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ŠKODA KAROQ and KODIAQ enter 2020 model year with visual and technological enhancements

- › The SUVs now come with the option of Side Assist, featuring a range of 70 m and more easily noticeable light signals
- › ŠKODA lettering on the rear instead of the logo is a distinguishing feature of the new models
- › KAROQ and KODIAQ SUVs continue to drive growth for the Czech car manufacturer

Mladá Boleslav, 17 July 2019 – The successful ŠKODA KAROQ and ŠKODA KODIAQ SUVs are entering the 2020 model year with enhanced equipment for even more safety and comfort. Side Assist is now available for both models, for example, and warns the driver of vehicles in the blind spot up to 70 m away. One distinguishing visual feature that the latest versions of both popular SUVs have in common is the ŠKODA lettering on the tailgate.

In addition to a striking, emotive design language and a generous amount of space, the ŠKODA KODIAQ and ŠKODA KAROQ also boast new self-assured brand lettering on the tailgate. This hallmark adorns the new ŠKODA SCALA and KAMIQ compact models as well as the recently updated SUPERB, and will now gradually feature on the rear of all ŠKODA models.

Side Assist with a range of 70 m

The optional Side Assist has been added to the comprehensive selection of assistance systems for the ŠKODA KODIAQ and KAROQ, replacing the previous Blind Spot Detect in both SUVs. In the new system, the range increases from 20 to 70 m. It uses two radar sensors to detect vehicles approaching from behind or that are in the car's blind spot. The warning signals have been made more noticeable for the driver too. Rather than being situated in the mirror's glass as they were before, the light signals are now found on the insides of the wing mirrors. They are considerably easier to notice and their brightness can be adjusted. The system works while accelerating at speeds of 15 km/h or more and down to a speed of 10 km/h while braking. Rear Traffic Alert is an integral part of Side Assist too. It warns the driver about objects moving behind the vehicle when reversing.

Adaptive chassis (DCC) can now also be combined with front-wheel drive

The optional adaptive chassis (DCC) considerably boosts comfort in both ŠKODA SUVs. It is no longer exclusively available with all-wheel-drive vehicles, but can now also be ordered in conjunction with front-wheel drive. Boasting electronically adjustable shock absorbers, DCC automatically adapts the shock absorption to suit the road conditions and the current or preferred driving style. Via Driving Mode Select, the driver can also choose between three shock absorption modes – Comfort, Normal and Sport – which offer a variety of driving styles ranging from particularly comfortable to sporty.



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KESY with a motion sensor

ŠKODA is gradually equipping all of its models with the KESY vehicle entry key with a motion sensor, thereby reducing the risk of the car being stolen or broken into. In this system, which is optional for the KAROQ and KODIAQ, the key's transmitter signal switches off automatically after 15 minutes of no movement – if it is placed in a drawer or on a desk, for example. As soon as the key is moved again, the transmitter function is re-activated. The ŠKODA KAROQ or KODIAQ can then be opened conveniently as usual and switched on using the start button, without the need to take out the key.

New 2.0 TDI for the ŠKODA KAROQ

A new 2.0 TDI with a power output of 140 kW (190 PS) has been added to the ŠKODA KAROQ's range of engines. Of course, it also fulfils the Euro 6d-TEMP emissions standard, having been fitted with an SCR catalytic converter including AdBlue injection and a diesel particulate filter. The engine, which is already familiar from the ŠKODA KODIAQ, is combined with all-wheel drive and a 7-speed DSG transmission as standard.

New sporty wheels for the ŠKODA KODIAQ

The 2020 model year also sees the introduction of a new set of alloy wheels for the ŠKODA KODIAQ. The sporty 20-inch 'Ignite' wheels feature a greater width of 255 mm and are available as an option for the ŠKODA KODIAQ SPORTLINE as well as for the top-of-the-line KODIAQ RS and KODIAQ L&K. A new tyre pressure monitoring system for individual wheels is optional for tyres measuring 18 inches or more. Seat covers made of temperature-regulating leather now come as an option for the ŠKODA KODIAQ SCOUT.

An SUV success story: the ŠKODA KODIAQ and KAROQ

In autumn 2016, the Czech brand kicked off its major SUV campaign as part of its 2025 Strategy by launching the ŠKODA KODIAQ. The compact ŠKODA KAROQ followed a year later. With these two cars, ŠKODA captured the zeitgeist as well as met the needs of the customers in the globally booming SUV segment. Since then, the ŠKODA KODIAQ and ŠKODA KAROQ have become key pillars of the company's global growth strategy. Around 360,000 ŠKODA KODIAQs have been produced worldwide since the car's launch in autumn 2016. Its line-up consists of a wide range of models: the rugged KODIAQ SCOUT, the KODIAQ SPORTLINE, the sophisticated KODIAQ L&K and the sporty top-of-the-line KODIAQ RS. Since autumn 2017, more than 220,000 ŠKODA KAROQs have already been manufactured; ŠKODA's compact SUV is also available as a SCOUT and SPORTLINE variant.

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ŠKODA upgrades its KODIAQ and KAROQ SUVs

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ŠKODA upgrades its KODIAQ and KAROQ SUVs

The ŠKODA KODIAQ for the 2020 model year confidently bears ŠKODA block lettering on its tailgate.

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ŠKODA upgrades its KODIAQ and KAROQ SUVs

The ŠKODA KODIAQ impresses not only with a bold design, but also with an extremely generous amount of space for up to seven people.

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ŠKODA upgrades its KODIAQ and KAROQ SUVs

As of the 2020 model year, the ŠKODA KODIAQ and ŠKODA KAROQ come with the option of Side Assist featuring a range of up to 70 m.

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The ŠKODA KAROQ also bears the new ŠKODA block lettering on its tailgate from the 2020 model year onwards.

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- › was founded during the pioneering days of the automobile in 1895, making it one of the longest-established car companies in the world.
- › 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 part of Volkswagen Group since 1991. 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.

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