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## New ŠKODA KODIAQ RS completes record-breaking lap at the Nürburgring

- › Sabine Schmitz achieves the fastest time for a seven-seater SUV around the Nürburgring's legendary Nordschleife in the ŠKODA KODIAQ RS
- › With the sporty version of its large SUV, ŠKODA is rigorously continuing the tradition of its performance models
- › ŠKODA KODIAQ RS will make its debut at the 2018 Paris Motor Show

Mladá Boleslav, 14 June 2018 – Emotiveness, dynamism and automotive passion – ŠKODA combines all of these qualities with the 'RS' initials. Even before its market launch, the Czech car manufacturer's first high performance SUV, the ŠKODA KODIAQ RS, proves that it can also hold its own on the most challenging race track in the world. Racing driver Sabine Schmitz set the lap record for a seven-seater SUV at the Nürburgring's legendary Nordschleife in the ŠKODA KODIAQ RS. The RS thereby impressively highlights its performance qualities and extends the range of ŠKODA RS (Rally Sport) models specially designed for sportiness.

A detailed [report from the record breaking-lap with video and photo-gallery](#), as well as the article with [interviews with Sabine Schmitz and František Drábek](#), can be found on ŠKODA Storyboard. The material is freely downloadable and useable in media.

Fuchsröhre, Schwedenkreuz and Karussell – the sections of track on the Nürburgring's legendary Nordschleife are well-known to motorsport fans all over the world. No other race track is more challenging and nowhere else are drivers and vehicles pushed to their limits like they are on the 20.832-km-long circuit in the Eifel region. The ŠKODA KODIAQ RS withstood the track conditions in the 'Green Hell' and, at 9:29.84 minutes, set the Nordschleife record for a seven-seater SUV.

Sabine Schmitz was at the wheel of the ŠKODA KODIAQ RS during the record-breaking lap. Schmitz regularly participates in the long-distance championship (VLN) and the 24-hour race at the Nürburgring and in 1996, she became the first woman to win the 24-hour race and won again the following year. Having long been a 'Ring Taxi' driver and as a presenter on various car shows, she has become well-known to a wide audience. Schmitz estimates she has driven more than 30,000 laps on the Nordschleife to date.

"The ŠKODA KODIAQ RS is great fun on the track," said Sabine Schmitz. "ŠKODA has made full use of its large SUV's potential with the KODIAQ RS. I can certainly imagine that I'll be encountering the KODIAQ RS regularly during my laps around the Nordschleife in future," Schmitz adds with a wink.

František Drábek, Head of Compact Models at ŠKODA AUTO and responsible for the development of the KODIAQ RS, was also present at the successful record attempt. He points out that, "The KODIAQ RS equally embodies the versatility and spaciousness of a family SUV as well as emotiveness and dynamism."

The new 2.0 BiTDI engine produces 176 kW (239 PS). This allows for dynamic power delivery and excellent responsive qualities, even at low engine speed. Exhaust gases are purified by an SCR catalytic converter. In the KODIAQ model range, the 2.0-litre BiTDI diesel engine is exclusively





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reserved for the RS, and thanks to Dynamic Sound Boost, the high-torque diesel engine's power is immediately apparent. With adaptive Dynamic Chassis Control (DCC) including Driving Mode Select and progressive steering, the all-wheel-drive vehicle – which was still in its camouflage wrap during its appearance in the Eifel region – was perfectly equipped for its record-breaking lap at the Nordschleife.

The ŠKODA KODIAQ RS will celebrate its world premiere in October of this year. It will be presented to the public for the first time at the 2018 Paris Motor Show.

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## Media video and images:



### Video: New ŠKODA KODIAQ RS completes record-breaking lap at the Nordschleife

Around the 'Green Hell' in a seven-seater SUV – the ŠKODA KODIAQ RS on its record-breaking journey at the Nürburgring.

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The ŠKODA KODIAQ RS is powered by a 2.0 BiTDI with 176 kW (239 PS) that is exclusive to the RS within this model series.

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ŠKODA's first high performance SUV, the KODIAQ RS, has set the record for a seven-seater SUV at the Nürburgring.

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The record lap in the KODIAQ RS was completed by well-known Nürburgring expert Sabine Schmitz. To date, she has driven more than 30,000 laps round the legendary circuit in the Eifel region.

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Sabine Schmitz prepares for the speed record.

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Racing driver Sabine Schmitz with František Drábek from ŠKODA AUTO preparing for the record attempt.

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Countdown before the new ŠKODA KODIAQ RS sets a record on the most demanding racing track in the world.

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Sporting a camouflage design, the ŠKODA KODIAQ RS completes its record-breaking lap around the 'Green Hell' – the most challenging race track in the world.

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The ŠKODA KODIAQ RS on legendary Nordschleife.

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On-board cameras and drones capture impressive images of the ŠKODA KODIAQ RS record-breaking lap.

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Sabine Schmitz puts her autograph on the ŠKODA KODIAQ RS.

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- › 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 1.2 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 AUTO, 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.

