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ŠKODA at the 2018 Geneva Motor Show: numerous model updates and a glimpse into the automotive future

- › ŠKODA VISION X will offer a glimpse into future developments in the Czech car manufacturer's model range
- › Premiere of the extensively revised ŠKODA FABIA
- › ŠKODA KODIAQ Laurin & Klement: introduction of the range-topping variant of the sought-after SUV line-up
- › ŠKODA SUPERB: new features such as the KESSY extended security function or ambient lighting connected to Driving Mode Select
- › ŠKODA OCTAVIA RS Challenge Plus package
- › Digital instrument panel now also available for OCTAVIA, SUPERB and KODIAQ model ranges

Mladá Boleslav/Geneva, 5 March 2018 – The Czech car manufacturer ŠKODA presents numerous model updates at the 2018 Geneva International Motor Show. At the exhibition, the spotlight is on the world premiere of the ŠKODA VISION X design study, which offers a look ahead to further developments in the model range. The extensively revised ŠKODA FABIA is making its debut and the ŠKODA KODIAQ Laurin & Klement, the new range-topping variant of the popular SUV model line-up, is being presented to the public for the first time. The ŠKODA OCTAVIA RS comes with a Challenge Plus package. In addition, the digital instrument panel has been introduced to the OCTAVIA, KODIAQ and SUPERB model ranges.

ŠKODA AUTO is keeping a close eye on the future. The Czech car manufacturer's appearance at this year's Geneva International Motor Show (6–18 March 2018) also illustrates this. The centrepiece of the ŠKODA stand is the Innovation Tunnel, where detailed and interactive displays inform visitors about the VISION X study. On the right side of the tunnel smart solutions will be visible. Through a story it will be possible to get information about the ŠKODA AUTO DigiLab apps, the longboard and other new elements. On the opposite side materials used in vehicle production will be shown. The design of interior surfaces will be on show, as will the high quality of the components that have been used. The materials used in the exterior can also be experienced in a variety of ways in the Innovation Tunnel. In addition, ŠKODA is giving visitors a glimpse into the brand's current connectivity and mobility services. At the end of the tunnel, displays and tablets also provide visitors in an interactive way with comprehensive information about the VISION X concept study.

ŠKODA VISION X: an emotionally rich study that focuses on automotive sustainability and agility

In addition to its vision of a modern crossover, the Czech car manufacturer is also providing a glimpse of a third model for the successful SUV family with the ŠKODA VISION X. The study transfers the brand-typical design language used in the SUV models into a further vehicle segment. The VISION X also features crystalline design accents inspired by traditional Bohemian glass art. The large touchscreen display is new and enables a new operating concept in terms of infotainment



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and connectivity. The hybrid drive concept is particularly innovative: it couples a CNG-powered (compressed natural gas), four-cylinder, turbo engine with an electric drive and thereby allows for particularly low fuel consumption and emissions.

ŠKODA FABIA: bestseller in the small car segment with an extensive range of new features

The comprehensively revised ŠKODA FABIA is also making an attractive entrance. A modified design at the front and rear provide the exterior with an appearance that is as elegant as it is dynamic and modern. In addition, LED headlights and LED rear lights are available for the first time. Inside, a newly designed instrument cluster and redesigned seats provide fresh visual highlights. The range of driver assistance systems and 'Simply Clever' features has also been expanded once more.

ŠKODA KODIAQ Laurin & Klement: the exclusive, range-topping variant of the successful SUV model line-up

Distinct design features and a range of exclusive equipment as standard set the ŠKODA KODIAQ Laurin & Klement apart. The top-of-the-line variant of the large SUV features 19-inch 'Sirius' alloy wheels, full-LED headlights, a radiator grille with chromed slats as well as model-specific front and rear bumpers. In the interior, the leather upholstery and uniquely designed decorative strips emphasise the elegant and stylish tone of the ŠKODA KODIAQ Laurin & Klement. The large SUV's engine portfolio has also been updated for the market launch of the ŠKODA KODIAQ Laurin & Klement.

ŠKODA SUPERB and ŠKODA OCTAVIA RS to provide even greater driving fun

From now on a selection of new specification features will be available for the ŠKODA SUPERB, including the KESSY extended security function (Keyless Entry, Start and Exit System) or the ambient lighting, which is connected to Driving Mode Select.

The ŠKODA OCTAVIA RS provides pure driving fun. In Geneva, it is being shown for the first time with the optional Challenge Plus package, which consists of exclusive design and equipment features for both the interior and exterior.

Digital instrument panel available for additional ŠKODA models

The digital instrument panel first introduced in the ŠKODA KAROQ compact SUV will be available for the ŠKODA OCTAVIA, ŠKODA SUPERB and ŠKODA KODIAQ. The panel's displays can be individually programmed; there's a choice of different layouts. The size and positioning of the information displayed can also be freely configured. In addition to speed, rpm, fuel gauge or the navigational destination, information about the sound system, telephone or assistance systems can also be displayed on the screen behind the steering wheel.

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ŠKODA AUTO continues on road to success following best year in company's history

- › In 2017, the Czech car manufacturer delivered more than 1.2 million vehicles worldwide for the first time
- › New SUV models KODIAQ and KAROQ are among the growth drivers
- › ŠKODA AUTO employs more than 30,000 people, operating in more than 100 markets worldwide
- › Electromobility, digitisation and mobility services are the focal points of ŠKODA's Strategy 2025
- › Investing in higher capacity, modern manufacturing and e-vehicle construction

Mladá Boleslav/Geneva, 5 March 2018 – ŠKODA AUTO can look back on the most successful year in its 123-year history. The Czech carmaker delivered over 1.2 million vehicles worldwide in 2017 – more than ever before. In addition, the company reached the milestone of 20 million vehicles built since the company began producing automobiles in 1905. The ŠKODA OCTAVIA and FABIA series celebrated production anniversaries last year with six and four million units produced respectively since their launches. With investments in higher production capacities, the production of electric vehicles and components, and the internationalisation of the ŠKODA AUTO DigiLab, the company is setting the course for sustained positive development.

