



WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF ŠKODA MOTORSPORT!

By Michal Hrabánek,
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D Dear all! Some really challenging and inspiring times are behind us. At the beginning of April, our new ŠKODA FABIA R5 evo was homologated. In May, Jan Kopecký and Pavel Dresler gave the ŠKODA FABIA R5 evo its competition debut – and maiden win – at Rally Český Krumlov. And after that, Kalle Rovanperä/Jonne Halttunen and Jan Kopecký/Pavel Dresler were very successful in the WRC 2 Pro category of the FIA World Rally Championship. We are leading in both drivers' – with Kalle – and manufacturers' standings of the WRC 2 Pro category of the FIA World Rally Championship. But be assured: Next to our ongoing commitment to compete with the ŠKODA factory team at top level, our customers are our main focus in 2019.



We are a reliable and successful partner for our customers rallying worldwide for years. Reaching the benchmark of 300 ŠKODA FABIA R5 and R5 evo sold to customers, we are now launching our brand new ŠKODA Motorsport Newsletter. It is dedicated to all our customers, partners, sponsors, media and last but not least fans to find out more about our commitment to rallying and our dedication to motorsport for 118 years, which is and will remain a part of our DNA.

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ŠKODA Motorsport director Michal Hrabánek (right) is handing over together with Šárka Králová (customer support ŠKODA Motorsport) the 300th rally car, a ŠKODA FABIA R5 evo, to Eero Räikkönen, Team Principal of Printsport Racing

ŠKODA MOTORSPORT DELIVERED FABIA R5 NUMBER 300

The delivery of the new ŠKODA FABIA R5 evo has started two months ago. So far, 280 cars of the predecessor and 19 of the new evo-Version has been sold. Now the barrier of in total 300 ŠKODA FABIA R5 delivered to customer teams has been broken. In Mladá Boleslav, ŠKODA Motorsport director Michal Hrabánek handed the 300th rally car, a ŠKODA FABIA R5 evo, over to Eero Räikkönen, Team Principal of Printsport Racing.

"Printsport" is not only belonging to the top three of our customers. They are also since 2015 in a direct cooperation with ŠKODA Motorsport, also in operating rallies for our works drivers supported by the factory team," says Hrabánek. Team Principal Eero Räikkönen, who founded Printsport in 1997, takes care about the majority of ŠKODA FABIA R5 in Scandinavia.



Kalle Rovanperä/Jonne Halttunen, Rally Turkey

FIA WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP/WRC 2 PRO CATEGORY:

ŠKODA lead drivers' and manufacturers' standings

The new ŠKODA FABIA R5 evo already had a number of successes in the hands of factory crews Kalle Rovanperä/Jonne Halttunen and Jan Kopecký/Pavel Dresler. ŠKODA Motorsport scored double victories in the WRC 2 Pro category at the 2019 FIA World Rally Championship rounds in Portugal and Italy. Jan Kopecký won the tarmac round in Germany, where local heroes Fabian Kreim/Tobias Braun and Marijan Griebel/Pirmin Winklhofer secured a double victory with the new ŠKODA FABIA R5 evo in the WRC 2 category for private teams. Jan Kopecký proved with a second place in the WRC 2 Pro category at Rally Turkey, the toughest gravel WRC round of the 2019 season, again the speed and durability of the new Czech rally car.

Kalle Rovanperä/Jonne Halttunen (FIN/FIN) are now leading the WRC 2 Pro championship for drivers, ŠKODA Motorsport holds the first place in the manufacturers standings.

STANDINGS: FIA WORLD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

(after 11 of 14 rounds)

WRC 2 Pro/Drivers (factory teams)

1.	Kalle Rovanperä (FIN)	ŠKODA	166 points
2.	Gus Greensmith (GBR)	Ford	110 points
	Mads Østberg (NOR)	Citroën	110 points
4.	Jan Kopecký (CZE)	ŠKODA	79 points
5.	Lukasz Pieniazek (POL)	Ford	74 points

WRC 2 Pro/Manufacturers

1.	ŠKODA	257 points
2.	Ford	220 points
3.	Citroën	110 points

WRC 2 Drivers (private teams)

