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The company said it had created a single-use digital key which postal or delivery services can use to locate a vehicle and open it.

The system "will allow consumers to have shopping delivered straight to their car, no matter where they are", the company said in a statement.

"Via a [smartphone](#) or a [tablet](#), the owner will be informed when a delivery company wants to drop off or pick up something from the car," they added.

The owner of the car then accepts the delivery and can track when the car is opened.

The technology would provide a solution for people who are on the move and need to receive deliveries away from their home or office.

The company said failed deliveries cost courier companies around one billion euros (\$1.37 billion) in re-delivery costs each year.

"The technology was trialled during a pilot programme of 100 people, 86% of which agreed that 'roam delivery' saved them time," Volvo said.

"The future [car](#) will be much more than just a means of transportation."

The [company](#) will present the new [technology](#) at the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona on February 24-25, but has not set a launch date for clients.

"We are in talks with different partners," innovation manager Johan Maresch said.

Chinese-owned Volvo is attempting to move into the high-end auto segment, to join brands such as Audi or BMW, as well as position itself as one of the most innovative in the market.

It has promised to put the first self-driving cars on Swedish roads in 2017 and pledged that nobody will be injured on the road in Volvo cars from 2020.

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