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ŠKODA AUTO is expanding access to Connect services

- › ŠKODA Connect now available in English throughout Europe via Google Home
- › ŠKODA Connect Alexa Skill and Google Home Action to offer information and functions specific to electrified models from the second quarter of 2020
- › Amazon Alexa skill will also understand Spanish and Italian, while Google Home action will offer German and French

Mladá Boleslav, 28 January 2020 – ŠKODA Connect can now also be used via Google Home and enables data and information about a ŠKODA vehicle to be queried in English. Moreover, the Czech brand is developing additional functions for the ŠKODA Connect Alexa Skill. From the second quarter of 2020, the Amazon Alexa voice assistant will be able to access additional information specific to electrified vehicles. By then, Alexa will understand Italian and Spanish as well as English, French and German in all ŠKODA iV models.

Intelligent voice assistants, such as Google Home and Amazon Alexa, are becoming increasingly popular and make everyday life easier. ŠKODA AUTO has taken this into account with the ŠKODA Connect Amazon Skill and the new Google Home ŠKODA Connect Action and is expanding the range of features for all iV models. ŠKODA Connect makes it easy to use either voice assistant from the comfort of one's home to query current vehicle data or the car's present parking location.

Status query via Google Home

With the first version of the new Google Home ŠKODA Connect Action, it will initially be possible to access numerous types of vehicle information in English – other languages will follow. The voice assistant can, for example, indicate the vehicle model and engine type as well as the current vehicle status and present a vehicle health report. Other data accessible through Google Home include the current oil level, fuel level and range, as well as the scheduled date for the next oil change or inspection. Trip data such as distance travelled, average fuel consumption and speed and mileage can be accessed, as well as the last parking location. The voice assistant can also advise whether all the windows and doors are closed, the lights are off and the ŠKODA vehicle is locked.

New languages for ŠKODA Connect Alexa Skill and new functions for voice assistants

In the course of the second quarter of 2020, the ŠKODA Connect Alexa Skill voice assistant first introduced in 2018 will expand its capabilities to five languages in all iV ŠKODA models: in addition to English, French and German, it will also understand Italian and Spanish. In the all-electric ŠKODA CITIGO_e iV and the ŠKODA SUPERB iV plug-in hybrid, vehicle owners will from the second quarter of 2020 be able to use voice assistants to query the current status and charge level of the lithium-ion battery as well as the resulting electric range. They will also be able to use voice commands to turn on the air conditioning prior to a journey or start and stop charging.



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ŠKODA AUTO is expanding access to Connect service:

The Google Home ŠKODA Connect Action enables data and information about a ŠKODA vehicle to be queried in English using the intelligent voice assistant from Google Home. The Czech brand is also expanding the functions of the ŠKODA Connect Alexa Skill.

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- › is this year celebrating 125 years since the company was founded during the pioneering era of the automobile in 1895, making it one of the longest-established car manufacturers in the world.
- › currently offers its customers nine passenger-car series: the CITIGO, FABIA, RAPID, SCALA, OCTAVIA and SUPERB as well as the KAMIQ, KAROQ and KODIAQ.
- › delivered 1.24 million vehicles to customers around the world in 2019.
- › has belonged to 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 and India mainly through Group partnerships, as well as in Ukraine and Kazakhstan with local partners.
- › employs approximately 42,000 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.