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ŠKODA VISION iV: the next step towards e-mobility

- › Four-door SUV coupé featuring dynamic lines and a generous feeling of spaciousness
- › All-electric concept study delivering 150 kW (204 PS) offers a range of up to 500 km
- › Look ahead at ŠKODA's first production model to be based on Volkswagen Group's MEB platform

Mladá Boleslav / Shanghai, 14 April 2019 – By revealing the all-electric VISION iV concept study, Czech car manufacturer ŠKODA is providing a concrete look ahead at its electric future. The four-door SUV coupé is the brand's first model to be based on Volkswagen Group's MEB modular electric car platform. The sporty and dynamic design represents the joy of driving; at the same time, the VISION iV impresses with its generous feeling of spaciousness. By the end of 2022, ŠKODA will have launched a total of ten electric models worldwide. The brand's first steps into the era of e-mobility go hand in hand with the largest investment programme in the company's history. Over the next four years, ŠKODA will be investing a total of four billion euros in alternative drive systems and new mobility services.

The striking lines of the VISION iV concept study hint at the modern and self-assured appearance of the future family of electric ŠKODAs, whilst its minimalist design points to how easy electric cars are to use in everyday life. 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 body features a great combination of an athletic side view, bold wings and a coupé-like roofline. The concept study's doors are designed without any handles – they open automatically with just a touch. Cameras are used instead of classic wing mirrors.

Oliver Stefani, Head of ŠKODA Design, said, "The minimalist design, as seen in the use of cameras instead of wing mirrors or the lack of door handles for example, symbolises how easy our electric cars will be to use. Illuminated design features and new light technology add exciting visual touches."

The reinterpretation of ŠKODA's typically wide, covered grille, boasting delicate vertical slats and illuminated crystalline structures is the defining feature of the VISION iV's front. The tapered headlights come with innovative Matrix LED technology and are connected to each other by a horizontal light strip in the upper part of the grill. The ŠKODA lettering on the tailgate – whose individual letters illuminate in red – provides another eye-catching detail.

Striking interior design points the way for future electric vehicles

The interior of the ŠKODA VISION iV acts as a role model for that of the Czech car manufacturer's future electric vehicles. The designers have made use of the lack of a classic transmission tunnel to give the instrument panel and centre console a striking new arrangement, which provides a great sense of spaciousness. The lowest level of the interior's multi-level concept 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. Here, there is space for control units and two mobile phones, which are wirelessly integrated into the infotainment and operating systems, and can be charged



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inductively. The instrument panel echoes the shape of the vehicle's front and consists of two levels that are delicate and light. The large screen appears to float in the centre above the dashboard. The lower part of the instrument panel features decorative elements made from birch veneer in a matt finish. These replace classic air vents and create a sense of a natural flow of air. The wooden slats span virtually the entire width of the interior. The redesigned steering wheel features just two spokes and bears 'ŠKODA' in block lettering instead of the usual brand 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; all controls can be found together in one central position, in easy reach of the driver. The particularly lightweight swivel seats contribute to the airy, spacious feel. The seats are covered in Dinamica®, a suede substitute.

Oliver Stefani explained, "In the interior, we have made the most of the advantages of the MEB platform and created a very generous amount of space. What's more, we are also highlighting our first step into the era of e-mobility with an all-new multi-level interior concept."

The electric motor drives the rear wheels

The VISION iV is the first electric ŠKODA to be based on Volkswagen Group's MEB modular electric car platform. The compact, high-voltage battery lies between the front and rear axle in the car's underbody, where it is also optimally protected. The liquid-cooled lithium-ion battery delivering 83 kWh can be charged to 80 per cent in 30 minutes using a cable. The car also boasts a maximum range of up to 500 km in the WLTP cycle. The zero-emission car is powered by an electric motor on the rear axle, which delivers 150 kW (204 PS). The VISION iV's top speed is 160 km/h. It can reach a speed of 100 km/h from a standing start in just 9 seconds; the short burst from 80 to 120 km/h only takes 6.4 seconds. Alternatively, for the production car that is to follow there will also be an all-wheel-drive variant featuring two electric motors. This variant will have a total power output of 225 kW (306 PS), allowing the VISION iV to reach a maximum speed of 180 km/h and accelerate from 0 to 100 km/h in just 5.9 seconds. Its range remains unchanged at 500 km.

Christian Strube, ŠKODA Board Member for Technical Development, said, "In terms of the energy required, vehicles with e-drive are the most effective mobility solution today. One characteristic of electric motors is that their maximum torque is available straight away. This provides excellent responsiveness and a high level of dynamism."

A wealth of assistance systems lend the driver a hand

The ŠKODA VISION iV uses innovative technology and a wealth of assistance systems to improve the safety and comfort of its occupants. Fitted with laser scanners and radar sensors, it can navigate its surroundings and respond accordingly. Comprehensive connectivity features allow for direct interaction with other road users, cars and the infrastructure. In certain situations, this means the VISION iV is also able to drive autonomously or park itself. The crossover coupé comes equipped with a latest-generation infotainment system. A permanent 5G connection enables access to numerous mobile online services such as Infotainment Online and Care Connect. The system can be operated using voice command, gestures or the occupants' smartphones. These are integrated directly into the concept study's infotainment system via the innovative centre console. The VISION iV can be unlocked and started using the smartphone as a digital key. A premium sound system treats occupants of the car to perfect acoustics. The concept study itself monitors the well-being and safety of the driver: it detects when the driver's



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concentration is waning by monitoring the movement of their eyes. It can also monitor their heart rate and emit a warning if it is at a dangerous level. In emergencies, the ŠKODA VISION iV brakes automatically and comes safely to a stop.

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- › currently offers its customers nine passenger-car series: the CITIGO, FABIA, RAPID, SCALA, OCTAVIA, KAROQ, KODIAQ, as well as the KAMIQ and the SUPERB.
- › delivered more than 1.25 million vehicles to customers around the world in 2018.
- › has been a part of Volkswagen Group since 1991. The Volkswagen Group is one of the most successful vehicle manufacturers in the world. In association with the Group, ŠKODA AUTO independently develops and manufactures vehicles, as well as components such as engines and transmissions.
- › operates at three locations in the Czech Republic; manufactures in China, Russia, Slovakia, Algeria and India mainly through Group partnerships, as well as in Ukraine and Kazakhstan with local partners.
- › employs over 39,000 people globally and is active in more than 100 markets.
- › is pressing ahead with the transformation from a traditional car manufacturer to the 'Simply Clever company for the best mobility solutions' as part of the ŠKODA 2025 Strategy.