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## ŠKODA AUTO resumes production at its Czech plants

- › Vehicle and component production has restarted 39 days after the shutdown on 18 March
- › Comprehensive set of hygiene and safety measures protect the health of the workforce

Mladá Boleslav, 27 April 2020 – At 6:00 this morning, production at ŠKODA AUTO's three Czech plants recommenced. In consultation with the KOVO trade union, the production of vehicles and components was resumed in Mladá Boleslav, Kvasiny and Vrchlabí. A wide range of hygiene and safety precautions have been put in place to protect the staff's health.

ŠKODA AUTO had shut down production at its Czech sites on 18 March 2020 to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. 39 days after the temporary closure of the plants, production has now resumed as of 6:00 this morning.

The all-embracing set of hygiene and safety measures include equipping the workforce with either protective face masks or respirators. ŠKODA AUTO is also providing plenty of disinfectant, and posters remind the company's members of staff about general precautions, such as keeping a safe distance from others, refraining from shaking hands, regularly washing or disinfecting their hands, and coughing and sneezing into their sleeves. In addition, random temperature checks are carried out at the entrances of the company premises.

ŠKODA AUTO is informing its workforce about the protective measures at all sites in the Czech Republic using leaflets and posters as well as through various digital channels. Managers and supervisors are also familiarising their teams with the specific safety precautions for their respective departments.

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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 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 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 into the 'Simply Clever company for the best mobility solutions' as part of the ŠKODA 2025 Strategy.