"2017 was the best year in ŠKODA AUTO's 123-year history. This gives us further impetus, and we would like to thank all our customers for the trust they have placed in us," says ŠKODA AUTO CEO Bernhard Maier. "The past year has demonstrated that with ŠKODA Strategy 2025, we are on the right path to successfully shape the profound changes in the automotive industry. At the same time, this success motivates us to go full throttle again this year. And that is exactly what we are doing with numerous new products and mobility solutions that will delight our customers," says Maier.

2017 was a year of many strategic decisions for ŠKODA AUTO: In addition to the successful launch of the SUV campaign, the company expanded its capacities at the plants. Furthermore, the Volkswagen Group entrusted the traditional Czech company with the responsibility for the MQB A0 IN platform. "We are evaluating a global architecture for volume segments – initially focusing on India," says ŠKODA AUTO CEO Bernhard Maier. "This is another project that demands our full attention, and, at the same time, presents an enormous opportunity for ŠKODA AUTO. And we have managed to bring electric vehicles to the Czech Republic," Maier was pleased to announce. From 2019, the production of the ŠKODA SUPERB PHEV – the brand's first plug-in hybrid model – will be launched in Kvasiny. In the same year, ŠKODA AUTO will begin manufacturing e-components also for other Group brands in Mladá Boleslav. The brand will roll out purely electric vehicles in 2020. "This decision underlines the Group's confidence in the ŠKODA workforce. This is an important step for the future of the ŠKODA brand and the Czech Republic as an automotive location."

ŠKODA AUTO set a new sales record in 2017. The traditional Czech brand's worldwide deliveries rose by 6.6% to 1,200,500 vehicles last year. 2017 is the fourth consecutive year that ŠKODA AUTO has sold more than one million vehicles in one calendar year. In addition to the



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bestselling ŠKODA OCTAVIA, the ŠKODA SUPERB and the new SUVs KODIAQ and KAROQ are among the most important growth drivers. Both SUV models have enjoyed great popularity since their launch.

New SUV model series immediately made a major contribution to the record sales

The brand currently offers seven car series: the CITIGO, FABIA, RAPID, OCTAVIA, KAROQ, KODIAQ and SUPERB. The most popular model series remained the ŠKODA OCTAVIA in 2017, while the top model SUPERB continued on its growth trajectory. The KODIAQ held a notable share of the 2017 sales record. The large SUV achieved around 100,000 deliveries in its first full sales year. The compact SUV KAROQ, launched on the market in autumn, achieved sales of 6300 units in only a few weeks, with thousands more pre-orders.

With the presentation of the compact SUV ŠKODA KAROQ in China and the market debut of ŠKODA KODIAQ in India, the SUV campaign gained additional momentum in key sales regions.

Deliveries by the ŠKODA brand in 2017

(in units, rounded off, listed by model; +/- in percent compared to 2016):

ŠKODA OCTAVIA	418,800; -3.9 %
ŠKODA RAPID	211,500; -0.6 %
ŠKODA FABIA	206,500; +2.1 %
ŠKODA SUPERB	150,900; +8.7 %
ŠKODA KODIAQ	100,000; -
ŠKODA YETI	69,500; -27.8 %
ŠKODA KAROQ	6,300; -
ŠKODA CITIGO (only sold in Europe)	37,100; -8.8 %

The world's strongest sales market for the ŠKODA brand is still **China**. In this region, deliveries in 2017 increased by 2.5% to 325,000 units. In December of last year alone, the brand delivered 42,400 vehicles to customers – 41.8% more than in the same month in 2016. In **Western Europe**, the brand's deliveries to customers in 2017 increased by 5.2% to 477,700 vehicles. In **Central Europe**, ŠKODA's sales increased in 2017 by 12.7% to 207,100 vehicles. In **Eastern Europe excluding Russia**, the manufacturer delivered 17.9% more vehicles in the year as a whole with 41,300 vehicles. ŠKODA achieved notable growth in **Russia**, where, with 62,300 units, 12.5% more vehicles were delivered than in the previous year.

The ten most successful markets for ŠKODA in 2017

<i>Country</i>	<i>Deliveries to customers 2017</i>
1. China	325,000
2. Germany	173,300
3. Czech Republic	95,000
4. Great Britain	80,100
5. Poland	66,600
6. Russia	62,300
7. France	27,300
8. Turkey	25,000
9. Italy	24,700
10. Austria	24,300



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ŠKODA AUTO employs more than 30,000 people and is active in more than 100 markets. The company has three production sites in the Czech Republic: the vehicle factories in Mladá Boleslav and Kvasiny, as well as the state-of-the-art component factory in Vrchlabí. In addition, ŠKODA AUTO manufactures its automobiles in China, Russia, Slovakia, Algeria and India primarily through Group partnerships, as well as in Ukraine and Kazakhstan with local partners.

20 million produced vehicles

In record-breaking 2017, ŠKODA AUTO celebrated several important production anniversaries. In September 2017, for example, the 20 millionth vehicle – a ŠKODA KAROQ – rolled off the Kvasiny line. This milestone underscores ŠKODA AUTO's successful growth strategy. In particular, since joining forces with the Volkswagen Group in 1991, the company has shown exemplary development. As one of the longest-established automobile manufacturers in the world, the company began producing automobiles in 1905 in Mladá Boleslav; the first vehicle was the Voiturette A, developed by company founders Laurin and Klement.

ŠKODA AUTO: Clear strategy until 2025

With Strategy 2025, ŠKODA AUTO has defined the guidelines for responding to the profound changes in the automotive industry – in particular, regarding the topics of electromobility, autonomous driving and connectivity. Other key areas of action include digitising products and processes, conquering new markets and expanding the traditional automotive construction business to include a variety of mobility services. With this, ŠKODA AUTO intends to grow in two dimensions: vehicle sales shall continue to increase, and new business areas such as digital mobility services will set the course for further growth.

