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New ŠKODA FABIA scores five stars in Euro NCAP test

- › ŠKODA FABIA is one of the safest vehicles in its class
- › ŠKODA's entry-level model achieves 78 per cent of maximum possible points in crash safety reference test
- › Fourth-generation FABIA continues ŠKODA's string of top-rated models

Mladá Boleslav, 8 December 2021 – Top rating for the new fourth-generation ŠKODA FABIA: The Czech car manufacturer's entry-level model secured five stars in the crash safety reference test conducted by the independent European New Car Assessment Programme (Euro NCAP). Achieving 78 per cent of the maximum available points, the FABIA is one of the safest vehicles in its class. For the first time, the small car is based on the Volkswagen Group's Modular Transverse Toolkit MQB-A0. This result continues the string of top ratings for ŠKODA vehicles, even under the more stringent assessment criteria introduced in 2020; each new model from the Czech car manufacturer has received the top rating since 2008.

Johannes Neft, ŠKODA AUTO Board Member for Technical Development, says, "The new ŠKODA FABIA's five-star rating in the Euro NCAP test reaffirms our strong commitment to the safety of our customers and all other road users. We are proud that since 2008, each new ŠKODA vehicle has received the highest rating at market launch. The FABIA is now the second model to do so after the more rigorous test conditions were introduced. By switching to the MQB-A0, we can now offer numerous safety features and assistance systems from higher vehicle categories in the FABIA, thus further enhancing the safety of this popular model."

The new ŠKODA FABIA has scored high marks in the comprehensive crash and safety tests performed by the European New Car Assessment Programme (Euro NCAP). The fourth generation of the successful model achieved 78 per cent of the maximum available points in the test programme, for which the assessment criteria were tightened once again in 2020. This means the new FABIA is one of the safest vehicles in its class. The small car received 85 per cent of the maximum points for adult protection and 81 per cent for child safety and thus performed particularly well in these two areas. The top rating for the new FABIA builds on ŠKODA AUTO's impressive record; since 2008, each of the Czech manufacturer's 14 models evaluated has received the highest five-star rating.

The new ŠKODA FABIA comes with up to nine airbags and a driver's knee airbag, and rear side airbags are available as options for the first time in this series. ISOFIX and Top Tether attachments for securely mounting child seats are fitted as standard to the outer rear seats and are available as an option for the front passenger seat. With almost 80 per cent of the components made of high-strength steel, the MQB-A0 platform not only provides the FABIA with a highly torsion-resistant body but also supports the integration of seven advanced assistance systems for the first time. These include Travel Assist, which incorporates Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC), Integrated Lane Keeping Assist and Traffic Sign Recognition and provides automatic longitudinal and lateral guidance support. Other features include Lane Change Assist (Side Assist) and Front Assist with anticipatory pedestrian and cyclist protection. To make parking easier, customers can order the optional Park Assist, Manoeuvre Assist and rear-view camera.



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The European New Car Assessment Programme (Euro NCAP) is an initiative founded in 1997 by transport ministries, automotive clubs, insurance associations and research institutes from eight European countries. The consortium is based in the Belgian city of Leuven and conducts crash tests on current vehicle models to evaluate their active and passive safety. The tests have become increasingly stringent over recent years and now cover a range of collision scenarios. While initially only the results of the crash tests were evaluated, the assessments of active safety systems, as well as driver assistance systems, are now included in the overall rating and have a higher weighting.

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- › is successfully steering through the new decade with the NEXT LEVEL – ŠKODA STRATEGY 2030.
- › aims to be one of the five best-selling brands in Europe by 2030 with an attractive line-up in the entry-level segments and additional e-models.
- › is emerging as the leading European brand in India, Russia and North Africa.
- › currently offers its customers ten passenger-car series: the FABIA, RAPID, SCALA, OCTAVIA and SUPERB as well as the KAMIQ, KAROQ, KODIAQ, ENYAQ iV and KUSHAQ.
- › delivered over one million vehicles to customers around the world in 2020.
- › has been a member of the Volkswagen Group for 30 years. The Volkswagen Group is one of the most successful vehicle manufacturers in the world.
- › independently manufactures and develops not only vehicles but also components such as engines and transmissions in association with the Group.
- › operates at three sites in the Czech Republic; manufactures in China, Russia, Slovakia and India primarily through Group partnerships, as well as in Ukraine with a local partner.
- › employs more than 43,000 people globally and is active in over 100 markets.