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## Three millionth DQ200 automatic direct-shift gearbox rolls off the production line at ŠKODA AUTO's Vrchlabí plant

- › ŠKODA AUTO's Vrchlabí component plant ranks amongst Volkswagen Group's most modern production sites
- › Vrchlabí sees the production of 2,200 dual-clutch automatic direct-shift transmissions per day
- › Success story of component production in Vrchlabí began after the plant underwent comprehensive renovations in 2012

Vrchlabí, 18 November 2019 – Today at [ŠKODA AUTO's gearbox plant in Vrchlabí](#), the three millionth DQ200 automatic direct-shift transmission rolled off the production line. This milestone underlines the plant's significance within Volkswagen Group's global production network.

Michael Oeljeklaus, ŠKODA AUTO Board Member for Production and Logistics, stressed, "Today we have exceeded the mark of three million DQ200 transmissions produced. This production milestone shows that even seven years after their market launch, our gearboxes are still state of the art and in demand across the entire group. At the same time, this success demonstrates our Vrchlabí-based team's high level of technological expertise in impressive style. I'm convinced that we'll achieve further production milestones together here in the future."

Ivan Slimák, Vrchlabí Plant Manager, added, "The great success of our DQ200 automatic direct-shift gearbox goes hand in hand with the successful transformation of the Vrchlabí plant in 2012. We have been consistently pressing ahead with the implementation of Industry 4.0 technologies. They ensure the highest possible manufacturing precision at all times, even during complex production steps such as the insertion of a bonded piston."

[The elaborately designed DQ200 automatic direct-shift gearbox \(DSG\)](#) is used in numerous ŠKODA model ranges as well as other Volkswagen Group vehicles. Whilst ŠKODA AUTO uses 38 per cent of the units produced in Vrchlabí itself, 62 per cent are fitted in cars made by other Volkswagen Group brands. ŠKODA AUTO ships well over half of the transmissions to Germany; other customers include factories in India, Poland, Russia, Spain, South Africa and Hungary.

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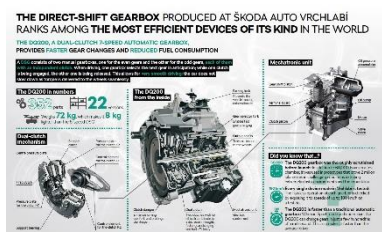


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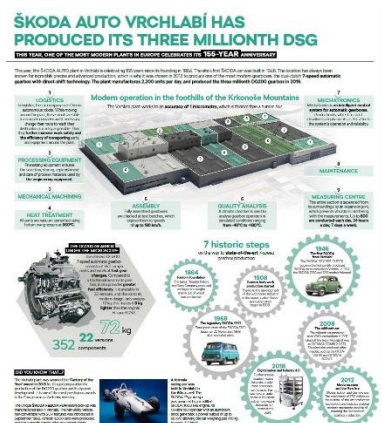


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## ŠKODA AUTO

- › 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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