ŠKODA AUTO DigiLab establishes joint venture in IT hotspot Israel

As part of Strategy 2025, ŠKODA has defined digitisation as the cornerstone of future corporate development. ŠKODA AUTO DigiLab, which among other things improves the innovative strength and digital development expertise of the Czech manufacturer, will play a central role in this. ŠKODA AUTO DigiLab aims to align the entire company with the possibilities and requirements of digitisation. Established as a responsive IT start-up, it explores and develops new business models, solutions and products. One of the core tasks is to work alongside external innovators.

In December 2017, ŠKODA AUTO DigiLab and the Israeli ŠKODA importer Champion Motors established a joint venture in Tel Aviv, which began operating just one month later. The Israeli metropolis is considered to be one of the most dynamic locations for IT start-ups in the world. Two permanent local employees will make connections with key Israeli start-ups and form collaborations.

"Israel is a high profile source of digital innovation. Being present there and gaining direct access to innovative projects, high-tech start-ups and IT talent is very important to ŠKODA," emphasizes ŠKODA AUTO CEO Bernhard Maier. "We firmly believe that we can use the local creative ecosystem and digital development expertise optimally for us. ŠKODA is currently focusing on areas including cyber security and big data," adds Maier.



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Future Agreement and Action Plan for Czech Automotive Industry

The Czech Government and the Association of the Czech Automobile Industry AutoSAP signed a memorandum last October, which includes basic measures to strengthen the future viability of the Czech automotive industry. The central topics of the agreement are electromobility, autonomous driving and digitisation. These three topics are defined as key action areas in ŠKODA's Strategy 2025. As a member of the industry association AutoSAP, ŠKODA AUTO played a crucial role in the creation of future agreement for the Czech automotive industry as well as in the development of an action plan. For this reason, Bernhard Maier signed a statement supporting the successful implementation of the commitments contained in the Memorandum and the Action Plan. ŠKODA AUTO CEO Bernhard Maier welcomes the future agreement for the domestic automotive industry: "With this future agreement, we are sending out a clear signal that we are working towards future mobility solutions. Together, politics, the Automobile Association and the economy are creating the prerequisites for the successful future of the Czech automotive industry with the promotion of digitalisation, electric cars, charging infrastructure and testing autonomous vehicles under real conditions. "

New paint shop increases production capacity at the main plant in Mladá Boleslav

ŠKODA also set the course for sustainable positive development in other areas last year. At the headquarters in Mladá Boleslav, the manufacturer is constructing a new paint shop. ŠKODA is investing €214.5 million in the new building and creating up to 650 new jobs. The new plant will run in three shifts and paint 600 car bodies per day. Cooperating with the existing plant, the painting capacity at the main plant in Mladá Boleslav will rise to 2,700 car bodies a day. The paint shop, which is expected to start operating in June 2019, will be one of the most modern facilities in Europe. The new paint shop sets standards in ecological compatibility, and numerous stages of the workflow will be carried out or supported by robots.

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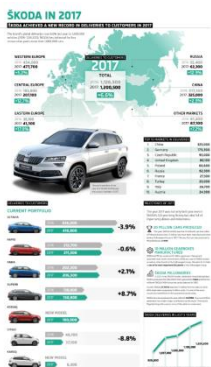


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Infographic: ŠKODA AUTO delivers more than 1.2 million vehicles worldwide in 2017

Global deliveries to customers in 2017.

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The 20 millionth vehicle – a ŠKODA KAROQ – rolled off the Kvasiny line in September 2017.

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ŠKODA VISION X: the third model in the ŠKODA SUV family

- › The ŠKODA VISION X is the first hybrid vehicle in ŠKODA's history to have a CNG- and petrol-powered engine as well as an electric motor
- › Compact proportions, crystalline exterior design
- › Dynamic interior design, large displays and innovative infotainment solutions
- › Just 89 g of CO₂ per kilometre: the drive concept allows for exceptionally low emissions
- › Exterior design provides a view of the future production model

Mladá Boleslav/Geneva, 5 March 2018 – Sporty, compact and full of advanced technology: this is ŠKODA's concept for the urban crossover of the future. The study takes characteristic features from the successful ŠKODA SUV models, reinterprets them and transfers them into a further vehicle segment. The ŠKODA VISION X is celebrating its world premiere at the 2018 Geneva International Motor Show. Compact proportions, short overhangs and precise lines emphasise the agile and sporty nature of the concept car. In its interior, the ŠKODA VISION X boasts innovative infotainment technology. A special highlight: the ŠKODA VISION X's particularly sustainable drive concept combines a CNG-and petrol-powered engine with an electric motor, providing spontaneous power delivery and increased agility, and allowing low CO₂ emissions of less than 90 grams per kilometre.

"Emotive design, modern drive technology and full connectivity: with the ŠKODA VISION X concept study we are presenting our vision of a modern urban crossover," said ŠKODA CEO Bernhard Maier, adding, "The exterior design provides a concrete view of the third member of the successful SUV family. With this model we will attract even more customers to the ŠKODA brand going forward."

The ŠKODA VISION X can be identified as an SUV from the long-established Czech brand at first glance. With the new urban crossover, ŠKODA AUTO is taking the next systematic step in its SUV strategy.

The ŠKODA VISION X embodies agility, versatility and driving pleasure both in urban traffic and when venturing off road. With its compact exterior and interior dimensions as well as advanced infotainment features, the design study orients itself perfectly towards the modern lifestyle of active target groups.

Outdoor excursions and leisure sport activities are the environment in which the robust and compact urban crossover demonstrates its strengths. The concept car provides an insight into a future model that, following the successful launches of the ŠKODA KODIAQ and ŠKODA KAROQ, will continue the brand's SUV campaign and round off the smaller end of ŠKODA's SUV family as an urban crossover variant.

