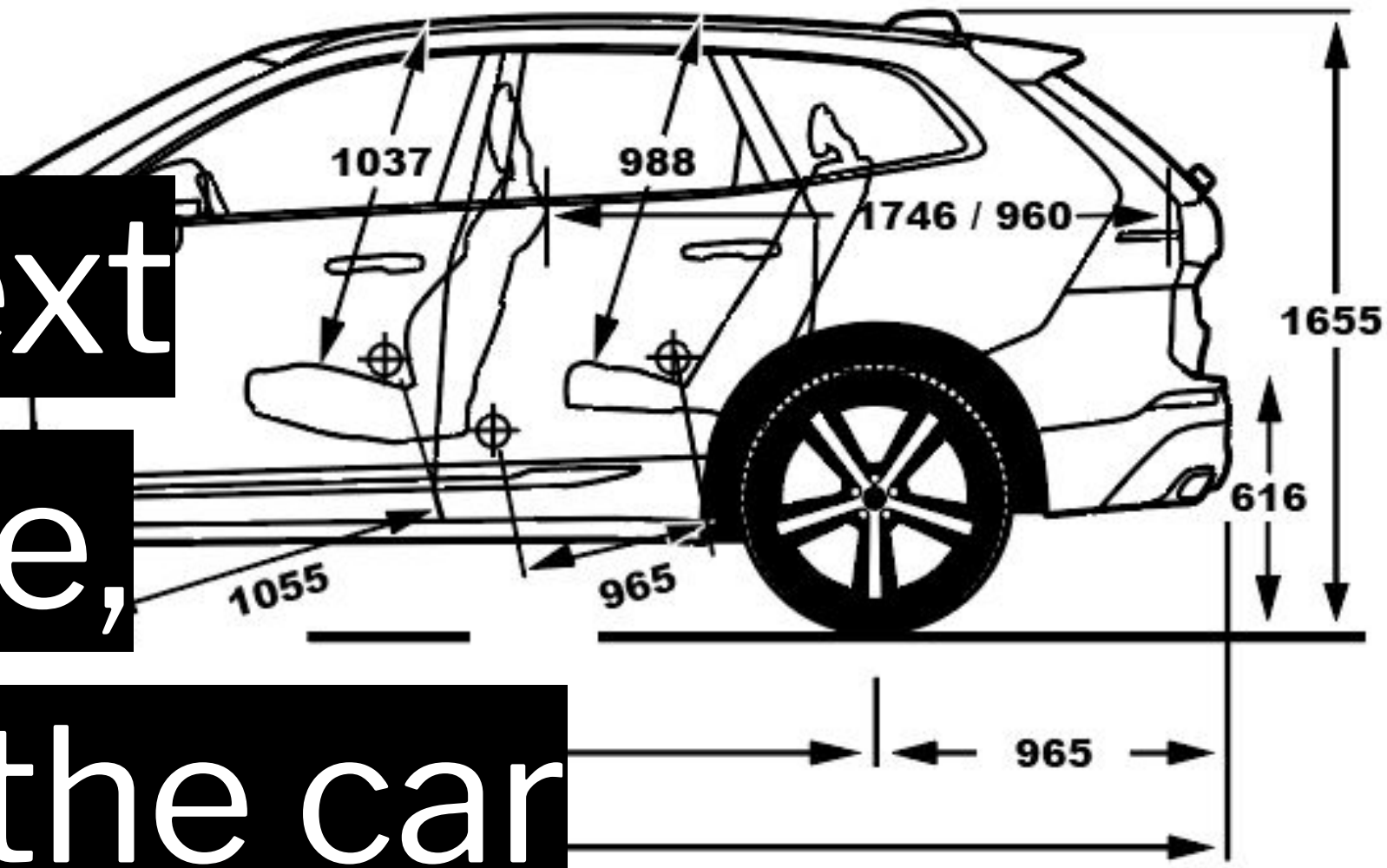


...also  
commonly here.





Our context starts here, inside of the car



In touchpoints  
like these...



...and this,  
while driving  
108km/h.

110 108  
km/h

300m  
↙ ↘ ↑

For people  
inside of the car



...and around the car,  
around the world.

For life,  
lives and living.



# CAR UX

Our mission is to design user experiences\*  
inside of and immediately adjacent to the car  
that are personal, sustainable, and safe.

\*often, but not always digital

# When hardware is evolving





# When software is evolving



How do ensure we deliver on our values  
in the UX we design for our cars?



# CAR UX PRINCIPLES

The foundation of our experiences

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# 1. Design for safe display of information



Failure is a  
serious matter.



