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## **ŠKODA AUTO invests around 22.5 million euros in expansion of ŠKODA Parts Center and creates 40 new jobs**

- › The ŠKODA Parts Center has increased by 60,000 m<sup>2</sup> to 180,000 m<sup>2</sup>
- › With the extension, ŠKODA AUTO guarantees the more effective supply of Genuine Parts
- › The largest warehouse for Genuine Parts in the Czech Republic and one of three European central warehouses for Volkswagen Group
- › Customers benefit from quicker delivery of ŠKODA Genuine Parts and Accessories

**Mladá Boleslav, 20 March 2018 – ŠKODA AUTO has successfully completed the expansion of its ŠKODA Parts Center at the brand's headquarters. With a total area of 180,000 m<sup>2</sup>, it is the largest warehouse for Genuine Parts in the Czech Republic and one of three European central warehouses for Volkswagen Group. The car manufacturer invested around 22.5 million euros in the expansion and created 40 new jobs for logistics specialists and industrial logistics experts. With the extension, ŠKODA AUTO has created the necessary storage capacities for Genuine Parts and Accessories which will be used in the Czech brand's future electric vehicles from 2020 onwards.**

"Our customers immediately benefit from the expansion of the ŠKODA Parts Center," said Alain Favey, ŠKODA AUTO Board Member for Sales and Marketing. "They now receive their required Genuine Parts even quicker. At the same time, we are now even better prepared for future challenges: the expansion of our central warehouse also ensures the supply of Genuine Parts for ŠKODA AUTO's future vehicles. As part of ŠKODA's 2025 Strategy, we will be consistently pressing ahead with the electrification of our model range over the coming years," added Favey.

The ŠKODA Parts Center is a cornerstone of the company's aftersales logistics. The total area has increased by 60,000 m<sup>2</sup> to 180,000 m<sup>2</sup>. Thanks to the extension, the storage area alone now stretches over 105,000 m<sup>2</sup> – this equates to the area of approximately 13 football pitches. With daily orders of around 28,000 items for more than 100 countries, it accounts for a significant proportion of the global supply of Genuine Parts and Accessories both from ŠKODA AUTO and for other Volkswagen Group brands. The active range includes around 140,000 items. Approximately 500 employees work in three-shift operation to quickly and reliably dispatch parts to ŠKODA partners all over the world and to other Group brand dealerships in selected markets. Over the course of the expansion, the workforce increased by another 40 employees.

After its opening in 1999, ŠKODA AUTO gradually extended the Genuine Parts warehouse. Between 2004 and 2005, the storage area increased by 14,000 m<sup>2</sup>. In 2011, another extension of 18,600 m<sup>2</sup> was completed. From 2011 to 2012, the construction of the so-called high-bay warehouse followed. The current extension by an additional 31,000 m<sup>2</sup> began in December 2016 and was completed in March of this year. Alongside a new delivery and expedition area, the ŠKODA Parts Center is also equipped with a state-of-the-art warehouse for up to 8,000 pallets using block storage. Special shelves allow for maximum use of the available space. Thanks to optimised processes, ordered Genuine Parts and Accessories are delivered within the Czech





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Republic and Slovakia by the following morning. Recipients in selected European countries receive their orders within no more than 24 hours.

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ŠKODA invested around 22.5 million euros in the major expansion of the ŠKODA Parts Center. The central warehouse now offers a total area that is 31,000 m<sup>2</sup> larger than before. Customers benefit from quicker delivery.

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The extension of the ŠKODA Parts Center was opened by Alain Favey, ŠKODA AUTO Board Member for Sales and Marketing, Miloš Kovář, representative of union KOVO MB, Roman Havlásek, Head of After Sales and Bohdan Wojnar, ŠKODA AUTO Board Member for Human Resources Management.

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## ŠKODA AUTO

- › is one of the longest-established car 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 model range: CITIGO, FABIA, RAPID, OCTAVIA, KAROQ, KODIAQ and SUPERB.
- › delivered more than 1 million vehicles to customers worldwide in 2017.
- › has been part of Volkswagen Group since 1991, 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 such as 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 with local partners.
- › employs over 35,000 people globally and is active in more than 100 markets.

