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ŠKODA appears electric, smart, innovative and emotive at Geneva Motor Show

- › ŠKODA VISION iV offers a concrete look ahead at a future all-electric vehicle from the brand, and the manufacturer's next step towards eMobility
- › ŠKODA KAMIQ: new city SUV for the European market
- › ŠKODA SCALA: radical redefinition of the compact car segment for ŠKODA AUTO
- › ŠKODA FABIA R5: next development stage of the most successful rally car in WRC 2
- › KLEMENT: electric two-wheel concept as an innovative mobility solution for the city
- › Press conference at the ŠKODA exhibition stand on 5 March 2019 at 09:40

Mladá Boleslav/Geneva, 4 March 2019 – ŠKODA will be presenting the full range of its mobility services at the Geneva Motor Show from 5 to 17 March. The VISION iV concept study offers a concrete look ahead at the first all-electric ŠKODA based on the MEB modular electric car platform. With the new KAMIQ, the Czech car manufacturer is expanding its successful SUV family into the growing segment of city SUVs, and the SCALA is completely redefining the compact car segment for ŠKODA. The latest development of the ŠKODA FABIA R5, the most successful rally car in the brand's history, will also be on display at the ŠKODA stand. What's more, ŠKODA will be presenting an innovative mobility solution for the city – the KLEMENT, an electric two-wheel concept. This looks back on the brand's history, which began 124 years ago with its founding fathers Václav Laurin and Václav Klement producing bicycles.

At this year's Geneva Motor Show, ŠKODA will be presenting itself as the Simply Clever Company for innovative mobility services. With the VISION iV and the KLEMENT, ŠKODA offers exciting prospects for an electric future. In addition to the new KAMIQ city SUV and the new SCALA compact model, the car manufacturer will also be presenting an overview of the current model range. The press conference will start on 5 March at 9:40 at the ŠKODA stand in pavilion 2.

2019 marks an exceptional occasion in the company's 124-year history: ŠKODA is entering the eMobility era. Over the next four years, the company will be investing around two billion euros in alternative drive systems and new mobility services – the biggest investment programme in the brand's history. ŠKODA will have introduced ten electrified models by the end of 2022. Furthermore, the car manufacturer is consistently expanding its range of new mobility services. Examples include the car-sharing platform 'HoppyGo' and the mobility and social service 'CareDriver'. The high level of networking between the vehicle, the driver and the environment enables ŠKODA vehicles to be integrated into smart home networks and controlled by the ŠKODA Connect app through Amazon's voice assistant Alexa. Multimedia support will help visitors to the ŠKODA stand in Geneva find out more about ŠKODA's mobility services and they will also have the opportunity to create their own avatar for this at the User Experience Table.

ŠKODA VISION iV: concrete look ahead at eMobility 'made by ŠKODA'

The VISION iV offers a concrete look ahead at the future ŠKODA family of vehicles running purely on electric batteries. The concept study is ŠKODA's first vehicle to be built on the Volkswagen Group's MEB modular electric car platform, sporting an athletic, aerodynamic body and offering a spacious interior typical of a ŠKODA. The 22-inch wheels provide a visual highlight and



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emphasise the impressive presence of the vehicle. Eye-catching details include the illuminated glass elements in the vertical slats of the ŠKODA grille and cameras instead of traditional wing mirrors whose housings are reminiscent of shark fins. Two electric motors – one on the front and one on the rear axle – form the emission-free drive system, making the VISION iV an all-wheel drive. The flat-pack lithium-ion battery installed in the vehicle's underbody saves space and provides a range of up to 500 kilometres according to the WLTP cycle. Innovative technologies provide more safety and comfort, ushering in a new era of infotainment and digitalisation. Smartphones can be integrated directly into the vehicle's infotainment system and can even be used as a digital key to open the vehicle.

New ŠKODA KAMIQ – the brand's first city SUV

ŠKODA is continuing its successful SUV campaign, presenting its first city SUV with the new KAMIQ. After the KODIAQ and the KAROQ, the KAMIQ is the third SUV model range for the European market, rounding off the lower end of the successful SUV portfolio. The name KAMIQ highlights that it is a member of the brand's SUV family, following the established nomenclature; the names KODIAQ and KAROQ also start with a K and end in a Q. The word KAMIQ comes from the language of the Inuit people living in northern Canada and Greenland and means something with its own character that fits perfectly in every situation. In the growing segment of city SUVs, the ŠKODA KAMIQ combines the advantages of an SUV, for example, greater ground clearance and higher sitting position, with a stylish off-road appearance and the agility of a compact vehicle. With its emotive design, state-of-the-art assistance and infotainment systems, generous interior and numerous Simply Clever features, the KAMIQ meets the demands of family and lifestyle-oriented customers alike.

ŠKODA SCALA sets an emotive tone

The ŠKODA SCALA completely redefines the compact car segment for ŠKODA with high functionality, state-of-the-art connectivity and an emotive design. The ŠKODA SCALA has a new name to match its unique character and modern technology: SCALA is the Latin word for 'staircase' or 'ladder'. This highlights the fact that ŠKODA is taking a leap forward with this model. This also applies to the new design language that ŠKODA presented for the first time with the VISION RS in Paris. In addition, the SCALA offers a high level of active and passive safety, full-LED headlights and tail lights, plenty of space for passengers and luggage, five efficient engines delivering between 66 kW (90 PS) and 110 kW (150 PS), as well as numerous Simply Clever solutions. It will be launched onto the market at the beginning of the second quarter of 2019.

Update and a new look for World Rally Champion ŠKODA FABIA R5

The Czech car manufacturer has a very special highlight for motorsports fans in Geneva: at the ŠKODA stand, they can experience the thrill of a special rally stage in two simulators and then immerse themselves in the brand's motorsport history. ŠKODA will be bringing all its WRC2 World Cup trophies from 2016 to 2018 to Switzerland, as ŠKODA Motorsport is presenting the next development stage of the ŠKODA FABIA R5 at the Geneva Motor Show; the most successful rally car in the brand's motorsport history is being upgraded. It incorporates design elements from the 2019 ŠKODA FABIA production version and has been technologically optimised. Following homologation, the revised FABIA R5 will probably be used by the ŠKODA factory team from mid-2019 and will also be available for customer teams.



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KLEMENT – a trendsetting two-wheel concept for urban mobility

Pure, simple and intuitive to operate: the new KLEMENT electric mobility solution represents a modern and environmentally friendly lifestyle. The futuristic two-wheel concept positions itself as an ecological alternative to the car in the field of micromobility. An electric rear hub motor and integrated brake energy recuperation accelerate the bike to a top speed of 45 km/h; Two batteries allow for a range of more than 60 kilometres. The KLEMENT is fully connected; For example, the current battery levels can be displayed via an app. In addition, a geographical boundary can be pre-defined, out of which the KLEMENT cannot ride.

ŠKODA KAROQ and KODIAQ SUVs with new and optional features

In Geneva, the ŠKODA KAROQ and ŠKODA KODIAQ SUV models are being presented to the public with innovations that will be included as standard or options for the models from the two ranges during the course of the year. Instantly recognisable: both models bear the ŠKODA logo in block capitals at the rear. The new Side Assist, now with a range of 70 metres, is available as an option. Another innovation is the DCC adaptive chassis control that will also be available in the future for versions with front-wheel drive. The ŠKODA KAROQ adds the 2.0 TDI with 140 kW (190 hp) and 7-speed DSG to its range of drive systems, while the ŠKODA KODIAQ, for example, gets a new tyre pressure monitoring system with pressure sensors on each wheel. The model variant SCOUT is optionally available with ventilated seats. In the future, ŠKODA will be offering the KODIAQ RS and SPORTLINE with the new 'Ignite' 20-inch alloy wheels.