1.	Nikolay Gryazin (RUS)	ŠKODA	73 points
	Kajetan Kajetanowicz (POL)	ŠKODA	73 points
3.	Benito Guerra (MEX)	ŠKODA	69 points
4.	Pierre-Louis Loubet (FRA)	ŠKODA	51 points



Kalle Rovanperä/Jonne Halttunen, Rally Portugal

Jan Kopecký/Pavel Dresler, Rally Turkey



DOUBLE LEAD FOR ŠKODA CUSTOMER TEAMS IN WRC 2 CATEGORY



Kajetan Kajetanowicz/
Maciej Szczepaniak,
Rally Turkey

Š ŠKODA customer teams are performing strongly in WRC 2, the category of the FIA World Rally Championship dedicated to privateers. Out of eleven rounds of the WRC 2 championship so far, seven have been won by ŠKODA crews.

The Russian crew Nikolay Gryazin/Yaroslav Fedorov from Team SRT is always fighting for the victory or at least a podium position. After finishing second at Rally Corsica and fifth places in Sweden, Portugal and Germany, they are leading the category. They are on the top spot tied on equal points with Kajetan Kajetanowicz/Maciej Szczepaniak. In Italy, the Polish crew competed for the very first time with a ŠKODA FABIA R5, run by Team BRR – and finished second in WRC 2! For the tough gravel roads of Rally Turkey, they opted again for the ultra-reliable Czech rally car. As a consequence, they won after a fast and steady performance the category which made them climb to the championship lead.

Runner-up in the WRC 2 championship is currently the Mexican crew Benito Guerra/Jaime Zapata Ortega. They won the category on their WRC home event, finished second in Argentina and Chile and took eight points for a sixth place in the category at Rally Portugal.

The French pairing Pierre-Louis Loubet and Vincent Landais (Team 2c Competition) made a remarkable progress on gravel throughout the 2019 season of the FIA World Rally Championship. After winning the category at Rally Portugal and Rally Italy/Sardinia (picture below), they are currently occupying fourth position in the WRC 2 category of the FIA World Rally Championship.



Nikolay Gryazin/Yaroslav Fedorov, Rally Portugal

Filip Mareš (left) and Chris Ingram



FIA EUROPEAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP (ERC): FILIP MAREŠ AND JAN HLOUŠEK WON HEARTBEAT FINAL FOR JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP CROWN

A At Barum Czech Rally Zlín, recent round of the FIA European Rally Championship (ERC) young Czech driver Filip Mareš and co-driver Jan Hloušek had a tense fight for the Junior Championship crown with the British pairing Chris Ingram/Ross Whittock, both driving ŠKODA FABIA R5.

At the end, the Czech crew, which is strongly supported by Czech rally ace Roman Kresta, won the heartbeat final being just 0.3 seconds quicker and claiming the European Junior Championship crown. As a reward, they received 100,000 Euros to participate in the last ERC rounds on Cyprus and in Hungary. Chris Ingram and Ross Whittock are currently leading the overall classification of the European Rally Championship.

> PICTURE OF THE MONTH:



At Rally Turkey, the best way to see Jan Kopecký and Pavel Dresler with their ŠKODA FABIA R5 evo in action was with no doubt from a ship at the Mediterranean coastline

ALEŠ RADA, TECHNICAL CHIEF ŠKODA MOTORSPORT, TALKS ABOUT THE NEW ŠKODA FABIA R5 EVO

Mr. Rada, what is new on the ŠKODA FABIA R5 evo?

The updated ŠKODA FABIA R5 evo adopts key design elements of the 2019 ŠKODA FABIA road car, at the same time getting important technical improvements. The optimization has touched technical key components, which will be appreciated by future clients. The rally car features improved engine performance in comparison with the current version.

Can you tell us something about the engine modifications?