Sustainable drive concept: more agility, less emissions

The ŠKODA VISION X's drive system, which is designed for sustainability as well as agility, is shaped by future-oriented technology. A newly configured hybrid system allows spontaneous power



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delivery and low emission values. For the first time, a highly efficient and particularly low-emission combustion engine has been combined with a belt-driven starter generator and an electric motor on the rear axle, which can power the vehicle by itself over short distances and, furthermore, takes on a supportive boost function when pulling away. Whether on or off the road, power can be delivered to the front axle, rear axle or, if necessary, to all four wheels. In everyday traffic, the ŠKODA VISION X's advanced hybrid system returns a combined CO₂ emissions value of 89 grams per kilometre when driven in an EU test cycle (NEDC).

The concept study's 1.5-litre G-TEC combustion engine with four cylinders and turbocharger has been specially developed for use with CNG (compressed natural gas). As well as conventionally extracted natural gas, CNG can also take the form of biogas or, with the help of green energy, synthetically produced natural gas. CNG vehicles running on conventional natural gas already emit between around 18 and 25 per cent less CO₂ than a petrol-powered model with a comparable power output. The proportion of nitrogen oxide, particulate matter and other emissions is also considerably lower than those of petrol or diesel engines. By adding biogas, CO₂ emissions can be reduced further. When running on 100 per cent biogas or synthetic natural gas, CNG vehicles are CO₂ neutral.

The CNG drive system delivers a power output of 96 kW (130 PS) as well as maximum torque of 200 Nm. One CNG tank can be found under the rear seat, the second one behind the rear axle. The CNG engine drives the front axle; the rear axle is powered by an electric motor. The latter is activated when necessary – to generate additional power when pulling away (boost effect) or to improve traction on slippery surfaces and off-road. The storage capacity of the electric motor's compact battery is sufficient enough to power the concept study purely electrically for a distance of up to two kilometres. Thus, the ŠKODA VISION X can, for example, be driven in a residential area, inside urban low-emission areas or even in the countryside using only the power from the electric motor and, in doing so, travel virtually silently and produce zero emissions. The ŠKODA VISION X is the first ŠKODA all-wheel-drive vehicle that has no propshaft.

The CNG drive is supported by two electric motors: the belt-driven starter generator of the combustion engine and a separate one on the rear axle. Combined, the combustion engine and the second motor provide continuous all-wheel drive. This second motor gets its energy from a 48-volt lithium-ion battery. Thanks to brake energy recovery, the lithium-ion battery charges while driving: when braking and coasting, the ŠKODA VISION X converts kinetic energy into electric energy and uses this energy later for driving. As is typical for electric motors, its maximum torque of 70 Nm is available immediately, which makes the car perceptibly more responsive and agile when pulling away and during short bursts of speed. The benefits of the rechargeable batteries include in particular lower weight, a higher capacity and an affordable price.

In everyday traffic, the hybrid system's intelligent operating control system ensures the most efficient collaboration possible between the combustion engine and the electric motor. Additionally, Driving Mode Select enables the driver to tailor the drive control to suit them. The driver can select the entirely electric driving mode at the touch of a button, enabling the ŠKODA VISION X to continue its journey whilst producing zero emissions.



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The design study can use front-wheel, rear-wheel or all-wheel drive as and when necessary. The rear-wheel drive transfers 1,000 Nm onto the road and, also thanks to an additional petrol reserve tank, the VISION X has a range of up to 650 kilometres.

The power output of the two drive units allows the ŠKODA VISION X to accelerate from 0 to 100 km/h in 9.3 seconds; it has a top speed of 200 km/h.

Brand-typical design with crystalline elements and compact proportions

“The design of the ŠKODA VISION X expresses a zest for life and enthusiasm for an active urban lifestyle,” said Head of Design Oliver Stefani, adding, “The design language typically seen in ŠKODA SUV models has been rigorously carried over to a new vehicle segment.”

The latest evolution of the current design language for the brand’s SUV models is visible in the exterior design of the ŠKODA VISION X. The ŠKODA VISION X is 4,255 mm long, 1,807 mm wide and 1,537 mm high; the wheelbase is 2,645 mm and the boot has a capacity of 380 l. The 20-inch two-tone alloy wheels in a 3D design with polished alloy parts and the anthracite, matt paintwork on the crystalline-design spokes strengthen the rugged overall impression.

Other typical features of a ŠKODA SUV are the tornado line running from the headlights to the rear, the side windows which taper towards the rear, and the striking wheel arches. The emotive appearance of the ŠKODA VISION X is emphasised in particular by its exterior finish in the colour combination of FlexGreen and anthracite. Various elements in the interior are finished in the body colours.

The brand-typical radiator grille with double vertical slats and the ŠKODA logo positioned directly above it on the bonnet reveal the VISION X as a member of the Czech car manufacturer’s SUV family at first glance. The grille and logo feature backlighting.

The equally characteristic design of the split headlights, which emphasise the robust and protective nature of the ŠKODA VISION X, follows the design of the previous SUV models, the ŠKODA KAROQ and the ŠKODA KODIAQ. In the VISION X, however, the lighting functions have been rearranged: the delicately designed upper lighting units – each with four lenses made from hand-cut lead crystal – feature the daytime running lights and indicators with LED technology. The indicator contains sequential lights (sweeping effect). The lights below – also in a cut lead crystal design – offer LED technology for the dipped and high beam.

The triangular LED rear lights of the ŠKODA VISION X also come in a new, yet brand-typical, design. They are likewise split in two and integrated separately into the rear section. Together, they form the ‘C’ shape that is typical of ŠKODA models. The precise lines are completed by clean-cut crystal glass elements, which cover the rear lights. The tail light positioned in the upper light element is produced by LED units which have the same triangular shape as the light sources for the daytime running light in the upper section of the headlights.

The lines typical of ŠKODA’s current design language are inspired by crystalline shapes and can be found in the headlights, rear lights and wing mirrors of the concept car. The crystalline design’s reference to traditional Bohemian glass art is expressed by an exclusive choice of materials for particularly striking details on the ŠKODA VISION X, such as the radiator grille’s trims and double



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slats, the ŠKODA logo on the bonnet and decorative elements in the wing mirrors. Rather than the ŠKODA logo, aluminium ŠKODA lettering is mounted onto the rear.