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Successful 2018 for ŠKODA AUTO – 2019 is all about eMobility

- › **New records:** ŠKODA AUTO delivered 1,253,700 vehicles worldwide in 2018 and manufactured 886,100 in the Czech Republic
- › **Global player:** ŠKODA AUTO operates in more than 100 markets, employing more than 36,000 people worldwide
- › **EMobility:** ŠKODA is introducing the SUPERB with plug-in hybrid drive and the all-electric CITIGO in 2019
- › **Digitalisation:** ŠKODA AUTO DigiLab with branches in Prague and the IT hotspot of Tel Aviv
- › **INDIA 2.0:** ŠKODA AUTO is responsible for Volkswagen Group's model campaign in India

Mladá Boleslav / Geneva, 4 March 2019 – ŠKODA delivered a total of 1,253,700 vehicles to customers in 2018, setting a new sales record for the fifth year in a row. ŠKODA is entering the era of eMobility in 2019, starting with the all-electric version of the CITIGO and the SUPERB with plug-in hybrid drive. ŠKODA is also rigorously pressing ahead with the implementation of its 2025 Strategy in terms of digitalisation. ŠKODA AUTO DigiLab is represented with branches in Prague and the IT hotspot of Israel, and has already signed many partnerships with start-ups. As part of the INDIA 2.0 project, the company has also assumed responsibility for Volkswagen Group's model campaign in the Indian market.

ŠKODA AUTO continues its global success story: in 2018 the carmaker set a new sales record for the fifth time in a row. Deliveries to customers rose by 4.4% last year to 1,253,700 vehicles. The company recorded sales growth in Europe (+4.9%) as well as in the growth markets of China (+4.9%) and Russia (+30.7%). The KODIAQ and KAROQ SUV models continue to be important drivers of growth and the ŠKODA OCTAVIA remains the brand's bestseller.

With 341,000 deliveries to customers, China continues to be the brand's most important single market. In Germany, Europe's largest and ŠKODA's second largest single market, the brand delivered 176,600 vehicles – a year-on-year increase of 1.9%. ŠKODA delivered 93,600 vehicles in its home country of the Czech Republic. The UK (74,500 vehicles), Poland (71,100), France (32,000), Spain (27,000), Italy (26,400) and Austria (24,900) round off ŠKODA's top ten sales markets.

ŠKODA AUTO CEO Bernhard Maier pointed out, "In 2018, we delivered more vehicles than ever before. This result demonstrates that the ŠKODA 2025 Strategy is effective; our product campaign is unleashing its power around the world. ŠKODA is growing sustainably and manageably, despite the fact that 2018 presented numerous challenges for the entire industry, including the WLTP changeover. In 2019 we will continue our product campaign with several new models such as the SCALA and the KAMIQ. At the same time, we are launching eMobility at ŠKODA this year with our first plug-in hybrid and first all-electric car – a very special moment in our company's 124-year history."



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ŠKODA enters the era of eMobility and takes on even more responsibility within the Group

The heart of the car manufacturer's operations beats in the Czech Republic. The 886,100 vehicles that left the production lines at the Czech production sites in 2018 represent an increase of 3.3% compared to the previous year and thus a new production record. The Group's decision to build the Volkswagen Passat family at the ŠKODA Kvasiny plant from 2023 – alongside the ŠKODA SUPERB and KODIAQ – is proof of Volkswagen Group's confidence in the Czech production sites and their quality standards.

In 2019, ŠKODA is entering the era of eMobility. 124 years after the company was founded, ŠKODA is launching its first electrified production model – the SUPERB PHEV. The brand's flagship with plug-in hybrid drive will roll off the production line in Kvasiny. ŠKODA is broadening its range in the same year to include an all-electric car – the e-CITIGO. The first production models based on the MEB modular electric car platform will follow in 2020, including the production version of the ŠKODA VISION iV concept study. By 2022, ŠKODA will have introduced over 30 new models, more than ten of which will be electric.

In addition to electric cars, the Mladá Boleslav plant will also be producing electric components for the plug-in hybrid models of several Volkswagen Group brands from 2019.

ŠKODA is consistently pursuing the company's internationalisation and digitalisation

ŠKODA is pressing ahead with accessing new markets. Since last year, the brand has also been active in Singapore, meaning the company is now represented in 103 markets. ŠKODA employs more than 36,000 people worldwide. The car manufacturer's internationalisation is one of the cornerstones of its 2025 Strategy.

Additional strategic areas of activity include eMobility, autonomous driving, connectivity and digitalisation. ŠKODA AUTO intends to increase its global vehicle sales by effectively implementing these topics. It will also open up new lines of business involving digital mobility services to broaden the basis for further growth.

The transformation of mobility and digital change are of greatest strategic importance. ŠKODA is working hard to digitalise its products and processes. This covers all areas of the company, from procurement to training, finance, staff recruitment and sales. The focus will also be on the Technical Development, Production and Logistics departments as well as, of course, the finished products for the end customer.

In Logistics and Production, the company is increasingly incorporating Industry 4.0 technologies, carrying out large field tests on fully autonomous drones that are monitoring load carriers at ŠKODA's Czech plants. Robots are also working side by side with their human counterparts and intelligently facilitating their work. Using predictive maintenance, machines recognise their own needs for service or repair, thus reducing the risk of any damage or downtime. And when packaging Complete Knock Down (CKD) kits, augmented reality projections can show where and how to stack the parts on the load carrier.

Within the Group, ŠKODA is a pioneer in introducing the new MIB 3 modular infotainment matrix. For the brand's customers, this means having access to the best connectivity solutions in their vehicles and benefitting from convenient over-the-air updates in all new ŠKODA models.



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In cooperation with cities such as Prague, ŠKODA is committed to sustainable urban mobility concepts. The aim is to optimise the flow of traffic and intelligently link intermodal transport. This increases people's safety and comfort whilst reducing the environmental impact.

ŠKODA AUTO DigiLab strengthens innovation and expertise in digital development

Alongside these initiatives, ŠKODA is developing a variety of mobility and vehicle-on-demand solutions. The private peer-to-peer car-sharing app HoppyGo, the student car-sharing platform Uniway and the mobility solution for people requiring special assistance CareDriver were created at ŠKODA AUTO DigiLab. ŠKODA is currently testing a pioneering delivery solution for the 'last mile', where parcels are delivered directly to the boot of customers' cars – digitally secured and with maximum convenience for the drivers.

ŠKODA AUTO DigiLab serves as an essential instrument and driver of many digital innovation processes. This creative workshop enhances the brand's development expertise in the field of digitalisation. Working in tandem with the founding branch in Prague, ŠKODA AUTO DigiLab Israel Ltd was launched at the beginning of 2018 in the IT hotspot of Tel Aviv. Both labs are part of the start-up scene; they are agile and think outside the box to develop new business models, solutions and products for the mobility of the future.

The think tank in Tel Aviv has built up a strong network in the local start-up scene and is currently working with 13 of the most promising start-ups in the fields of artificial intelligence, big data, cybersecurity and vehicle sensors. In this way, ŠKODA is securing access to new technologies such as big data and artificial intelligence.

Three examples illustrate this strategic focus: Anagog specialises in developing and applying artificial intelligence in the context of mobility. The Israeli start-up uses software to analyse customer behaviour in certain situations, understand it and, for example, navigate motorists to the next available parking space. Chakratec is working on electric car charging stations with energy storage devices based on a flywheel concept that offers an almost unlimited number of deep charge and discharge cycles. This will enable charging stations to be installed in remote locations in the future. The founders of UVeye are working on technology in the form of a camera that scans the underbody of a vehicle to detect any damage – which is very useful, for example, in the Production and Quality Control departments.

