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ŠKODA ENYAQ iV and ŠKODA FABIA declared “Best-in-class Cars of 2021” in Euro NCAP test

- › Two ŠKODA models judged the safest vehicles tested in their respective classes in 2021
- › ENYAQ iV and FABIA excel with top marks for occupant protection
- › ŠKODA has achieved the maximum rating of five stars for all 14 models tested since 2008

Mladá Boleslav, 4 January 2022 – Top marks for ŠKODA: The European New Car Assessment Programme (Euro NCAP) has declared the all-electric ŠKODA ENYAQ iV SUV and the fourth-generation ŠKODA FABIA best-in-class for the 2021 test year. This means the two models were the safest of all vehicles tested in their respective classes in 2021. The ENYAQ iV is the safest SUV to have been submitted to the crash safety reference test to date, scoring 86 per cent of the total possible points. The new FABIA meanwhile, at 78 per cent, achieved the best score of all the compact cars tested in 2021. ŠKODA is the only manufacturer to be represented with two vehicles in the line-up of “Best-in-class Cars of 2021”. All 14 new ŠKODA models launched since 2008 have received the maximum five-star rating in the Euro NCAP test.

Euro NCAP regularly compiles a list of the vehicles that have achieved the top result in their class in the crash safety reference tests performed during the previous year. For 2021, these “Best-in-class Cars” include two ŠKODA models: the ŠKODA ENYAQ iV in the SUV class and the ŠKODA FABIA in the compact car class. This makes ŠKODA the only manufacturer to have two class winners in 2021. The ENYAQ iV and the FABIA are the thirteenth and fourteenth new ŠKODA models in direct succession to have received the top rating of five stars since 2008. In 2014, the third-generation FABIA had also been declared best in its class. As the Euro NCAP test requirements become tougher each year, the best-in-class comparison is made only within the years 2020 and 2021 so that all vehicles are assessed against the same standards.

The ŠKODA ENYAQ iV received the maximum rating of five stars and an overall score of 86 per cent of all possible points in the 2021 Euro NCAP test. The first ŠKODA vehicle to be based on the Volkswagen Group’s MEB modular electric car platform achieved outstanding results in the comprehensive crash and safety tests of the European New Car Assessment Programme, particularly in terms of occupant protection. With 94 per cent of available points for Adult Occupant Protection and 89 per cent for Child Occupant Protection, the ŠKODA SUV set a new record in the Euro NCAP tests, which were once again made more stringent, compared to 2020. Since then this percentage has only been exceeded once, by a premium class vehicle.

In its Euro NCAP test, the new ŠKODA FABIA benefited from a further increase in safety due to the switch to the Volkswagen Group’s MQB-A0 Modular Transverse Matrix, which now enables the use of seven modern assistance systems, among other improvements. The successful model’s fourth generation scored 78 per cent of the maximum available points and, like the ENYAQ iV, excelled particularly in the area of occupant protection, with 85 per cent of the possible points for Adult Occupant Protection and 81 per cent of the maximum points for Child Occupant Protection.



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The European New Car Assessment Programme (Euro NCAP) is a scheme founded in 1997 by transport ministries, automobile clubs, insurance associations and research institutes from eight European countries. The consortium is based in the Belgian city of Leuven. It conducts crash tests on current vehicle models and evaluates their active and passive safety as well as their rescue and recovery safety. In recent years, the tests have continuously been made more stringent and now include various collision scenarios. While initially only the results of crash tests were evaluated, the ratings of active safety systems, as well as driver assistance systems, now have a greater weighting in the overall evaluation.

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- › 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.