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ŠKODA has opened the throttle: Five sports cars at Wörthersee

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Mladá Boleslav/Reifnitz, 11 May 2015 – The GTI Meeting at Wörthersee has gathered somewhat of a cult following over recent years. It will be that time again in mid-May for ŠKODA to join the action – this time with five emotive ŠKODA racers, including four sporty versions of the ŠKODA Fabia. First up is the brand new ŠKODA Fabia R5 rally car, an estate version will also be presented for the first time – the Combi show car. The 'Trainee Car' ŠKODA FUNstar and the ŠKODA Fabia with Design package Red & Grey Plus will both be celebrating their world premieres. ŠKODA's show in Austria Reifnitz will be rounded off with the new ŠKODA Octavia Combi RS 230.

The 34th GTI Meeting takes place between 13 and 16 May 2015. As many as 200,000 tuning and motorsport enthusiasts will be making the pilgrimage to Wörthersee, indulging their passion for fast cars. "Motor racing is in our brand's DNA," says ŠKODA CEO Prof. Dr. h.c. Winfried Vahland. "ŠKODA has been at home on the international racing scene for the past 114 years. During that time, we've had some great success in motorsport. As the 'Mecca' of the tuning scene, the GTI Meeting is a great opportunity to share our racing passion with fans from all over Europe."

The new **ŠKODA Fabia R5** rally car will be driving up to Wörthersee almost directly from its first, highly successful racing appearance. Just three weeks ago, ŠKODA's brand new racing car celebrated its dazzling world première with a triumphant victory at the opening of this year's Czech Rally Championships. Now the Fabia R5 is being presented for the first time off the track to a wider public in Reifnitz (Kärnten). The designers have packed in a great number of high-tech features. The green-white-black-painted racing car is equipped with a 1.6-litre turbo engine compliant with FIA regulations. The drivetrain features a sequential five-speed gearbox, and MacPherson struts are used. As stipulated in the rules and regulations, it weighs the minimum 1230 kg. Top ŠKODA drivers were involved in the development of the new Fabia R5.

The **ŠKODA Fabia R5 Combi** rally show car being presented for the first time in Reifnitz will also be giving that real motorsport feeling. With its eye-catching, white, green and



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black finish, the vehicle certainly looks the part from the word go. The ŠKODA Fabia R5 Combi drives up on 18-inch alloys. At the front, the powerful bumpers and wide air intake testify to the car's rallying ambitions. The wide contoured grille is finished in black, just as the wing mirror covers. Flared mudguards and powerful doorsills accentuate the model's racy appearance. The rear sports a huge spoiler, as well as a giant rear bumper, and the wide exhaust pipe is positioned in the centre. Under the bonnet, you will find the 1.6-litre turbo engine from the ŠKODA Fabia R5 rally car.

Presented to the general public for the first time at Wörthersee – the **ŠKODA FUNstar**, a sassy pickup based on the ŠKODA Fabia. The emotive concept vehicle is the result of the second 'ŠKODA Trainee Car'. This involved ŠKODA trainees creating their dream car: a small pickup with a real fun factor – not only in the name. The ŠKODA FUNstar stands out with its metallic colours steel-grey and moon-white. The sills, grille surround and the rear spoiler form a striking contrast in reflex-green. One special feature is the LED lights mounted below the sidebars. The duel-lens headlights also feature LED technology, with green LED light strips serving as daytime running lights. LEDs are also used in the rear lights.

The ŠKODA FUNstar drives up on 18-inch 'Gemini' alloys from the Octavia RS. The engine is a 1.2 TSI petrol with 90 kW. The transmission features a modern seven-speed dual-clutch gearbox. The sporty look continues in the interior. Individual elements are also finished in the colours steel-grey and moon-white. It goes without saying that the students used one of the best sports steering wheels ŠKODA has to offer, and the 1400-Watt sound system offers a fantastic music experience.

A small car with sporty ambitions – the **ŠKODA Fabia with Design package Red & Grey**. The racy Fabia kitted out with ŠKODA genuine accessories is a real eye-catcher. The vehicle is finished in moon-white, with grey-red stripes running over the bonnet, roof and boot. Red Savio 17-inch alloys and red wing mirror covers as well as the sports package, which includes a front spoiler, side sills, rear diffuser, and a black grille roof spoiler highlight the dynamic appearance. The model also features tinted (SunSet) rear and side windows set in black. These sporty elements also continue to the interior. ...

ŠKODA's emotive appearance at Wörthersee is complete with the new **ŠKODA Octavia Combi RS 230**. The racy ŠKODA special edition celebrated its acclaimed world premiere a few weeks ago. Its market launch is set for June. The ŠKODA Octavia Combi RS 230 scores with a racy design, sporty interior, modern technology and impressive power. This is also the first series-produced vehicle from ŠKODA to feature an electronically controlled front-axle differential lock for particularly dynamic cornering. The '230' designation refers to the horsepower of the new RS-special edition that features a 169 kW or 230 hp two-litre petrol engine. With the 2.0 TSI/169 kW (230 hp) engine combined with manual six-speed transmission, the Octavia Combi RS 230 accelerates from 0 to 100 km/h in just 6.8 seconds, and can reach a top speed of 247 km/h, making the ŠKODA Octavia Combi 230 RS the fastest series-produced Octavia Combi of all time.



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In addition to the sporty model highlights, ŠKODA will again be presenting a special kind of ŠKODA racing experience at Wörthersee. Visitors can take part in '**ŠKODA's Crazy Rally Ride**' – a special racing track next to the stands where contestants go head-to-head in mini racing cars.

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ŠKODA Fabia R5

Now the Fabia R5 is being presented for the first time off the track to a wider public in Reifnitz.

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ŠKODA Fabia R5 Combi

The ŠKODA Fabia R5 Combi drives up on large 18-inch alloys.

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ŠKODA FUNstar

The ŠKODA FUNstar drives up on 18-inch 'Gemini' alloys from the Octavia RS.

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ŠKODA Fabia Red&Grey Plus

The vehicle is finished in moon-white, with grey-red stripes running over the bonnet, roof and boot.

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- > currently has seven passenger car models: Citigo, Fabia, Roomster/Praktik, Rapid, Octavia, Yeti and Superb.
- > in 2014 delivered more than 1 million vehicles to customers worldwide for the first time in a single year.
- > has belonged to Volkswagen since 1991. The Volkswagen Group is one of the most successful automotive groups in the world. ŠKODA, in association with the Group, independently manufactures and develops vehicles, as well as components, engines and gear transmissions.
- > operates at three locations in the Czech Republic, produces in China, Russia, Slovakia and India mainly through Group partnerships, as well as in Ukraine and Kazakhstan through local partners.
- > employs over 25,900 people globally and is active in more than 100 markets.