ŠKODA is responsible for Volkswagen Group's model campaign in India

In June 2018, ŠKODA took over management of the INDIA 2.0 project. In this role, ŠKODA is responsible for Volkswagen Group's model campaign on the Indian market. Volkswagen Group is investing one billion euros in implementing the project, primarily between 2019 and 2021. The funds will mainly be invested in developing ŠKODA AUTO and Volkswagen vehicles tailored to the needs of customers on the subcontinent. The first of these models will be an SUV in the A0 segment that will be unveiled in 2020. The opening of the Technology Centre in Pune in January 2019 was the first major step in the implementation of the project. To ensure maximum market proximity, ŠKODA AUTO will localise 95% of its production, meaning that almost all vehicle components will be made in India.



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Christian Strube, ŠKODA AUTO Board Member for Technical Development, said, "By opening the Technology Centre, we are underlining our determination to make the INDIA 2.0 project a success. India has excellent universities and highly qualified staff; this state-of-the-art facility will help us to unlock that huge potential – especially with regard to design and development. Local development is the key to success."

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2019 sees ŠKODA AUTO enter the era of eMobility

- › ŠKODA's first steps into the era of eMobility are a milestone in the Czech car manufacturer's 124-year history
- › ŠKODA will have introduced ten electrified models by the end of 2022
- › The brand's first model to be based on the MEB modular electric car platform will debut in 2020
- › ŠKODA AUTO will invest two billion euros in the development of alternative drive technologies and new mobility services

Mladá Boleslav/Geneva, 4 March 2019 - ŠKODA AUTO is entering the era of eMobility in 2019 – marking a milestone in the brand's 124-year history. The ŠKODA SUPERB featuring plug-in hybrid drive and the all-electric ŠKODA CITIGO are the Czech manufacturer's first electrified models. ŠKODA's first model to be based on Volkswagen Group's MEB modular electric car platform will follow in 2020. Over the next four years, ŠKODA AUTO will invest around two billion euros in alternative drive systems and new mobility services – the largest investment in the brand's history – and will have launched ten electrified models by the end of 2022.

Bernhard Maier, ŠKODA AUTO CEO, said, "This year, ŠKODA AUTO is taking its first steps into the era of eMobility – a very special moment in the history of our company, which will celebrate its 125th anniversary next year. We're kicking things off with the SUPERB plug-in hybrid and the all-electric version of the CITIGO. By the end of 2022, we will have launched more than ten partially or fully electrified models."

The era of eMobility is beginning in Kvasiny and Mladá Boleslav. Production of the brand's first plug-in hybrid vehicle will start in Kvasiny in 2019. The all-electric ŠKODA models based on Volkswagen Group's MEB modular electric car platform will begin rolling off the production line at the main plant in Mladá Boleslav in 2020. By the end of 2022, ŠKODA will have launched a total of ten cars that run either as plug-in hybrids or purely electrically. The VISION iV concept study is ŠKODA's next step towards becoming a provider of a wide range of eMobility solutions.

ŠKODA is setting clear priorities for eMobility. First and foremost, driving an electrified ŠKODA should be fun; the individual models should also have an attractive and emotive design, state-of-the-art driver assistance systems and comprehensive connectivity. What's more, ŠKODA is placing great importance on offering a long range and – last but not least – excellent value for money.



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Bernhard Maier, ŠKODA AUTO CEO, explained, "We will introduce eMobility to our customers when it is truly Simply Clever and we can make use of all the advantages, in other words: a long range, quick charging, comprehensive charging infrastructure and reasonable prices. And we are orientating ourselves towards our three brand values 'simplifying', 'surprising' and 'human'. For example, for convenient charging at home we are developing intuitively operated wall boxes in collaboration with Volkswagen Group and, for on-the-go use, there is the ŠKODA e-charge card which customers can use to charge their car quickly and easily at public charging points all over Europe. We are thereby inspiring as many customers as possible with eMobility."

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ŠKODA VISION iV offers a look ahead at the brand's electric future

- › Dynamic VISION iV is ŠKODA's next step towards eMobility
- › All-electric crossover coupé with a power output of 225 kW (306 PS) and all-wheel drive
- › Look ahead at ŠKODA's first production car to be based on the MEB platform

The all-electric VISION iV concept study offers a look ahead at ŠKODA's electric future. By introducing its first vehicle to be based on Volkswagen Group's MEB modular electric car platform, the Czech brand is taking the next step in its journey towards eMobility. The four-door crossover coupé impresses with sporty, emotive lines and exudes a feeling of spaciousness. A dynamic driving experience is ensured by all-wheel drive and two electric motors outputting 225 kW (306 PS).

The VISION iV is 4,665 mm long, 1,926 mm wide and has a height of 1,613 mm. Dynamic lines lend it a sporty appearance. Even from the outside, the interior's spacious feel is evident from the new proportions created by a short bonnet and a long passenger cabin. The VISION iV offers a concrete preview of ŠKODA's first production car to be based on Volkswagen Group's MEB platform.

Reinterpreted ŠKODA grille and a horizontal light strip

The concept car features a horizontal light strip that – running across the reinterpreted, wide, covered ŠKODA grille that has delicate vertical slats and crystalline structures – spans the entire width of the vehicle and connects the Matrix LED headlights. The athletic side view of the VISION iV is shaped by bold wings and a coupé-like roofline. The doors do not have any handles – just a touch will open them automatically. Classic wing mirrors have been replaced by cameras providing a 180-degree view which is relayed in the rear-view mirror. The multi-level arrangement of the instrument panel and centre console as well as a seemingly floating screen adds a new dimension to the interior.

Two electric motors and consistent smartphone integration

The zero-emission ŠKODA VISION iV is powered by two electric motors – one on the front axle and one on the rear axle – giving the VISION iV all-wheel drive. The power of 225 kW (306 PS) is distributed to the wheels depending on requirements, thus providing a dynamic yet safe driving performance. The car has a maximum range of 500 km in the WLTP cycle; the battery can be charged to 80 per cent in just 30 minutes. Through the use of laser scanners, radar sensors and cameras, the concept car can perfectly navigate its surroundings. In suitable situations it can even drive autonomously and park by itself. Comprehensive connectivity features allow for direct communication with other road users, cars and the infrastructure.

The latest-generation infotainment system provides access to ŠKODA's numerous mobile online services and is not only able to master gestures and voice command but also to fully integrate the driver's and front passenger's smartphones into the operating concept. Using the smartphone as a digital key, the VISION iV can be unlocked and started. The concept car also monitors the driver's heart rate, thus offering increased safety, and, if necessary, brakes automatically to come to a complete stop.



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ŠKODA VISION iV focusing on dynamism and spaciousness

- › Design draws attention to the effortless handling of ŠKODA's future electric cars
- › Horizontal light strip spanning the width of the car connects the Matrix LED headlights
- › New multi-level interior concept and a screen that appears to float

The VISION iV is a concrete preview of the models in ŠKODA's future electric range. It features a light strip that runs across the radiator grille and spans the entire width of the vehicle, connecting the Matrix LED headlights. The VISION iV's minimalist design accentuates how easy it is to get to grips with electric cars in everyday life. Sporty and dynamic lines embody the joy of driving; the generous feeling of spaciousness distinguishes the concept study as a true ŠKODA. The multi-level arrangement of the instrument panel and centre console as well as a seemingly floating screen adds a new dimension to the interior.

Oliver Stefani, Head of ŠKODA Design, explained, "The striking face of the concept study with horizontal light strip gives it an ultramodern look and underpins its strong, self-assured appearance."