New interior design

The concept car's interior offers ŠKODA-typical generous dimensions and versatile space for passengers and luggage. The wide dashboard has a great visual presence and a perfectly ergonomic design. It features lively and symmetrical surfaces with lines that mirror the brand-typical contour for the front end of the bonnet. Triangular features, such as the air outlets, can be found on the dashboard. The interior is equipped with a variety of special features, which emphasise the versatile and sports-oriented nature of the ŠKODA VISION X.

A sporty and active lifestyle is also reflected in the materials chosen for the seat surfaces, door trims, centre console and dashboard. A mix of breathable fabrics, artificial leather and rubber surfaces characterises the robust and sporty interior ambience of the ŠKODA VISION X.

Furthermore, the ŠKODA VISION X features a centre console with a polished glass surface, making it possible to look at a display that is connected to the drive control and showing the energy flow of the two motors as well as the drive's mode of operation. Multicoloured graphics illustrate the distribution of torque to the front or rear axle.

Groundbreaking: technology and design for infotainment and connectivity

Now that the latest infotainment and connectivity features are available for almost all ŠKODA models, the ŠKODA VISION X is rigorously driving the digitalisation of ŠKODA models forward and offering digital services such as Smart Parking, HoppyGo, TwoGo and CareDriver.

These technologies:

- › direct the driver to available parking spaces
- › offer the car for rental when it is not needed
- › offer car sharing opportunities
- › or, for example, ensure that children are picked up from nursery if their parent or guardian cannot make it on time.

These innovative features contribute to a particularly enhanced, unique and emotionally charged driving experience in the ŠKODA VISION X. They were developed in the ŠKODA AUTO DigiLab, a think tank which strengthens the innovative capability of the Czech car manufacturer in the area of digitalisation. The DigiLab develops the basis for innovative mobility concepts, 'car2X' communication, mobile online services and a whole host of other technological solutions which digitally connect cars with their users and their surroundings.

Thanks to the ŠKODA Connect services, passengers in the ŠKODA VISION X are always online. The car also features a digital instrument panel, which allows content to be selected and positioned individually. Furthermore, the concept car comes equipped with an all-new in-car monitor with a new digital Human Machine Interface (HMI) system. The high-resolution, colour display with touchscreen functionality is integrated into the dashboard as a freestanding monitor above the centre console. It displays a personal welcome message for the driver as soon as they open the door and then serves as the central display and control unit for all infotainment and connectivity features available during the journey. At the same time, the personal settings of the driver seat saved on the remote-control key are activated as well as comfort features such as air conditioning



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and ventilation, and the preferred music programme.

Functions are visualised on the digital instrument panel and the central in-car monitor using new display modes and graphics, which were also developed in the ŠKODA AUTO DigiLab. These use colour-coordinated light effects.

The in-car monitor rises at the press of a button, allowing a smartphone to be slotted into its built-in docking station. Connecting a mobile phone allows all of the infotainment system features that are integrated via an Internet connection or smartphone apps to be used on board the ŠKODA VISION X instantly. Furthermore, the addresses and calendar entries saved in the smartphone as well as individual mobility patterns are used to determine the next driving destination and to offer the driver various route suggestions.

'Simply Clever': electric skateboards for the last mile

The 'Simply Clever' concept for the ŠKODA VISION X includes another sustainable idea. The boot of the ŠKODA VISION X comes equipped with special anchoring systems for two electric skateboards. The car also carries two helmets and a camera drone, which the skateboarder can use to record a video of their speedy ride. In addition, removable protectors for the skateboarder's neck and back area are built into the backrests of the driver and front passenger's sport seats. Two sports bottles are integrated into the centre console.

Electromobility strategy

Electromobility plays a crucial role in ŠKODA AUTO's global growth strategy. The electrification of the ŠKODA model range will start as early as 2019 with the launch of a ŠKODA SUPERB with plug-in hybrid drive. In addition to electric vehicles, electric components for plug-in hybrid models for several Volkswagen Group brands will also be produced at the Mladá Boleslav plant from as early as 2019. Shortly afterwards, the first ŠKODA production vehicle with purely electric drive will follow. Between now and 2025, the brand will be extensively expanding its range of hybrid vehicles and purely battery-powered models in various segments.

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ŠKODA FABIA: bestseller with a fresh design and technological update

- › New design for the front and rear, headlights and rear lights with LED technology
- › Additional assistance systems, a new Swing Plus infotainment system with a 6.5-inch display, and more 'Simply Clever' features

Mladá Boleslav/Geneva, 5 March 2018 – ŠKODA AUTO is presenting the comprehensively revised ŠKODA FABIA at the 2018 Geneva International Motor Show. The Czech car manufacturer has upgraded its successful model from the small car segment with fresh design highlights and numerous technical innovations. In addition to the front and rear sections, the interior has also been redesigned. The ŠKODA FABIA now features LED headlights and LED rear lights as well as additional driver assistance systems. ŠKODA Connect and an expanded range of 'Simply Clever' features round off the driving experience.

The modified design of the front and rear bumper as well as the reshaped headlights and fog lights make for an attractive appearance. For the first time, LED headlights and LED rear lights are available for the ŠKODA FABIA. The extended range of alloy wheels available for the hatchback includes 18-inch wheels amongst other sizes. The newly designed instrument cluster, new decorative strips for the dashboard and two-tone seat surfaces all contribute to the interior's refined appearance.

By expanding its range of driver assistance systems, ŠKODA AUTO is once again transferring advanced vehicle technologies usually seen in higher vehicle segments into the small car segment. While Blind Spot Detect alerts the driver to vehicles travelling in their blind spot on multi-lane roads, Rear Traffic Alert monitors what is happening behind the car and warns the driver of any risk of a collision when reversing. In addition, Light Assist will be available from now on.

