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ŠKODA KODIAQ is 'AUTO TEST Winner 2017'

- › ŠKODA SUV wins with the highest score out of 500 import vehicles tested
- › 29th award for ŠKODA KODIAQ since market launch in early 2017
- › Czech brand wins 'AUTO TEST Winner' four times in a row
- › ŠKODA SUPERB COMBI completes double success taking second place

Mladá Boleslav, 19 July 2017 – The ŠKODA KODIAQ is 'AUTO TEST Winner 2017'. With 676 points, the brand's large SUV achieved the best result out of all the import vehicles tested by the German trade magazine 'AUTO TEST' over the past twelve months. ŠKODA has won the award for the fourth time in a row. Overall, this is the 29th award the ŠKODA KODIAQ has won since its market launch at the beginning of this year. The ŠKODA SUPERB COMBI completes the Czech manufacturer's double success taking second place in the 'AUTO TEST' ranking.

"Only rarely does a new model rise to victory after just being released in this highly competitive environment. The ŠKODA KODIAQ is a real winner," AUTO TEST makes the exceptional position of ŠKODA's SUV clear. In the trade journal's comparative tests, the top version of the ŠKODA KODIAQ with 140 kW (190 hp) 2.0 TDI, direct shift transmission and all-wheel drive went up against similarly equipped competitors. With 676 points, the brand's first large SUV scored the best result out of all the import vehicles tested over the past twelve months. The ŠKODA KODIAQ won over the professionals at AUTO TEST in particular with its spaciousness, "Along with high variability, excellent value for money and exceptional handling," the testers agreed.

The ŠKODA SUPERB COMBI, last year's winner in the 'AUTO TEST' ranking, finished second with 646 points, just behind the ŠKODA KODIAQ. The brand's flagship thus completes this double success for ŠKODA. In addition, ŠKODA is celebrating its fourth consecutive victory; in 2015 and 2014, the ŠKODA OCTAVIA triumphed in the import rankings.

Since 2008, AUTO TEST has awarded prizes to the best vehicles of the past twelve months in several categories. Every year, the experts test around 500 cars from all classes, driving more than one million test kilometres to evaluate the models in the categories of vehicle quality, safety, purchase pricing, premiums, operating costs, performance and consumption.

29th award for the ŠKODA KODIAQ

For the ŠKODA KODIAQ, 'AUTO TEST Winner 2017' is already the 29th award since its market launch at the beginning of the year. Among others, ŠKODA's SUV has won 'Best Cars 2017' from What Car? in Great Britain; was named 'Car of the Year 2017' in the Czech Republic, Poland and Bulgaria, 'SUV of the Year' in China and France, 'All-wheel drive of the year' in Germany; and received two Red Dot awards for its design.





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Stefan N. Quarry, Head of Sales ŠKODA AUTO Deutschland (right), took over the award from Michael Iggena, editor-in-chief of AUTO TEST.

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- › is one of the longest-established vehicle manufacturers in the world. The company was founded in 1895 – during the pioneering days of the automobile. Today, the company's headquarters remain in Mladá Boleslav.
- › currently offers the following models in the range: CITIGO, FABIA, RAPID, OCTAVIA, YETI, KODIAQ and SUPERB.
- › in 2016 delivered more than 1 million vehicles to customers worldwide.
- › has belonged to Volkswagen Group since 1991. The Volkswagen Group is one of the most successful vehicle manufacturers 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 30,000 people globally and is active in more than 100 markets.