The ŠKODA VISION iV is 4,665 mm long, 1,926 mm wide and has a height of 1,613 mm; its wheelbase measures 2,765 mm. The concept study gleams in Ultra Yellow – a multi-layered paint finish that contains organic gold pigments to create the effect of different shades. The radiant surface is complemented by matt design features in anthracite, providing the car with a rugged and modern look. The design of the ŠKODA VISION iV's athletic body and bold wings is combined with a coupé-like, flowing roofline. The side view is characterised by a tornado line that connects the front and rear. This accentuates the clean surfaces of the handleless doors. Just a touch will open them automatically – the opposed-opening rear doors even open electrically. Classic wing mirrors have been replaced by cameras providing a 180-degree view which is relayed in the rear-view mirror. The aerodynamically optimised 22-inch wheels appear open and lightweight. One of the spokes on each wheel bears illuminated ŠKODA lettering.

Crystalline shapes and minimalist design

The front is characterised by the reinterpretation of ŠKODA's typically wide, covered grille, featuring delicate vertical slats and illuminated crystalline structures. A prominent horizontal light strip in the upper part of the grille connects the arrow-shaped main headlights that shine with innovative Matrix LED technology. The headlights resemble three glass jewels and other brand-typical crystalline elements. Large, striking air ducts in the front bumper emphasise the car's sporty appearance. The distinctly sculpted, short bonnet bears an illuminated crystal ŠKODA logo.

From the outside, the long passenger compartment hints at the generous amount of space available inside. Furthermore, the boot has a total capacity of 550 l. Aerodynamic trailing edges and crystalline LED tail lights can be found at the bold rear. These redefine the ŠKODA-typical 'C' shape and, along with a strip of lights above the rear diffuser, accentuate the car's width. Another eye-catching detail on the slightly curved lip of the electric tailgate is the ŠKODA lettering – the individual letters illuminate in red.



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[Oliver Stefani](#) explained, "The minimalist design, also highlighted by the use of cameras instead of wing mirrors or by the lack of door handles, symbolises how easy our electric cars are to use. What's more, illuminated design features and new light technology add exciting visual touches."

An airy, spacious feel and new highlights in the large interior

The VISION iV's interior echoes the design of the VISION E concept study and further enhances it. It is a role model for future electric cars from the Czech car manufacturer. ŠKODA designers have made use of the lack of a classic transmission tunnel to give the instrument panel and centre console a striking new arrangement. This lends the interior a particularly spacious feel. The lowest level offers plenty of storage space between the driver and front passenger seats. Above this, there is a movable and particularly easy-to-reach centre console. This provides space for control units and two mobile phones, which can be wirelessly integrated into the infotainment and operating systems, and charged inductively.

The instrument panel consists of two levels that are delicate and light. It continues the shape of the vehicle's front; decorative stitching and ambient lighting also accentuate these lines. The large screen appears to float in the centre above the instrument panel; there is a hand rest in front of it for use while operating the touchscreen. The exquisite, soft-foam surface with its specific texture resembles crystalline structures and will be used in all ŠKODA cars in future. Ultrasuede®, a synthetic suede fabric, rounds off the instrument panel and door trims. Ultrasuede® is a premium material which is manufactured in a particularly eco-friendly way.

The lower level of the instrument panel features striking decorative birch veneers with a matt finish that are extremely ductile and strong yet lightweight. These replace the classic air vents and create a sense of a natural flow of air. The wooden slats span virtually the entire width of the interior and are proof of the ŠKODA designers' attention to detail. This is also evident in the illuminated door handles, the shape of which resembles those found in classic ŠKODAs such as the POPULAR. The airy feel and the generously spacious interior of the ŠKODA VISION iV are accentuated even further by a panoramic glass roof.

Steering wheel with new design and swivel seats

The VISION iV's steering wheel also boasts a new design. It features just two spokes and 'ŠKODA' in block lettering instead of the usual ŠKODA logo; below it, a metal brace echoes the front of the vehicle. Buttons and particularly well-crafted knobs that appear to float on the steering wheel are both exquisitely designed and simple to use. The driving mode can be selected on the steering wheel; thus, all controls can be found together in one central position, in easy reach of the driver. The particularly lightweight swivel seats also contribute to the airy, spacious feel. The seats are covered in Dinamica®, a suede substitute that does not contain any animal-derived components, and includes perforations that shimmer with golden accents. Dinamica® is partially made from recycled polyester, which is also used for T-shirts and plastic (PET) bottles for example. Recycling polyester reduces CO₂ emissions by approx. 80% compared to the production process using conventional materials. The backrests boast covers made from vegan vinyl fibres, whilst seat inserts feature a unique perforation pattern with golden accents. The footwell is covered by tufted floor mats made from pure bio-degradable wool.



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Zero-emission drive with two electric motors

- › Concept study based on Volkswagen Group's MEB modular electric car platform
- › ŠKODA VISION iV has a power output of 225 kW (306 PS) and all-wheel drive
- › 83-kWh lithium-ion battery offers a range of up to 500 km in the WLTP cycle

The ŠKODA VISION iV impressively combines zero-emission driving with the highest level of dynamics. The concept study is the first ŠKODA to be based on Volkswagen Group's MEB modular electric car platform and running purely on an electric battery. It is powered by two electric motors that deliver a total of 225 kW (306 PS). The car has a maximum range of 500 km in the WLTP cycle, and the lithium-ion battery can be charged to 80 per cent in just 30 minutes. Intelligent all-wheel drive provides a safe yet dynamic driving performance.

Christian Strube, ŠKODA Board Member for Technical Development, said, "One characteristic of electric motors is that maximum torque is available straight away. This provides excellent responsiveness and when accelerating, this concept car achieves more dynamism than we've ever seen from a ŠKODA. And to top it all off, it produces zero emissions, runs quietly and offers perfect traction."

For the VISION iV, ŠKODA has drawn on Volkswagen Group's MEB modular electric car platform. The zero-emission car is powered by two electric motors – one on the front axle and one on the rear axle. This means the car features all-wheel drive that can react according to the current situation. The car's power output is 225 kW (306 PS) and it has a top speed of 180 km/h. Thanks to maximum torque being immediately available at all times, the VISION iV can reach a speed of 100 km/h from a standing start in just 5.9 seconds; the short burst from 80 to 120 km/h takes less than 4 seconds. The car also boasts a maximum range of up to 500 km in the WLTP cycle.

Lithium-ion battery can be charged to 80 per cent in just 30 minutes

In the MEB platform, the high-voltage battery lies compactly between the front and rear axle in the car's underbody, where it is also optimally protected. The liquid-cooled lithium-ion battery has a capacity of 83 kWh and can be charged to 80 per cent of its total capacity in 30 minutes. The car can be charged using a cable. The flow of energy between the two motors and the battery is controlled electronically.

Intelligent electronics also take care of power distribution for the all-wheel-drive system. When accelerating, they ensure optimal traction for all four wheels. While doing this, the car's continuous and simultaneous management adapts to the needs of the driver as well as to the individual conditions and given situations. Thus, the intelligent all-wheel drive always provides the maximum level of dynamics, driving stability and safety.



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Innovative technology provides safety and comfort

- › Assistance systems support the driver and help when the car is driving autonomously or is parking
- › VISION iV exchanges information with other road users, cars and the infrastructure
- › Concept study uses cameras, laser scanners and radar sensors for navigation

The ŠKODA VISION iV uses innovative technology to improve the safety and comfort of its occupants. The car is fitted with various laser scanners, radar sensors and cameras, allowing it to navigate its surroundings and respond accordingly. In addition, the concept study's comprehensive connectivity features allow it to exchange information directly with other road users and cars as well as with the infrastructure. In certain situations, this means the ŠKODA VISION iV is able to drive autonomously or park itself.

ŠKODA has equipped the VISION iV with technology for a new level of safety and comfort. Comprehensive connectivity features enable the car to communicate with other road users and vehicles as well as with infrastructure such as traffic control centres, meaning the car can respond to what is happening in traffic quicker and more precisely. In addition, numerous assistance systems support the VISION iV when either the driver is behind the wheel or it is driving and parking autonomously.