The new Swing Plus infotainment system features a 6.5-inch display. This also enables the use of connectivity features such as SmartLink+ or a Bluetooth connection for your smartphone.

The range of 'Simply Clever' features in the ŠKODA FABIA has been expanded once again. As an option, the rear can be equipped with two USB ports. The boot now comes with an optional double-sided boot liner. A removable LED torch can be found in the side compartment of the ŠKODA FABIA COMBI's boot.



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Design: dynamic exterior and customisable interior

- › Modifications to the radiator grille as well as the front and rear bumpers
- › Newly designed LED headlights and rear lights refine the small car's profile
- › New alloys, in an 18-inch format for the hatchback model
- › ŠKODA FABIA MONTE CARLO emphasises sporty features with redesigned front, and black roof spoiler
- › Extensive selection of new seat upholstery, Suedia seats for Style trim level

Compact proportions, striking lines and a dynamic design language characterise the exterior of the ŠKODA FABIA. Thanks to the newly designed front and rear section, as well as new alloys, the small car now comes across as even more dynamic. From now on, the revised FABIA is also available with LED headlights and LED rear lights as an option. In the interior, a wide range of seat covers and decorative trims provides an ambience that is as fresh as it is elegant. The redesigned instrument cluster and the illuminated storage compartment in the centre console are both visual highlights.

Thanks to the newly designed front, the revised ŠKODA FABIA now comes across as even more high quality. The more finely drawn front bumper and the vertical slats in the radiator grille make for an elegant appearance. The headlights are now available with LED technology as an option, and exhibit crystalline features in typical ŠKODA style. The fog lights have also been redesigned and emphasise the front section's more mature character.

LED rear lights and new alloys

The ŠKODA FABIA's LED rear lights make their brand-typical C-shape stand out even more clearly. The rear bumper featuring integrated reflectors also emphasises elegance. The range of optional alloy wheels has also been updated and comprehensively expanded. Now, the ŠKODA FABIA is also available with the 18-inch 'Vega' alloy wheels (only for the hatchback).

The colour concept allows the exterior of the ŠKODA FABIA to be customised even more. For the hatchback model, the roof, A-pillars, wing mirrors and the optional 16-inch 'Vigo' alloy wheels can all be painted in a choice of black, white or silver.

New touches in the interior: modern, high quality and functional

The ŠKODA FABIA's interior presents itself as high quality and functional. The Active, Ambition and Style trim levels as well as the MONTE CARLO model variant all offer a variety of customisation options for the interior, and there are also numerous additional options available. Two-tone seat upholstery and contrasting stitching on the door armrests provide fresh flair. From now on, the seat cover combination of Suedia/fabric is available in the Style trim level. On the optional sports seats, this Suedia/fabric cover combination is adorned with contrasting red stitching.

Dashboard with new decorative trims and redesigned instrument cluster

The range of decorative strips available for the dashboard is now even wider and the instrument cluster wows with redesigned round instruments and displays – now even easier to read.



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The operation of the electric windows has also been optimised. The side windows can now be fully opened or closed with a single press of a button. When a certain amount of pressure is applied to the button, the windows fully open or close, without the button having to be kept held down.

ŠKODA FABIA MONTE CARLO – lifestyle with a sporty touch

The sporty touch exhibited by the ŠKODA FABIA MONTE CARLO lifestyle variant is emphasised by a newly designed front and a black roof spoiler. The ŠKODA FABIA MONTE CARLO's sports seats also underline its dynamic appearance: they are covered in red / satin black carbon leather and feature contrasting white stitching. The plastic strips integrated into the seat upholstery are used in the FABIA for the first time and create a particularly striking visual highlight. The roof lining, A-pillars and centre console all come in black. In addition, the interior of the FABIA MONTE CARLO is characterised by a carbon fibre-design decorative strip as well as contrasting red stitching on the door trims and the centre armrest.



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Body: a spacious car despite compact dimensions

- › Compact dimensions, generous amount of space
- › Interior offers space for five people and a variable boot
- › ŠKODA FABIA features one of the largest boots in its segment

With its compact dimensions, the ŠKODA FABIA is easy and comfortable to drive, and nimble when travelling in city traffic. The brand-typical, generously sized interior provides plenty of space for up to five occupants. This is combined with one of the largest boots within its segment and therefore makes the ŠKODA FABIA the ideal companion for everyday life and leisure time.

With its agile driving characteristics and versatile interior, the ŠKODA FABIA is ideally equipped to face any challenge. Thanks to its short overhangs, it's also not a problem to find a place to park in the city centre. And yet, despite a compact exterior length of 3,997 mm for the hatchback and 4,262 mm for the Combi, the FABIA offers a generously sized interior.

A generous amount of space for five occupants

The generous amount of space for up to five occupants makes it immediately clear: the revised FABIA is also a true ŠKODA on the inside. The interior length is 1,674 mm, whilst the elbow room is 1,401 mm in the front and 1,386 mm in the rear. The front doors have enough storage space for 1.5-litre bottles; the rear door trims provide space for 0.5-litre bottles.

One of the largest boots in the small car segment

The interior of the ŠKODA FABIA is also versatile thanks to the particularly spacious boot. The hatchback offers a minimum of 330 l of storage space. Folding down the rear seats, which can be split in a ratio of 40:60, increases the boot capacity to 1,150 l. Due to its 960-mm-wide opening, the FABIA's boot is always easy to load. As a result, the FABIA is equipped with one of the largest boots in its segment.

With a capacity of 530 l to 1,395 l, the ŠKODA FABIA COMBI offers an even more generous luggage compartment. With a wide-opening tailgate, low loading sill and a 960-mm-wide opening, even bulky items can be comfortably stowed in the boot.



