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Video: ŠKODA launches the KODIAQ RS into the 'Green Hell'

- › Racing driver Sabine Schmitz conquers the Nürburgring's Nordschleife in the high-performance SUV
- › The full video showing the sensational record-breaking lap around the Nordschleife will be released on 14 June
- › The top-of-the-range model, the new ŠKODA KODIAQ RS, will make its debut at the 2018 Paris Motor Show

Mladá Boleslav, 12 June 2018 – ŠKODA sent racing driver Sabine Schmitz into the **'Green Hell' for a record-breaking lap** in the new ŠKODA KODIAQ RS, even before the new top-of-the-range model is launched. In doing so, the Czech car manufacturer is giving an indication of the seven-seater SUV's extraordinary performance. What's more: a teaser video reveals how intently the extremely professional team prepared the high-performance SUV, which was covered in a sporty camouflage design, for its successful record attempt on the Nürburgring's legendary Nordschleife. The clips whet viewers' appetite for the new ŠKODA KODIAQ RS; the full video will be released on 14 June. The ŠKODA KODIAQ RS will make its official debut in October at the 2018 Paris Motor Show.

As a renowned Nordschleife expert, Sabine Schmitz knows the legendary 20.832-km-long circuit in the Eifel region, with its 73 corners and a difference in altitude of around 300 m, inside out: she is the first and – to date – only woman to have won the famous 24-hour race there. František Drábek, Head of Compact Models at ŠKODA AUTO, didn't want to miss out on the opportunity to experience the ride from the passenger seat. Drábek had played a major part in the development of the high-performance SUV and he was now in the car during the speedy lap, experiencing its sporty qualities up close. The new top-of-the-range version of the successful SUV will be officially presented in Paris this October.

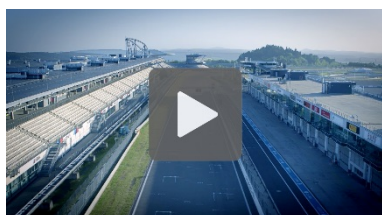
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VIDEO: A first taste of the race against the clock in the 'Green Hell'

The teaser video whets viewers' appetite for the full video showing the new ŠKODA KODIAQ RS's race against the clock on the Nürburgring's Nordschleife.

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The new ŠKODA KODIAQ RS in the 'Green Hell'
ŠKODA's first high-performance SUV, the KODIAQ RS, demonstrates its sporty capabilities on the Nürburgring's Nordschleife.

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The new ŠKODA KODIAQ RS in the 'Green Hell'
Together, professional racing driver Sabine Schmitz and the person responsible for the model range, František Drábek, made a bid for the record in the ŠKODA KODIAQ RS.

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The new ŠKODA KODIAQ RS in the 'Green Hell'
Sabine Schmitz won the famous 24-hour race at the Nürburgring. She is the first and, to date, only woman to do so.

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The new ŠKODA KODIAQ RS in the 'Green Hell'
František Drábek, the man responsible for the development of the model, prepares for his role as co-driver.

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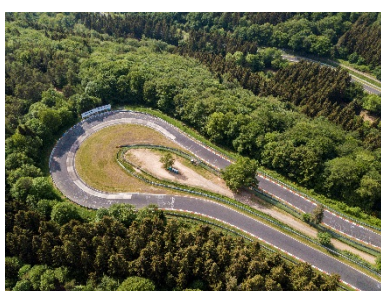


The new ŠKODA KODIAQ RS in the 'Green Hell'

In the 'Green Hell', a great deal of work was in store for the ŠKODA KODIAQ RS's braking system.

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The new ŠKODA KODIAQ RS in the 'Green Hell'

The Nürburgring's Nordschleife is considered to be one of the most demanding race tracks in the world.

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The new ŠKODA KODIAQ RS in the 'Green Hell'

Along the 20.832-km-long course, 73 corners and a difference in altitude of around 300 m lay in wait for the ŠKODA KODIAQ RS.

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The new ŠKODA KODIAQ RS in the 'Green Hell'

Sabine Schmitz wears her favourite race track as a pendant on her necklace.

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The KODIAQ RS sports the name of the renowned Nordschleife expert Sabine Schmitz in the form of a sticker on the rear side windows.

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The new ŠKODA KODIAQ RS in the 'Green Hell'

The ŠKODA KODIAQ RS was given a sporty camouflage finish for its journey through the 'Green Hell'.

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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, KAROQ, KODIAQ and SUPERB.
- › delivered more than 1.2 million vehicles to customers worldwide in 2017.
- › has been a part of Volkswagen Group since 1991. Volkswagen Group is one of the most successful vehicle manufacturers in the world. ŠKODA AUTO, 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 35,000 people globally and is active in more than 100 markets.