Modern laser scanners and radar sensors enable the car to accurately assess its surroundings. A high-performance computer with a great deal of processing capacity interprets the data. Assistance systems such as Traffic Jam Assist therefore work particularly precisely and quickly. The ŠKODA VISION iV can be driven autonomously at level 3. This means it can completely take over steering on motorways, for example. Here, the systems control overtaking and evasive manoeuvres, accelerate and apply the brakes. In dangerous situations, the driver is prompted to take over the steering wheel again within a defined time frame. From level 3, vehicles also communicate automatically with other vehicles, allowing them to inform one another of potential dangers. In addition, the ŠKODA VISION iV can also communicate with infrastructure.



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State-of-the-art infotainment system with voice and gesture commands

- › Smartphones are directly integrated into the concept study's infotainment and operating system
- › Comprehensive connectivity features allow constant access to Infotainment Online and Care Connect
- › ŠKODA VISION iV can be unlocked using a smartphone as a digital key

The ŠKODA VISION iV is equipped with the latest-generation infotainment system. It provides access to ŠKODA's numerous mobile online services including Infotainment Online and Care Connect. If desired, the system can be operated using voice command, gestures or the occupants' smartphones. These devices are integrated directly into the concept study's infotainment system using the innovative centre console. Smartphones can now also be used as a digital key for unlocking as well as starting up the VISION iV.

The VISION iV is perfectly aligned with the needs of modern society and fully integrates smartphones as part of its operating and infotainment concept. The doors can be unlocked using a smartphone as a digital key. Inside the vehicle, the driver and front passenger's mobile devices can be placed in the centre console, where they are inductively charged and wirelessly integrated into the latest-generation infotainment system. Furthermore, the VISION iV can be controlled using gestures, and – thanks to intelligent speech recognition with online support – can understand entire sentences and even dialects.

Upon opening the VISION iV, the driver is greeted by a specific welcome logo visible on the seemingly floating display. A permanent 5G connection enables the use of ŠKODA's numerous online services such as Infotainment Online and Care Connect. Infotainment Online provides Online Traffic Information in real time, weather reports or information about available parking spaces, for example. Care Connect includes Proactive Service and remote vehicle access via the ŠKODA Connect app or web portal.

A premium sound system ensures the car's occupants experience perfect acoustics, and the VISION iV itself monitors the well-being and safety of the driver. For example, the car detects when the driver's concentration is waning by monitoring the movement of their eyes. It can also keep track of their heart rate – alerting the driver if it is at a dangerous level or, if necessary, automatically and safely bringing the vehicle to a stop.



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ŠKODA KAMIQ – the new city SUV

- › Next step in the successful SUV campaign in Europe
- › ŠKODA KAMIQ combines the advantages of an SUV with the agility of a compact car
- › World premiere in March 2019 at the Geneva Motor Show

Mladá Boleslav/Geneva, 4 March 2019 – ŠKODA is adding a third model to its European SUV portfolio: the ŠKODA KAMIQ. Just like with the successful ŠKODA KODIAQ and KAROQ, the name KAMIQ also originates from the language of the Inuit people who live in northern Canada and Greenland: it means something that fits perfectly. Sitting in the growing city SUV segment, the ŠKODA KAMIQ perfectly combines the advantages of a sport utility vehicle – such as higher ground clearance and an elevated seat position – with the agility of a compact car. With an emotive design, state-of-the-art assistance and infotainment systems, a generous amount of space and numerous Simply Clever features, the new KAMIQ equally fulfils the needs of both family- and lifestyle-oriented customers.

ŠKODA AUTO CEO, Bernhard Maier, said, “By introducing the ŠKODA KAMIQ, we are completing our successful European SUV portfolio at the lower end. As our first city SUV, the ŠKODA KAMIQ will captivate new customer groups for the ŠKODA brand and it is therefore an important component of our model campaign. The ŠKODA KAMIQ offers an attractive overall package and combines SUV-typical characteristics such as the elevated seat position and a good view of the road with agile handling, an emotive design, a high level of safety and state-of-the-art connectivity. Furthermore, its generous amount of space and many Simply Clever features make it a real ŠKODA.”

The ŠKODA KAMIQ continues the successful SUV design language from the KODIAQ and the KAROQ and comes with new visual highlights such as the split headlights featuring the daytime running lights above the main headlights. The city SUV is based on the modular transverse matrix (MQB) and, with a length of 4,241 mm, offers the ŠKODA-typical generous amount of space. Modern assistance systems, environmentally friendly and efficient drive systems, the latest infotainment systems and state-of-the-art connectivity solutions ensure the ŠKODA KAMIQ perfectly fulfils the requirements of modern individual mobility – all whilst further consolidating the emotiveness of the ŠKODA brand.

The name KAMIQ continues the already familiar nomenclature of ŠKODA SUV models. The names of the larger models, the ŠKODA KAROQ and ŠKODA KODIAQ, both also start with the letter K and end in a Q.

“With the expansion of our SUV family, we have not only focused on a uniform design language, the clear line of the names containing a K and a Q also accentuates the coherence and has a high recognition value. In the language of the Inuit, KAMIQ embodies something in which you feel comfortable in any situation and that has its own character. That suits this car perfectly,” explained Alain Favey, ŠKODA AUTO Board Member for Sales and Marketing.

With the KAMIQ, ŠKODA is tapping into a new, younger target group that pursues a modern, adventure-oriented lifestyle in the increasingly popular city SUV segment. Apart from a car’s



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off-road appearance, a high level of efficiency is especially important in this segment and the KAMIQ is therefore exclusively available with front-wheel drive.

Design: A ŠKODA SUV with an emotive, compact shape

The front of the new ŠKODA KAMIQ is characterised by a wide radiator grille with double slats and distinct lines on the bonnet. The rugged front spoiler emphasises the car's off-road character. The compact side view, with large wheels measuring 16 to 18 inches and an elevated bonnet, appears robust and dynamic; the roof line and high ground clearance reinforce this impression. The side view presents balanced proportions and a timeless design, combined with a dynamic and sporty look. The rear features a new interpretation of the ŠKODA-typical 'C' shape of the lights. A diffuser accentuates the car's generous ground clearance and powerful appearance.

"With the ŠKODA KAMIQ, we have rigorously advanced our successful SUV design language and come up with a car that is very powerful and emotive, despite its compact dimensions. The KAMIQ is immediately recognisable as a member of the ŠKODA SUV family thanks to its large, upright radiator grille, the distinct lines on the bonnet and the crystalline headlights. However, new highlights such as the daytime running lights above the headlights further reiterate an independent and unique identity," explained Oliver Stefani, Head of ŠKODA Design.

The new ŠKODA SUV is the brand's first model to feature split LED headlights with daytime running lights that, in the full-LED version, appear like four gemstones above the main headlights. Three-dimensional and crystalline effects as well as LED units that look like glistening jewels add to the sophisticated appearance. The full-LED version also features fog lights with static cornering lights as well as – for the first time in a ŠKODA – dynamic front and rear indicators. The front indicators are divided into individual LEDs. When the driver turns the indicators on, they flash outwards in a sweeping motion.

Interior: A good view of the road, plenty of space and comfort

The KAMIQ is the Czech brand's second model featuring the new interior concept. Its interior is dominated by the free-standing screen which is ideally positioned in the driver's field of view and, at 9.2 inches, one of the biggest in its segment. A character line echoes the lines on the bonnet. It also forms an ergonomic hand rest below the display for operating the touchscreen. Measuring 10.25 inches, the optional Virtual Cockpit is also amongst the largest displays in the segment. The redesigned instrument panel continues the emotive design language of the exterior. The side air vents extend into the doors, visually enhancing the spacious feel of the KAMIQ.