The digital instrument cluster displays a speed limit of 50 and a current speed of 48 km/h. The navigation map shows a route with a distance of 800m to Hjalmar Brantningsp. The battery level is at 90% and the range is 488km. Gear selection options R, N, and D are visible on the right side of the display.

50

48  
km/h

800m  
Hjalmar Brantningsp.

488km 90%

R  
N  
D

110

108

km/h



300m





How's it relevant  
for my team?

Design for  
detailed analysis  
of information

Design for  
quickest action  
possible based  
on information

Design for

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of

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# 1.

# Design for safe display of information

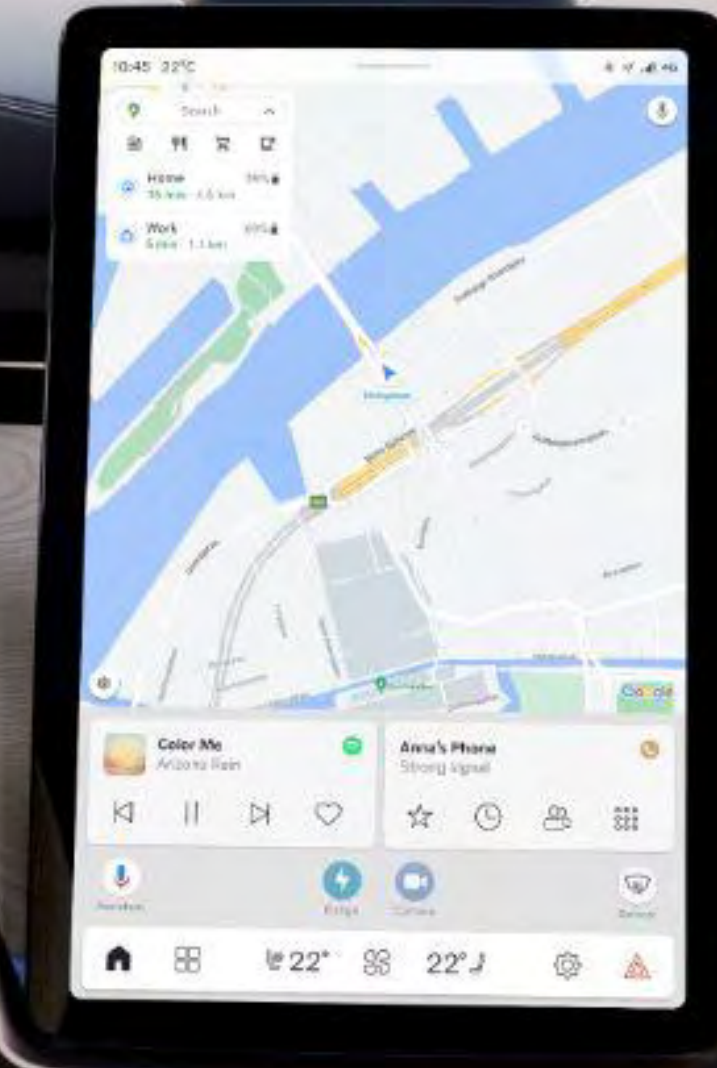
Driver, driving is prioritized user and use case

# 2. Design for behavioral continuity









How's it relevant  
for my team?

HMW pick up the  
experience where the  
user left last time?



HMW evolve the  
experience across  
touchpoints and  
time scales?

2.

# Design for behavioral continuity

Journey-based perspectives (user and product)

3.

Design for

reusable knowledge



12:30 7°C

Anna



### Your profile is ready!

Continue to personalize settings like seat and mirror position

Later

More settings

- Home icon
- App grid icon
- Temperature icon: 22°
- Fan icon
- Temperature icon: 22°
- Car icon
- Warning icon

# Who's watching?



Ben



Susan



Test



claire



Add Profile



MANAGE PROFILES

How's it relevant  
for my team?

BMW ~~steal~~ utilize  
relevant models,  
frameworks or  
interactions humans  
already understand?

3.

# Design for reusable knowledge

Avoid novelty that lacks intention or purpose



# 4. Design for accessibility and inclusivity





How's it relevant  
for my team?

BMW consider taking  
an experience  
compromise to  
**protect our user(s)?**

BMW consider taking  
an experience  
compromise to  
**enable easier usage?**

BMW consider taking  
an experience  
compromise to  
**expand inclusion?**

4.

# Design for accessibility and inclusivity

Compromises can be necessary



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# TO CONCLUDE

Why principles matter, for us

In our world,  
failure can be high stakes



Aligned with brand



Aligned with brand  
Tech-enabled



Aligned with brand  
Tech-enabled  
Humane and human-centric



Principles don't solve the problem - but they give parameters to work with and measure solutions against.



# THANK YOU

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