The 1.6-litre turbo charged engine was upgraded improving power output and drivability. The engine is



equipped with an electric water pump and a new, more effective cooling system. The waste gate of the turbo is now electrically operated. Engine lu-

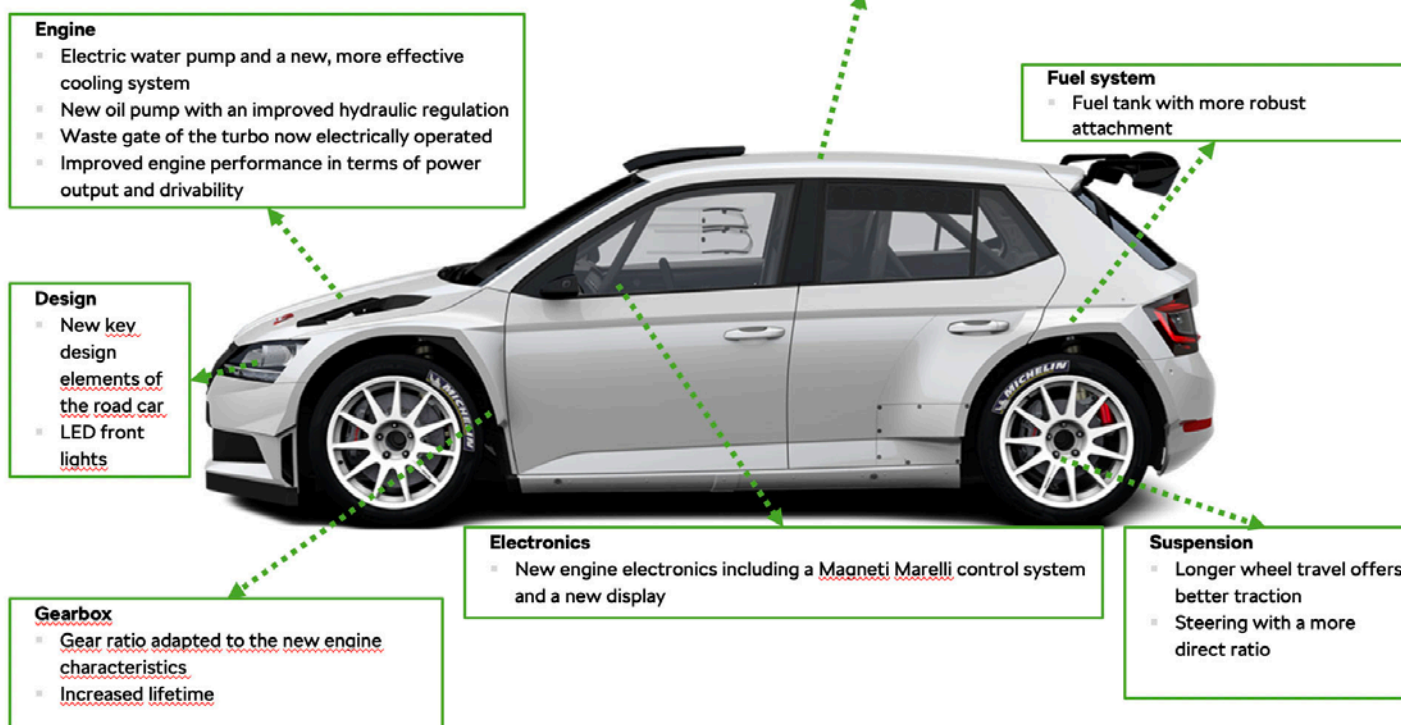
brication is ensured by the new oil pump with an improved hydraulic regulation. New engine electronics, including a Magneti Marelli control system and a new display, are on board as well. The gear ratio has been adapted to the new engine characteristics and the transmission offers an increased lifetime.

What are the modifications to the chassis?

The bodysell has been strengthened; a new roll cage according to the FIA 2019 regulation has been fitted. The new steering has a more direct ratio, longer wheel travel offers better traction.

ŠKODA FABIA R5 evo

Technical Data



AT A GLANCE: ŠKODA CREWS SUCCESSFUL IN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

In 2018 alone, ŠKODA crews won 14 national championships worldwide! During the 2019 season, ŠKODA customer teams are continuing to impress.



Czech Republic: Winning the recent Barum Czech Rally Zlín, Jan Kopecký and co-driver Pavel Dresler secured their fifth national championship win in a row. For Kopecký, it was in total his seventh Czech Title, he has won 48 rallies in his home country so far.