The dashboard, with its new, extensive decorative elements, and the front door trims feature a high-quality, soft-foam surface with a new specific texture resembling crystalline structures. This will also shape the ŠKODA brand's style in future. The ambient lighting, available in the three colours white red and copper, also helps to provide a pleasant feeling of spaciousness. These add a visual highlight to the shades and coloured contrasting stitching on the seat covers. As an option, the seat covers are available in an exquisite Suedia microfiber. The ŠKODA KAMIQ also offers a higher seat position compared to the ŠKODA SCALA.

The interior of the new ŠKODA SUV impresses not only with its amount of space but also with its comfort options that are otherwise rather seen in higher vehicle segments. These include for example a heated steering wheel and heated windscreen. The KAMIQ also offers heated seats,



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not only for the two front seats but also as an option for the seats in the back.

Body: Spacious interior despite compact exterior dimensions

The new ŠKODA KAMIQ is 4,241 mm long and 1,793 mm wide, and has a height of 1,531 mm. The wheelbase measures 2,651 mm. This is especially beneficial for the rear passengers who can enjoy 73 mm of knee room. The boot has a capacity of 400 l, which increases to 1,395 l when the rear seats are folded down. As an optional extra, the front passenger's seat back can also be folded down, allowing longer items up to 2,447 mm to be transported with ease.

Powertrains: Five engines and optional adjustable chassis

All of the ŠKODA KAMIQ's engines are direct-injection units with turbochargers. They come with brake energy recovery as well as Stop/Start technology and comply with the currently strictest Euro 6d-TEMP emissions standard. The entry-level engine is a 1.0 TSI delivering 70 kW (95 PS). From its cylinder capacity of 1.0 l, this three-cylinder model produces maximum torque of 175 Nm and features a manual 5-speed gearbox.

The 1.0 TSI with a power output of 85 kW (115 PS) comes with a 6-speed gearbox as standard, but can be fitted with a 7-speed DSG as an option, and generates torque of 200 Nm. The top-end engine is the four-cylinder 1.5 TSI with a power output of 110 kW (150 PS) and maximum torque of 250 Nm. Its Active Cylinder Technology (ACT) automatically shuts down two cylinders when the load is light, thus saving on fuel. This engine is also available with a 7-speed DSG as an alternative to the manual 6-speed gearbox. All three petrol engines are equipped with a petrol particulate filter.

The four-cylinder 1.6 TDI diesel engine delivering 85 kW (115 PS) also offers torque of 250 Nm; it is fitted with an SCR catalytic converter with AdBlue injection and a diesel particulate filter as standard. This efficient diesel engine is coupled with a 6-speed manual gearbox as standard; a 7-speed DSG is available as an option.

The latest version of the 1.0 G-TEC is a particularly efficient and eco-friendly way to drive the new ŠKODA KAMIQ. This three-cylinder engine has a power output of 66 kW (90 PS) and maximum torque of 145 Nm, and is designed to run on natural gas (CNG). This generates lower CO₂ and NO_x emissions compared to conventional fuels. Power is transmitted via a manual 6-speed gearbox.

With 36 mm more ground clearance than the new compact car, the ŠKODA SCALA, the ŠKODA KAMIQ's chassis combines the advantages of an SUV with the agile handling of a compact car. Sport Chassis Control allows for an even more dynamic set-up. This optional sporty chassis is 10 mm lower and, in addition to the Normal mode, also has a Sport mode with firmer characteristics for the shock absorbers that are adjusted electronically.. Drivers can configure the two chassis settings in the menu for Driving Mode Select, which comes in combination with Sport Chassis Control. Driving Mode Select offers a choice of four modes: Normal, Sport, Eco and Individual. As an optional extra, underbody protection is available for those who also like to venture off-road.

Safety: State-of-the-art assistance systems from higher segments

The ŠKODA KAMIQ offers state-of-the-art safety systems – Front Assist and Lane Assist are already available as standard. Front Assist, which includes City Emergency Brake and Predictive Pedestrian Protection, monitors the area in front of the car while driving in the city, thereby helping



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to prevent accidents. Using a camera, Lane Assist recognises lane markings and helps the driver to keep the car in lane. At speeds of up to 210 km/h on motorways, the optional Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) maintains the speed set by the driver or automatically adjusts the speed of the car to that of vehicles ahead. This takes the strain off the driver and further improves safety. In combination with DSG, the system can even brake the ŠKODA KAMIQ until it stops and have it pull away again automatically in up to three seconds. The optional Driver Alert fatigue detection system emits a warning as soon as it registers that the driver's concentration is waning.

The level of safety can be increased further with additional optional systems. If the ŠKODA KAMIQ's sensors detect an impending collision, the optional proactive Crew Protect Assist quickly closes any open windows and pre-tensions the front seat belts. Up to nine airbags, including a knee airbag and side airbags for the rear seats, protect the passengers in the case of a collision. Following an accident, the Multi-Collision Brake prevents the vehicle from rolling any further in an uncontrolled manner.

Many modern assistance systems prevent accidents and ensure a high level of active safety in the ŠKODA KAMIQ. The optional Side Assist can detect vehicles that are up to 70 m away and wanting to overtake or that are in the car's blind spot, and thus also effectively assists the driver on motorways and dual carriageways. To do this, it uses two radar systems in the rear and alerts the driver using light signals on the inner edge of the wing mirror, where the driver will notice them intuitively. Rear Traffic Alert warns the driver about objects moving behind the vehicle when reversing. This is a key function of Side Assist.

The optional rear-view camera and Park Assist, which automatically manoeuvres the ŠKODA KAMIQ into and out of parallel and bay parking spaces, lend the driver a hand when parking. The integrated Manoeuvre Assist function automatically brakes the city SUV if the sensors detect an obstacle in front of or behind the car during parking. Auto Light Assist is also available as an option. This uses a camera to detect oncoming traffic as well as vehicles travelling ahead of the KAMIQ, and automatically dips the headlights.

Connectivity: Always online thanks to eSIM

Three infotainment systems are available for the new ŠKODA KAMIQ. The top-of-the-range Amundsen infotainment system comes with a free-standing 9.2-inch touchscreen that is positioned up high, in clear view of the driver. This screen ranks amongst the largest within the segment. And so does the KAMIQ's 10.25-inch Virtual Cockpit with a choice of five different display layouts – Classic, Basic, Modern, Sport and Extended. Even the Bolero infotainment system comes with an 8-inch display and the entry-level Swing system features a 6.5-inch screen and four speakers in the front. Bolero and Amundsen come with eight speakers; the optional 405-watt ŠKODA Sound System has ten speakers.

"The ŠKODA KAMIQ is equipped with the all-new generation of our infotainment systems. It is always online and the infotainment apps offer the most recent ŠKODA Connect online services. This makes it the perfect match for a young, online-oriented target group for city SUVs," said Christian Strube, ŠKODA AUTO Board Member for Technical Development.

The permanent Internet connection provides the KAMIQ with eCall, which communicates information such as the car's location and status in the event of an accident, and Proactive Service,



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which stays in contact with the garage to coordinate service appointments.

The car's high degree of connectivity also enables remote vehicle access via the ŠKODA Connect app or web portal. This feature allows owners to lock and unlock their car or check whether all of its windows are closed – all from a distance. In addition, car owners can conveniently call up information while on the go or, for example, from the comfort of their own living room, and find out how much fuel is left in the tank. Other vehicle and driving data such as the car's mileage or the speeds it has travelled at can also be accessed.

Infotainment apps, available in the Shop that can be installed to the Amundsen infotainment system, provide access to further in-car services. Using the News app for example, KAMIQ owners can subscribe to news feeds; the Weather app covers all of Europe. Online Traffic Information provides more accurate estimates for route and journey times; traffic jams and alternative routes are updated in real time. Online data also feeds the display of available parking spaces and current fuel prices as well as the voice control feature which also understands entire sentences and dialects through the use of the ŠKODA server.

