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# Factory holiday: ŠKODA AUTO to Optimize and Expand Production Facilities

- › Two to three-week factory holiday in Mladá Boleslav, Kvasiny and Vrchlabí
- › ŠKODA AUTO using production downtime to expand and service production facilities
- › Kvasiny preparing for production expansion

**Mladá Boleslav, 27 July 2015 – Extensive work is to be carried out during the forthcoming factory holiday at ŠKODA's three production sites in the Czech Republic. ŠKODA will be taking advantage of the two to three-week break to optimize the manufacturing facilities in Mladá Boleslav, Kvasiny and Vrchlabí. One focus will be on expanding the Kvasiny site where the factory closes between 27 July and 14 August. In Mladá Boleslav and Vrchlabí, maintenance work will be underway from 3 to 14 August.**

"We will be utilizing the production downtime efficiently in order to optimize and adjust our manufacturing facilities. Over the coming weeks, and continuing after the holiday, our focus will be on the planned expansion of the production facilities at the Kvasiny plant," says Michael Oeljeklaus, ŠKODA Board Member for Production and Logistics.

The new generation of the ŠKODA Superb and the ŠKODA Superb Combi have been running off the production lines at the ŠKODA Kvasiny plant since earlier this year. The ŠKODA Yeti compact SUV is also produced at this site. Over the coming years, the site's production capacity is set to increase to 280,000 vehicles annually. Projects related to this increase will be stepped up during the forthcoming holiday. These projects will include installing new equipment in the paint shop and expanding the production lines in the body shop. The assembly lines are also to be optimized and expanded, and work continues on the construction of a new logistics hall.

During the holiday, the focus of the measures at ŠKODA's main plant in Mladá Boleslav will be on servicing the equipment on both production lines – MBI and MBII. These two lines will be completely turned around at the start of the work holiday. In addition, some maintenance measures will be implemented in the press shop and body shop. The paint shop will be getting a new cooling zone, and the embossing and assembly equipment in the engine-block line will be modernized.

ŠKODA will be expanding the facilities for DQ-200 gearbox production even further at the Vrchlabí site. ŠKODA has been producing modern direct transmission type DQ-200 at the Vrchlabí plant since 2012. This gearbox is used in ŠKODA models and the vehicles of other brands in the Volkswagen Group. The production capacity is set to increase from 1500 to 2000 gearboxes every day by spring 2016. The necessary preparations will be stepped up during the holiday.



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ŠKODA will be making further investments into these projects at the production sites during the factory holiday. These will include modernizing the classrooms at the ŠKODA Vocational School for Mechanical Engineering in Mladá Boleslav during the summer break. A new canteen will also be built for the students there.

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ŠKODA will be taking advantage of the factory holiday to optimize the production facilities in Mladá Boleslav, Kvasiny and Vrchlabí. One of the major projects will be on expanding the Kvasiny site.

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Several extensive adaptation and modernization measures were already carried out at the Mladá Boleslav plant for the production launch of the third generation ŠKODA Fabia (photo) one year ago.

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- > is one of the longest-established vehicle production companies in the world. In 1895, the Czech headquarters in Mladá Boleslav began producing bicycles, followed by the production of motorbikes and cars.
- > currently offers the following models in the range: Citigo, Fabia, Roomster, 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.