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New driver assistance systems and technologies: improved comfort and safety

- › Wide range of driver assistance systems
- › Innovative technology from higher vehicle segments
- › Blind Spot Detect, Rear Traffic Alert (low) and Light Assist expand the range of driver assistance systems
- › LED headlights with AFS technology

Additional driver assistance systems increase the level of comfort and safety in the ŠKODA FABIA. The small car also uses innovative technologies usually only found in higher vehicle segments. The LED headlights, which are available for the ŠKODA FABIA for the first time, come with adaptive lighting control. Also new: Blind Spot Detect, Rear Traffic Alert and Light Assist now make driving in the ŠKODA FABIA even more effortless, safer and more comfortable in different traffic situations.

The revised ŠKODA FABIA offers comprehensive passive and active safety. Standard features include Electronic Stability Control with ABS, EBC, ASR traction control, EBD, and HBA; Multi-Collision Brake; XDS electronic differential lock; Isofix anchors for two child seats in the rear seats; tyre pressure monitoring and six airbags. Adaptive Cruise Control, rear-view camera, parking sensors, Front Assist with integrated City Emergency Brake, the Driver Alert fatigue detection system, Easy Light Assist, Light and Rain Assist, High-Beam Assist, Blind Spot Detect, Rear Traffic Alert (low), Speedlimiter and Hill-Hold Control are all optional.

Blind Spot Detect

The optional Blind Spot Detect function improves safety when driving on multi-lane roads and when overtaking. Radar sensors monitor the traffic situation behind and next to the car. An LED light in the wing mirror warns of vehicles that are in the blind spot or approaching rapidly from behind.

Rear Traffic Alert (low)

Rear Traffic Alert uses radar sensors at the rear to monitor what is happening behind the car when reversing out of parking spaces or driveways. An acoustic alert and a visual signal on the in-car monitor warn of any risk of collision.

High-Beam Assist

High-Beam Assist reduces the risk of dazzling other road users when driving in the dark. As soon as the front camera detects oncoming traffic or vehicles ahead, the system automatically switches the headlights to dipped beam. High-Beam Assist is also available for halogen headlights.

LED headlights with AFS technology

The optional LED headlights, which are available for the ŠKODA FABIA for the first time, also come with an adaptive front headlights (AFS) function, which illuminates the road to suit the respective driving situation perfectly. This means that the headlights will always produce the ideal light for journeys on urban roads, through the countryside, on the motorway or when visibility is poor.



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The front headlights have been given a revamp. The entry-level version uses H7 halogen headlights without lenses for the dipped and high beam. These are brighter than the top-of-the-line halogen headlights used in the current version of the ŠKODA FABIA. The daytime running lights use four LED units. Thanks to the improved technology, the new daytime running lights in the revised ŠKODA FABIA are brighter. The top-of-the-line LED headlights have been enhanced with the new cornering function. When turning, it's no longer the respective fog light that automatically illuminates the corner, instead it is an LED built directly into the headlights. All bulbs can now also be changed more easily thanks to their improved positioning.

The redesigned rear light clusters also feature LED technology. The brake lights use six LED units; the rear lights, fed by two LED units, shine in the brand-typical 'C' shape. Both LED units are covered with special sandblasted glass, which makes the lighting surface appear larger. In addition, the structure of the tail lights has been enhanced by crystalline elements typical of the brand. The fog lights are positioned below the tail lights, as opposed to being part of them.



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Infotainment and connectivity: networking increases comfort and the joy of driving

- › A new Swing Plus infotainment system with a 6.5-inch screen
- › Infotainment Online with extended functionality
- › Additional Care Connect Services for locking and unlocking the car
- › Pairing with smartphones and other devices via the ŠKODA Connect App
- › SmartLink+ for integrating Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, MirrorLink™ and SmartGate

The infotainment systems available for the ŠKODA FABIA impress with perfect connectivity and an abundance of functions. They can be operated via the capacitive touchscreen, which now measures 6.5 inches in the Swing infotainment system. In addition, the range of digital ŠKODA Connect services has been expanded once again.

The revised ŠKODA FABIA offers an even wider range of audio and infotainment systems. In addition to the Blues audio system, customers can now also opt for the Swing, Swing Plus or Amundsen infotainment systems. The Amundsen infotainment system includes a navigation system. Compared to the Swing infotainment system, Swing Plus also offers a Bluetooth connection and SmartLink+ technology.

ŠKODA Connect: more infotainment, more support

The comprehensive ŠKODA Connect Mobile Online Services can be divided into Infotainment Online and Care Connect, and perfectly complement the infotainment offering. The Care Connect services provide extensive support in various situations and are available for the Swing, Swing Plus and Amundsen infotainment systems. The optional Emergency Call offers swift assistance: Emergency Call is automatically activated when a restraint system, such as an airbag, is set off. However, it can also be activated manually. The Proactive Service function allows the driver to arrange and prepare for a service whilst on the move. The Amundsen system additionally allows the Infotainment Online services to be used. The Online Traffic Information feature is new to the ŠKODA FABIA. It provides notification of congested areas in real time.

The **ŠKODA Connect App** makes it possible to remotely check if the car's windows and doors are closed. It also provides information about the current mileage, fuel level, or the remaining range (Remote Access). The new function Remote Lock/Unlock makes it possible to remotely lock and unlock your car. Using the app, navigation destinations can be sent directly to the infotainment system from the user's computer or smartphone.

With the Media Command function newly available for the ŠKODA FABIA, not only passengers in the rear can control the playback of audio and video files on up to two tablets, if the devices are connected with the Amundsen infotainment system via ŠKODA Media Command App and Wi-Fi.

An abundance of infotainment features thanks to SmartLink+

The innovative SmartLink+ technology makes the ŠKODA FABIA a versatile infotainment centre. The system allows Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, MirrorLink™ and SmartGate to be integrated into the car. A wide range of different infotainment services can be used by connecting a smartphone and opening the relevant app.



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‘Simply Clever’: even more practical features for everyday life and leisure time

- › Two USB ports in the rear
- › Double-sided boot liner in the boot
- › Boot of the Combi equipped with removable LED torch

Practical features for increased comfort and functionality in everyday life make the ŠKODA brand stand out and are must-haves for the FABIA too. Now there’s an even wider range of ‘Simply Clever’ features.