Czech Rally Champions
Jan Kopecký/Pavel Dresler



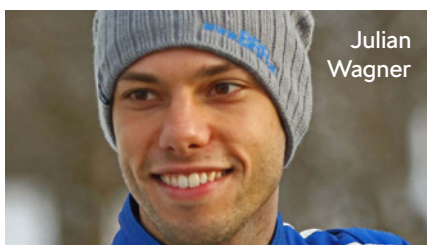
Germany: Fabian Kreim and co-driver Tobias Braun lead the German Rally Championship after two victories with the ŠKODA FABIA R5 from ŠKODA Auto Deutschland.



Fabian Kreim/Tobias Braun



Austria: Julian Wagner and Anne Katharina Stein won two rounds, finished three times in a row in third position and are leading the national championship.



Julian
Wagner



Belgium: Adrian Fernemont and Samuel Maillen are after one victory and one second, third and fourth place each currently third in the championship standings. The recent round "Omloop van Vlanderen" was won by Sébastien Bedoret and Tomas Walbrecq, giving the new ŠKODA FABIA R5 evo its first victory in Belgium.



Bulgaria: Miroslav Angelov and Heorgi Gazhev are leading the championship after two victories



Chile: Overall lead by Jorge Fontena Martinez, who together with co-driver Alberto Alvarez won three rallies in 2019 so far.



Croatia: Three wins put Krisztián Hideg/István Kerék into the championship lead.



Denmark: Kristian Poulsen and co-driver Ole R. Frederiksen are a safe bet on their home ground, victories on all domestic events brought them a solid lead of the championship.



Finland: Juha Salo and Topi Luhtinen are leading in the championship



Hungary: With three victories Ferenc Vincze jun./Igor Bacigál are the current championship leaders.



Italy: Giandomenico Basso and co-driver Lorenzo Granai are currently leading the

national series and are with two more events to go in a tense fight for the championship.



Kenya: Manvir Baryan Singh and co-driver Drew Sturock already won their national championship.



Mexico: Ricardo Triviño, supported by co-drivers Marc Marti and Jorge Bernal, won all five championship events so far and is leading the overall standings.



Poland: Mikolaj Marczyk and co-driver Simon Gospodarczyk already secured the title of their national series.



Paraguay: Louis Maldonado and Jorge Gonzalez are leading in their national championship



Portugal: Ricardo Teodósio and co-driver José Teixeira are holding a narrow lead in the championship.



Slovakia: Grzegorz Grzyb/Jakob Wróbel are, thanks to two victories and two third places, leading in the national series.