In the Shop, customers can select additional data plans, for example to provide passengers with a data allowance via a Wi-Fi hotspot. No additional costs are incurred or further trips to the garage required, as the navigation system's maps are updated automatically, 'over the air'.

Simply Clever: New concepts for ŠKODA's city SUV

Overall, the ŠKODA KAMIQ offers more than twenty Simply Clever features. The KAMIQ is the first car in its segment to offer the option of clever door-edge protection that deploys automatically when the doors are opened. This system prevents damage to the KAMIQ as well as nearby vehicles, particularly in tight parking spaces in the city. The optional electric tailgate proves to be another convenient feature when loading a weekly shop for example. The tailgate can be opened and closed at the push of a button; thanks to its integrated tip-to-close function, it can also be closed by lightly pulling on the open tailgate. From the Ambition trim level upwards, a removable LED torch can be found on the side in the boot. The button to electrically unlock the retractable tow bar can also be found in the boot.

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ŠKODA FABIA R5: Update for the most successful rally car of its category

- › At the Geneva International Motor Show ŠKODA Motorsport presents update of the most successful rally car in brand's history, the ŠKODA FABIA R5
- › Close-to-production rally challenger gets technical improvements as well as key design elements of 2019 ŠKODA FABIA road car
- › Updated ŠKODA FABIA R5 will be available from the middle of 2019 for the first customers
- › Until the end of 2018, in total 252 cars of the ŠKODA FABIA R5 have been sold

Mladá Boleslav/Geneva, 4 March 2019 – The most successful rally car in the brand's history, the ŠKODA FABIA R5, will get an update. At the Geneva International Motor Show (7 – 17 March 2019) ŠKODA Motorsport unveils its rally car, which adopts key design elements of the 2019 ŠKODA FABIA road car. Additionally, the rally car gets technical improvements. For example, the 1.6-litre turbo charged engine of the new generation rally challenger was upgraded improving power output and engine response. The ŠKODA FABIA R5 is due to be homologated by the International Motorsport Federation FIA in the second quarter of 2019 and will later be available to customers worldwide.

The new generation ŠKODA FABIA R5 rally car, in perfect correspondence with the current road-going ŠKODA FABIA, features a new headlight design and performance and reliability improvements. "The next generation of our multiple championship winning ŠKODA FABIA R5 is an important step to keep our customers worldwide and the ŠKODA factory team competitive," says *Michal Hrabánek*, Head of ŠKODA Motorsport.

After having been tested on thousands of kilometres on gravel tracks and asphalt roads as well as on snow and ice, the updated ŠKODA FABIA R5 follows in the footsteps of the most successful rally car in the brand's history. "We make sure, that after the homologation process our customers get a car, which is fully developed and ready for competition without any compromises. Thoroughness in the development of a new rally car has absolute priority for ŠKODA Motorsport. We strictly follow the same processes of quality management and control as in ŠKODA's road car production," emphasizes Hrabánek.

In 2018 alone, the titles in the Team Championship of the FIA World Rally Championship's WRC 2 category were won, while ŠKODA Motorsport celebrated the top three positions of the WRC 2 drivers and co-drivers categories as well. As a result of the increased efforts in customer services, ŠKODA customers as well were successful worldwide, winning the FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship (APRC), the FIA South American Rally Championship (CODASUR) the FIA African Rally Championship (ARC) and 17 national rally titles with a ŠKODA FABIA R5.

Until the end of last year, 252 ŠKODA FABIA R5 have been delivered worldwide, in 2018 alone 80 cars were sold to customers. In 2019 ŠKODA Motorsport will enter two cars into selected rounds of the FIA World Rally Championship. Finnish youngsters Kalle Rovanperä and co-driver Jonne Halttunen will compete in the new WRC 2 Pro Championship. Reigning WRC 2 Champions Jan Kopecký/Pavel Dresler from Czech Republic will be seen on selected WRC events as well. They will also try to defend their title of Czech Rally Champions.



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The calendar of the 2019 FIA World Rally Championship (WRC 2 Pro)

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Monte-Carlo	24/01–27/01/2019
Sweden	14/02–17/02/2019
Mexico	07/03–10/03/2019
France	28/03–31/03/2019
Argentina	25/04–28/04/2019
Chile	09/05–12/05/2019
Portugal	30/05–02/06/2019
Italy	13/06–16/06/2019
Finland	01/08–04/08/2019
Germany	22/08–25/08/2019
Turkey	12/09–15/09/2019
Great Britain	03/10–06/10/2019
Spain	24/10–27/10/2019
Australia	14/11–17/11/2019

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The ŠKODA SCALA – new definition of the compact car segment for the Czech carmaker

- › **Emotive:** with the new compact car, ŠKODA is taking the next step in development of brand's design language
- › **Pointing to the future:** the first ŠKODA based on Volkswagen Group's MQB A0 platform
- › **Innovative:** new infotainment systems and ŠKODA Connect mobile online services
- › **Roomy:** spacious and versatile interior despite compact outer dimensions
- › **Efficient:** five powerful and efficient turbo engines including TSIs, TDIs and a G-TEC
- › **Safe:** assistance systems from higher segments and up to nine airbags

Mladá Boleslav/Geneva, 4 March 2019 - Featuring an emotive design, a high degree of functionality as well as state-of-the-art connectivity, the ŠKODA SCALA completely redefines the compact car segment for the Czech carmaker. In line with its new character and modern technology, the hatchback has been given a new name. 'SCALA' comes from the Latin for 'stairs' or 'ladder' and represents the step forward ŠKODA has taken with this car. The ŠKODA SCALA is the first production model to showcase the stunning design language of the ŠKODA VISION RS concept car. What's more, it also comes with a high degree of active and passive safety, full-LED headlights and tail lights as well as plenty of space for passengers and their luggage. There is a choice of five engines with a power output ranging from 66 kW (90 PS) to 110 kW (150 PS). In addition, the SCALA offers numerous ŠKODA-typical Simply Clever features. It will be launched onto the European market in the first half of 2019.

All information, photos and videos of the ŠKODA SCALA are available in the digital press kit at [ŠKODA Storyboard](#).

The ŠKODA SCALA is an all-new compact car and sets benchmarks within its segment in terms of technology, safety, space and design. Boasting excellent connectivity, high-quality equipment and exquisite materials, it perfectly represents the brand's values, which are suitably encapsulated by the term 'smart understatement'. The SCALA thereby also appeals to the younger, design-focused online generation, who also attach importance to enjoying a generous amount of space (as is typical for a ŠKODA), the largest boot in its segment and great value for money.

Emotive and authentic design

Precision-designed details lend the ŠKODA SCALA a distinct identity. It is the first ŠKODA to roll off the production line showcasing the next development stage of the Czech brand's design language and does so confidently bearing ŠKODA lettering across its tailgate. For the first time, the Czech carmaker replaces the familiar ŠKODA logo by this significant block lettering on a car sold on the European market. The car's unique, extended rear window and the large panoramic glass roof that is part of the Emotion package, provide the ŠKODA SCALA with its unique style, while alloy wheels measuring up to 18 inches create dynamic accents. Displaying perfect proportions, clearly defined surfaces, flowing lines and refined aerodynamics, the SCALA has a modern and sporty look.