The ŠKODA FABIA can now be equipped with two USB ports in the rear, allowing passengers, for example, to charge and power their smartphones or other devices.

The boot of the ŠKODA FABIA now comes with a double-sided boot liner. The ŠKODA FABIA COMBI’s ‘Simply Clever’ features now also include a removable LED torch, which can be found in the side compartment of the boot. Its battery automatically charges when the vehicle is in motion.

The table below offers an overview of numerous further ‘Simply Clever’ features on board the ŠKODA FABIA and the ŠKODA FABIA COMBI:

ŠKODA FABIA Selected ‘Simply Clever’ features	
Ticket holder on the A-pillar on the driver’s side	✓
High-vis-vest storage in the driver’s door	✓
Holders for 1.5-litre bottles in the front doors	✓
Holders for 0.5-litre bottles in the rear doors	
Holder for 1.0-litre bottles in the glove compartment	✓
Retractable and removable boot cover with practical release button	✓
Storage nets on the inside edges of the front seats	■
Bag hooks in the boot	■
Umbrella holder under the front passenger seat (incl. umbrella)	■
Waste bin in the door trim	□
Universal holder for multimedia devices	□
SmartLink technology enabling the use of smartphone apps	□
Adjustable false boot floor (ŠKODA FABIA COMBI)	□
Two boot nets (ŠKODA FABIA)	□
Three boot nets (ŠKODA FABIA COMBI)	□
Boot barrier net (ŠKODA FABIA COMBI)	□
Removable LED torch in the boot (ŠKODA FABIA COMBI)	□
Two USB ports in the rear	□
Double-sided boot liner	□
✓ Standard from Active trim level upwards ■ Standard from Ambition trim level upwards □ Optional	



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ŠKODA KODIAQ Laurin & Klement: the large SUV's range-topping variant

- › ŠKODA KODIAQ Laurin & Klement comes with distinct design details and a particularly extensive range of comfort features
- › Classy ambience for up to seven occupants
- › Company founders Václav Laurin and Václav Klement gave the Laurin & Klement trim level its name
- › Progressive power steering as standard

Mladá Boleslav/Geneva, 5 March 2018 – ŠKODA AUTO is introducing the ŠKODA KODIAQ's new range-topping variant, Laurin & Klement, which was named by company founders Laurin and Klement. The ŠKODA KODIAQ Laurin & Klement treats up to seven occupants to a particularly extensive range of equipment and high degree of comfort as standard. The range-topping version of the large SUV is celebrating its world premiere at the 2018 Geneva International Motor Show. Full-LED headlights, a radiator grille with vertical slats and a chrome surround, 19-inch 'Sirius' alloy wheels and model-specific front and rear bumpers emphasise the stylish appearance of the model. The elegant interior impresses with leather seat covers and Piano Black decorative details.

The ŠKODA KODIAQ's highest trim level, Laurin & Klement, is characterised by an elegant design and premium equipment. ŠKODA's new top-of-the-range ŠKODA KODIAQ thus offers the ultimate driving experience. The ŠKODA KODIAQ Laurin & Klement follows in the footsteps of company founders Václav Laurin and Václav Klement, meeting their quality aspiration: "Only the best is good enough for our customers." Starting in 1895, the Czech mobility pioneers had first worked on the construction of bicycles, before unveiling their first self-developed car in 1905. Their company then merged with ŠKODA Works in 1925.

Style, comfort and elegance

As standard in the ŠKODA KODIAQ Laurin & Klement:

- › Full-LED headlights with Light Assist
- › 19-inch 'Sirius' alloy wheels
- › Electric tailgate
- › Area-View system with four cameras and 360° all-round visibility
- › Front and rear bumpers with unique design, radiator grille with chrome surround
- › Body-coloured side sills
- › Electric, heated wing mirrors with a dimming function, Boarding Spots (puddle lights) and Blind Spot Detect; rear-view mirror with automatic dimming function and rain sensor
- › Tinted rear window and rear side windows (SunSet)
- › Roof rails in matt silver, 'Laurin & Klement' badges on the front wings, door sills with KODIAQ lettering
- › Progressive power steering (adjustable steering ratio provides assistance when manoeuvring into parking spaces and in fast corners)
- › Leather seat covers in black or beige with Laurin & Klement logo
- › Ambient lighting which can be set to one of ten colours
- › Three-spoke multifunction leather steering wheel



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- › Aluminium pedals
- › Electrically adjustable driver's seat including memory function
- › Canton sound system (550 watt, ten speakers)

'Simply Clever' features

The selection of 'Simply Clever' features includes automatically deploying door-edge protection, an electric child safety lock for the rear doors, a retractable boot cover, the Sleep Comfort package, umbrellas in the front doors and an ice scraper in the fuel filler flap.

Infotainment and connectivity

The mobile online services from ŠKODA Connect are extensive additions to the infotainment offering. The Infotainment Online Services provide information and entertainment and the Care Connect Services provide support in numerous situations as well as remote vehicle access. Online Traffic Information is an important element of the Mobile Online Services: it displays the current traffic flow on the selected journey and suggests alternative routes in the event of a traffic jam. In addition, the services provide information about nearby petrol stations, parking spaces, news and the weather.

The Care Connect Services include the automatic Emergency Call, which connects to an emergency call centre when a restraint system has been deployed or can also be operated manually; the Proactive Service, which can be used to arrange a vehicle service; and Remote Access, which allows the driver to remotely access information about vehicle data via the ŠKODA Connect app on their smartphone.

In conjunction with the Amundsen or Columbus infotainment systems, up to eight mobile devices can be paired using the Wi-Fi hotspot. The In-Car Communication system relays the driver's voice to the rear speakers.

Advanced driver assistance systems for improved safety and driving comfort

Find out more about the ŠKODA KODIAQ's driver assistance systems on the ŠKODA Storyboard website ('Driver assistance systems' section):

<https://www.skoda-storyboard.com/en/press-releases/new-skoda-kodiaq-press-kit/>

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