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## ŠKODA AUTO produces 10 millionth gearbox

- › Czech manufacturer produces three gearboxes for Volkswagen Group: MQ/SQ100 and MQ200 at Mladá Boleslav headquarters, and DQ200 at Vrchlabí plant
- › State-of-the-art technologies and cooperating robots – innovations at the Vrchlabí site have won several awards
- › Vrchlabí site celebrates fifth anniversary of transmission production

**Mladá Boleslav/Vrchlabí, 19 October 2017 – ŠKODA AUTO has produced 10 million gearboxes. These are used in ŠKODA models as well as other brands in the Volkswagen Group. Around 1700 people are currently employed in gearbox production at Mladá Boleslav and Vrchlabí.**

"Producing ten million transmissions underscores the competitiveness of our component manufacturing," says ŠKODA Board Member for Production Michael Oeljeklaus, adding: "The transmissions built in Mladá Boleslav and the DSG gearboxes produced in Vrchlabí boast the highest quality and reliability in daily use by millions of drivers."

ŠKODA AUTO currently produces three types of gearbox, which are used in the ŠKODA model range. Last year, a total of 300,000 MQ200 transmissions, more than 325,000 MQ/SQ100 transmissions and approximately 469,000 DQ200 transmissions were produced.

The MQ 200 gearbox has been running off the production lines in Mladá Boleslav since 2000. It is used in petrol engines with displacements of 1.0 to 1.6 litres. These include current ŠKODA vehicles, as well as models made by Volkswagen, Audi and Seat. The production volume for the MQ 200 is currently around 1900 units per day; more than 6.5 million gearboxes of this type have been produced already.

Since 2011, the MQ100 / SQ100 transmission has also been built in Mladá Boleslav. Originally, these transmissions were developed for the 'New-Small-Family' models of the Volkswagen Group (ŠKODA CITIGO, VW up! and Seat Mii). The MQ100 / SQ100 transmissions have since been used in the ŠKODA FABIA and other small cars of the Volkswagen Group, each in combination with 1.0-litre petrol engines. The daily production volume is around 1400 units. To date, more than 1.6 million of these transmissions have been produced.

In addition to manual transmissions, ŠKODA AUTO also produces the automatic dual clutch transmission (DSG). The DQ200 seven-speed dual-clutch gearbox is one of the most modern gearboxes of its kind in the automotive industry. Today the Vrchlabí workforce produces around 2100 units of this gearbox type every day, recently passing the 1.8 million mark. Cooperating robots are used for the production of DSG transmissions at the Vrchlabí plant. They support the employees in one of the most sensitive tasks in transmission manufacturing – inserting the gear actuator piston. A handling robot is also used, which can supply dozens of machines with parts and take empty containers back to the warehouse.

In 2012, the Vrchlabí site was transformed from a vehicle construction plant to an ultra-modern component manufacturing location. Within 18 months, a new factory was built and the existing





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production halls were modernized. The factory was awarded the European title 'Factory of the Year 2015' two years ago. The rapid changeover from a vehicle construction site to a component plant won it the title 'Factory of the Year' in the category 'Outstanding location development'. Additional awards followed.

"The plant in Vrchlabí is now one of the most important DSG plants in the Volkswagen Group", says ŠKODA Head of Component Manufacturing Frank Engel. "Our awards fill us with pride, but at the same time, they represent an obligation. I am convinced that thanks to the expertise, commitment and high flexibility of the local workforce, the Vrchlabí plant has a great future."

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1.1 million gearboxes were manufactured at the Mladá Boleslav and Vrchlabí plants in 2016 alone.

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## ŠKODA AUTO

- › 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, KAROQ, 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, Algeria 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.