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New interior concept featuring a free-standing screen

The SCALA's interior combines ergonomics and emotiveness with a ŠKODA-typical generous amount of space and the largest boot in its segment. Just like the front door trims, the instrument panel also features a high-quality, soft-foam surface with a new specific texture resembling crystalline structures; the central touchscreen is positioned high on the dashboard in clear view of the driver. Ambient lighting, which enhances the car's interior with white or red illumination (an additional coppery illumination will be available from the second half of 2019), combines with warm hues and contrasting coloured stitching on the seat covers (optionally available in an exquisite Suedia microfibre) to create a pleasant atmosphere. A heated windscreen, heated steering wheel and heated rear seats are all optional extras that provide added comfort. The SCALA's interior is really spacious despite its total length measuring just 4,362 mm. This is possible thanks to a wheelbase of 2,649 mm – the largest of a car based on MQB-A0 platform. The boot has a capacity of 467 l, which increases to 1,410 l with the rear seats folded down.

Assistance systems from higher segments

The SCALA is the first ŠKODA based on Volkswagen Group's MQB-A0 platform. ŠKODA can therefore offer assistance systems for the SCALA which have previously only been seen in higher-tier models. Lane Assist and Front Assist, which includes the City Emergency Brake as well as Predictive Pedestrian functions, are already part of the car's standard equipment. Up to a distance of 70 m, the optional Side Assist alerts the driver of vehicles approaching from behind or when they are in the blind spot. Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC), which can be used at speeds of up to 210 km/h, and Park Assist are further optional extras.

Five efficient engines and an adjustable chassis

The SCALA comes with a choice of five efficient turbo engines, all of which comply with the Euro 6d-TEMP emissions standard. Three 1.0-litre or 1.5-litre TSI engines produce power outputs ranging from 70 to 110 kW (95 to 150 PS). The 1.5 TSI benefits from Active Cylinder Technology (ACT) and is capable of imperceptibly shutting down two cylinders when driving with a light load, thus saving fuel. The 1.6-litre TDI delivers 85 kW (115 PS) and is fitted with an SCR catalytic converter featuring AdBlue injection and a diesel particulate filter; the petrol engines are equipped with a petrol particulate filter. The 1.0-litre G-TEC generating 66 kW (90 PS), which is designed to run on environmentally friendly natural gas (CNG), will follow later in 2019. A 7-speed DSG is an optional extra for all engines outputting 85 kW (115 PS) or more. Sport Chassis Control is another available option. The chassis is 15 mm lower and, in addition to Normal mode, has a Sport mode with a firmer adjustment of shock absorbers. Both modes can be configured using the Driving Mode Select feature.

LED technology as standard and up to nine airbags

The SCALA boasts LED headlights and tail lights as standard; full-LED versions as well as dynamic rear indicators are optional – the latter of which is the very first for a ŠKODA. The indicators are made up of individual LEDs, which illuminate one after another, sweeping from the inside and towards the outside of the car. The car's airbags – up to nine – include a driver knee airbag and, for the first time in the segment, optional rear side airbags. In the event of an impending collision, the optional proactive Crew Protect Assist automatically closes any open windows and tensions the front seat belts.



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Always online and state-of-the-art connectivity

Fitted with a built-in eSIM, the SCALA is the first ŠKODA to be always online and to provide eCall and Proactive Service as standard features. Using the new Infotainment Apps from the Shop, the top-of-the-range Amundsen infotainment system comes with a Weather app as well as a News app. Furthermore, online data assists navigation as well as the voice control feature, and it supplies information about traffic, fuel prices and available parking spaces. The remote vehicle access enables, for example, to lock and unlock the car from a distance (Lock & Unlock) or to call up information about the car via the ŠKODA Connect app. Depending on the model, the third-generation, modular infotainment systems feature screens ranging from 6.5 to 9.2 inches, and the display of the optional 10.25-inch Virtual Cockpit is amongst the largest in the segment. As is usual for a ŠKODA, the SCALA incorporates a wealth of Simply Clever features too. These include an electric tailgate incl. Tip-To-Close function – a first for the segment –, an integrated funnel in the lid of the windscreen washer tank and an electrically retractable tow bar.

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KLEMENT: ŠKODA electric two-wheel concept for sustainable micromobility in the city

- › KLEMENT provides a concrete look ahead at the future of modern, individual micromobility
- › Innovative two-wheel concept that combines a pure design, state-of-the-art technology and effortless handling
- › KLEMENT boasts connectivity at its best and offers access to a variety of brand-typical intelligent connectivity features
- › Innovative combined throttle and brake control for intuitive operation and a 4-kW rear hub motor with recuperation
- › Highest level of safety thanks to hydraulic brake at the front equipped with ABS and an innovative lighting concept

Mladá Boleslav / Geneva, 5 March 2019 – By showcasing the KLEMENT mobility concept at the Geneva Motor Show, ŠKODA is providing an insight into the car manufacturer's vision for the future of micromobility in cities: electric, innovative and modern. The integrated 4-kW rear hub motor accelerates the KLEMENT to a top speed of 45 km/h, and the throttle and brake control are made child's play by the pivoting pedals. This allows for handling that is as innovative as it is effortless. A hydraulic brake at the front equipped with ABS as well as LED lights integrated into the concept guarantee a safe ride at all times. The KLEMENT also traces an arc back to the company's roots – back to 124 years ago when the story of ŠKODA began with the manufacturing of bicycles under founding fathers Laurin & Klement.

Guido Haak, Head of Product Management at ŠKODA AUTO, said, "Micromobility is becoming increasingly important in cities. By presenting the KLEMENT at the Geneva Motor Show, we are showcasing our vision for the future of micromobility: sustainable, innovative, electric and with a pure, modern design. The KLEMENT is a state-of-the-art, dynamic and easy-to-use vehicle, and allows the ŠKODA brand to further appeal to a younger target group with a heightened sense of environmental awareness. The concept is perfectly aligned with our customers and our eMobility Strategy. We are therefore assessing whether, and how, this exciting, new mobility concept can be added to our portfolio in the future."

Agile vehicles like the KLEMENT make the daily commute to work in densely populated urban areas easier for example and are therefore becoming increasingly important there. This two-wheel concept was designed to cater for young people who are looking for a sustainable alternative to a car and who expect it to be easy to use, fun, as well as faster and more convenient than a conventional bicycle. The KLEMENT has a futuristic aluminium frame; the wheel suspensions make use of single-sided swing arms. The mobility concept has no visible levers or cables and the rider's feet rest on fixed pedals located where e-bikes ordinarily have a bottom bracket.

Riders accelerate and brake the KLEMENT just like they would popular hoverboards – by tilting the foot pedals. If the user shifts their weight forwards on the pedal, the KLEMENT's hub motor accelerates. If the pedals pivot backwards, a hydraulic disc brake at the front equipped with ABS is activated, as is regenerative braking at the rear wheel.



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The wheel hub motor on the rear wheel outputs up to 4 kW and accelerates the bike up to a maximum speed of 45 km/h. The two lithium-ion batteries, each featuring 52 cells, have a total capacity of 1,250 Wh – providing a range of up to 62 km. These batteries can be easily removed and charged using a household plug socket; they can also be recharged whilst riding thanks to brake energy recuperation. With a target weight of approx. 25 kg, the KLEMENT is easy to manoeuvre at all times.

The concept's integrated light system includes an LED headlight and brake light, LED indicators integrated into the pedals as well as a daytime running light. A smartphone holder with inductive charging is located on the crossbar, just behind the handlebars. Smartphones are the key to unlocking the e-bike's full connectivity potential. They can be used to link the KLEMENT to all of the innovative connectivity solutions offered by ŠKODA, such as the Coming Home function, the automatically triggered Emergency Call as well as remote diagnostics and maintenance. Owners can also programme a restricted area of use via Geofencing.

Many additional features might be included in a production version in future, such as assistance systems, Function on Demand or special mousse tyres, which are made from a shock-absorbing foam also used in running shoes – therefore providing a comfortable and quiet ride.

The KLEMENT electric two-wheel concept will celebrate its world premiere at the Geneva Motor Show from 7 to 17 March 2019.

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