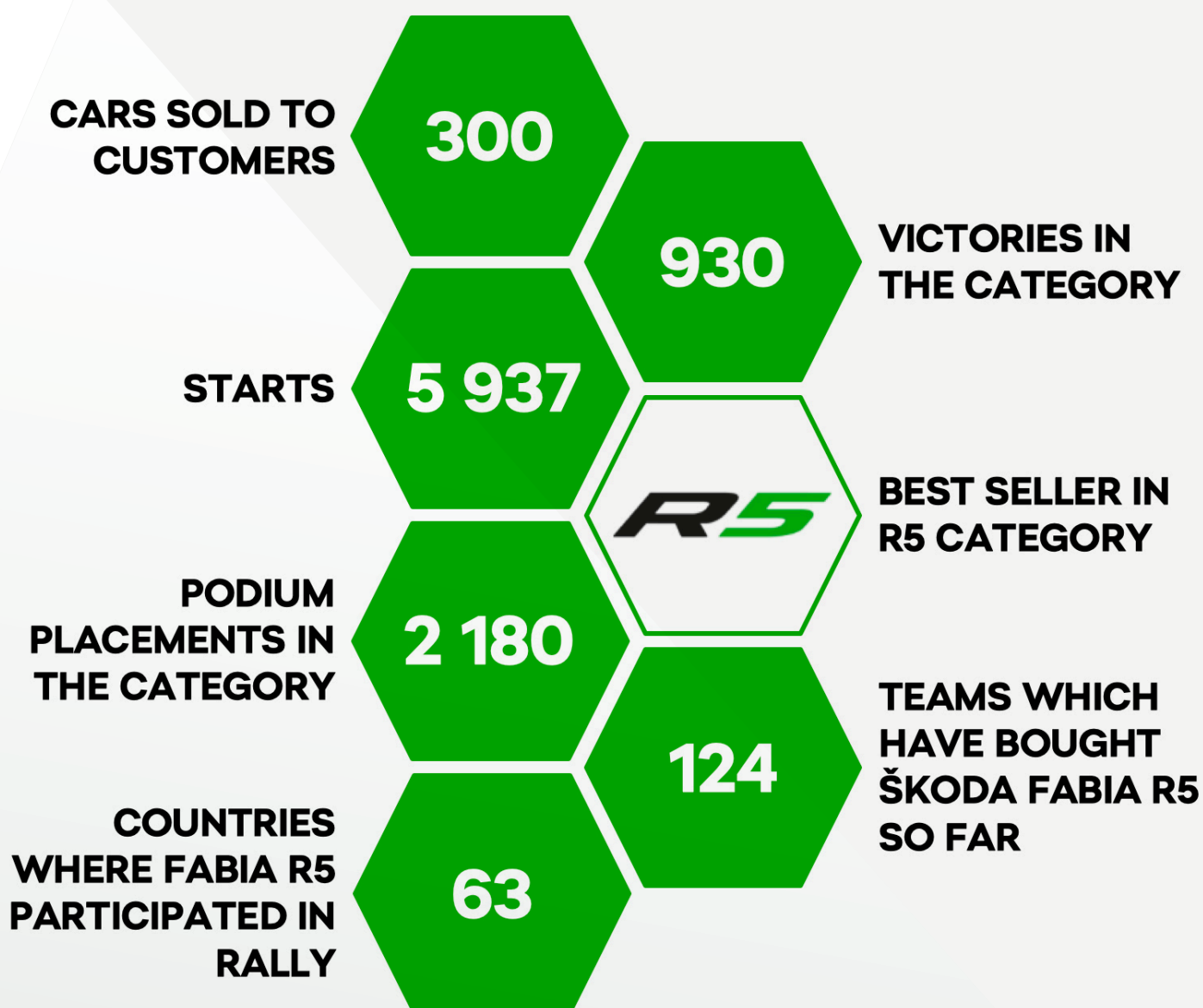


Sweden: Patrik Flodin/Göran Bergsten are already the new Swedish Rally Champions with one more rally to go.



Switzerland: Three victories and one third place put Ivan Baillinari into a solid overall lead. He was supported by three different co-drivers: Marco Mencini, Paolo Pianca and Giusva Pagani.

SUCCESS OF THE ŠKODA FABIA R5 SO FAR



ŠKODA MOTORSPORT WITH TAILOR MADE SUPPORT FOR CUSTOMERS WORLDWIDE



Customer support played always a key role in the motorsport activities of the Czech brand. The support includes regular technical bulletins, set-up advice for chosen rallies, technical support via phone/e-mail and various technical trainings. At Rally Italy/Sardinia for example, Šárka Králová (responsible for the customer program at ŠKODA Motorsport) and her colleagues Lorenzo Borghini and Loïc Combemale supported the clients on the spot. On demand, also a specific car engineer, an engine engineer, chief mechanics and mechanics are available from ŠKODA Motorsport for each and every rally worldwide.

ŠKODA Motorsport director Michal Hrabánek, Raimund Baumschlager and Albert von Thurn und Taxis (both Team BRR) at Rally Italy/Sardinia



Michal Hrabánek and Šárka Králová (customer support ŠKODA Motorsport) in talks with Motorsport Italia team principal Bruno de Pianto, driver Fabio Andolfi and co-driver Simone Scattolin



20 YEARS AGO – EMIL TRINER/MILOŠ HŮLKA TOOK FIRST 4x4 VICTORY FOR ŠKODA MOTORSPORT

F For the very first time, a ŠKODA rally car which had all-wheel drive won a rally. At the 26. Auto Bohemia Rally 1999, in front of the ŠKODA factory in Mladá Boleslav, the ŠKODA OCTAVIA WRC of works crew Emil Triner/ Miloš Hůlka finished more than two minutes ahead of the Ford crew Ladislav Křeček/Jan Krečman. After the successes of the ŠKODA OCTAVIA WRC and the ŠKODA FABIA WRC, ŠKODA celebrated victories and championship titles with the ŠKODA FABIA S2000 and ŠKODA FABIA R5, which is currently the most successful rally car of its category.

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