



READY FOR THE RE-START!

By Michal Hrabánek, Director of ŠKODA Motorsport

The shutdown caused by the fight against COVID-19/coronavirus forced us into a break. But slowly the situation changes and in some countries major sport events already could take place again, for example the football Bundesliga in Germany, Fortuna liga in the Czech Republic and soon it will also continue in other European Countries. This development gives us hope that rallying could re-start soon as well. However, it is still some way to go before our sport can fascinate the fans again. In parallel to the re-start of road car production in our factory in Mladá

Boleslav after a three weeks break, the activities at ŠKODA Motorsport are at full swing again. We are well prepared and ready for the re-start!

The COVID-19/corona crisis already has a huge effect on the world economy. It will for sure affect motorsports as well, especially concerning budgets and sponsoring activities. On the other hand, we already sold 352* ŠKODA FABIA rally cars to customers around the world. Soon, we will be allowed to go rallying again and we are ready to offer the best possible service to all our customers. Even during the shutdown, we did not sus-

pend the ordering process for ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo cars and spare parts. Deliveries did not stop at any time; we are sending parts out of our stock world-wide. The communication to our customers is constantly ongoing as well. Every measure we at ŠKODA Motorsport are undertaking now, we do so in order to offer full service again once the conditions allow. In this newsletter, we would like to provide new background information about ŠKODA Motorsport.

I hope to see you soon on the rally tracks around the world!

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AT A GLANCE: ŠKODA MOTORSPORT IN MLADÁ BOLESLAV



ŠKODA Motorsport in the outskirts of Mladá Boleslav

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ŠKODA Motorsport is operating out of its headquarter, officially opened in November 2018, close to the ŠKODA AUTO factory in the outskirts of Mladá Boleslav. The purpose-built facilities host all departments of ŠKODA Motorsport under one roof.

R Research and development, production, workshop, storage, workshop for prototypes, logistics, offices and a show room are concentrated under one roof. More than 100 persons are working for ŠKODA Motorsport, they are sharing 1,859 square metres of office space and 3,844 square metres of workshop and storage facilities.

Important numbers:

352 ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo and ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 have been sold to 129 teams

183 active suppliers

528,000 parts in store

20 specialists take care about the logistics

It's all about logistics:

How to serve customers the best

352* ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo and ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 have already been sold to 130 teams all around the world. So far, 7,035 starts of customer crews at rallies world wide have been note, achieved 1058 victories in rallies and 2,516 podium positions. To guarantee, that teams can keep their rally cars in the best possible shape, ŠKODA Motorsport

offers a tailor-made parts supply and technical service before, during and after a rally. ŠKODA Motorsport has currently 183 active suppliers who manufacture components for newly built cars and also spare parts. The complexity of the 528,000 parts in store is high – 20 specialists alone take care for the logistics in the warehouse. This number includes warehouse personnel as well as administrative positions like accountants, who take care about the customs/tax procedure.

*as of 5/6/2020

Delivery of parts
at ŠKODA
Motorsport

The ordering process:

How to deliver

There are three main possibilities how spare parts are shipped to the customers. First of all, they can be collected at the ŠKODA Motorsport premises in Mladá Boleslav – Plazy. Nevertheless, the majority of orders is transported by land or air through courier services like DHL, FedEx etc. For transoceanic customers, container transport is frequently used. Each order is processed immediately after receiving. The delivery time depends on the transport companies and also on the final destination. In urgent situations – for example after an accident of a rally car, which needs parts for immediate repair – the spare parts can be sent out the same day the order was made. ŠKODA Motorsport normally has each and every needed part in stock. Even during the coronavirus crisis, the delivery process worked according to the demands of our customers.

The complexity in parts:

Comparison between tarmac and gravel specification

A customer of a ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo can choose between two basic specifications – gravel or tarmac. The main differences between these two specifications concern the chassis, the protection of the chassis and the differential,

which offers different settings of friction faces and ramp angles. For specific track and surface characteristics and for maximum traction, a customer can also choose from two types of gearboxes with long or short gears. The engine electronics are adapted to the used fuel, usually stipulated by the regulation of the rallies the customer intends to enter. The mounting of the shift light, which helps the driver to select the right gear in order to make the best out of the engine power and range of revs, can be adjusted to the customer's needs.



Inside the workshop of ŠKODA Motorsport



Well sorted: Dampers ready for all kind of roads

One of the biggest difference between the gravel and tarmac specification of the ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo lies in the dampers. They differ in stroke, length and settings. ŠKODA Motorsport also offers springs in more than ten different rates of stiffness. Furthermore, the chassis package includes three different types of stabilizers for front and rear axle. It is also possible to fine-tune the stiffness of the car thanks to three-way adjustable stabilizers. Regarding the brakes, two disc sizes and respective accessories are available. The customer can choose from different brake cylinder settings as well. Another big difference is definitely the size of the rims. For both gravel (15 inch) and tarmac (18 inch) specification the customer can select between affordable alloy and high-end magnesium versions.

Sitting safely and comfortably in the rally car is extremely important for every driver and co-driver. For the interior of the ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo, five types of seats and more than ten types of brackets are available. Another safety element offered in multiple versions are the safety belts. Thanks to ten kinds of spacers for the steering wheel and

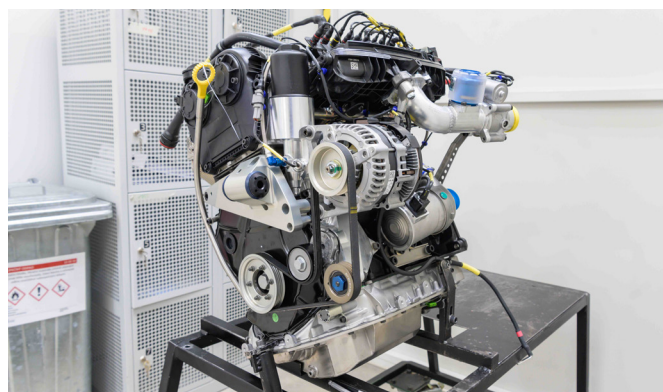
various possibilities to adjust the distance between pedals and seats, a tailor-made solution is always possible. On top of that, a wide range of additional interior equipment like helmet net, document bags, tools and mobile phone holders is available.

Reliability guaranteed: Regular service for gearboxes, engines and dampers by ŠKODA Motorsport

Throughout the season, the after sales services of ŠKODA Motorsport repairs and revises around 54 engines, which corresponds with the capacity of the workshop next to the department responsible for the build of new engines. For customers, who want to repair and service their gearboxes themselves, ŠKODA Motorsport offers dedicated training. Since 2019, ŠKODA Motorsport provides as well rebuild and upgrade of dampers. So far, 33 customers used that service and sent in a total of 108 shock absorbers. This technical service is growing since the customers are getting more and more used to it.



The interior of a ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo



The engine of a ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo



Traveling around the world: The customer support of ŠKODA Motorsport

Customer support on rallies worldwide

On top of the technical service provided at the premises in Mladá Boleslav, ŠKODA Motorsport offers a general customer support on rallies. While each customer is welcome to hire a car engineer or technician for any event, ŠKODA Motorsport will provide technical support on top of that at some selected WRC2, WRC3, ERC and other events for all ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 and/or ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo clients.

An engine engineer looks after the software and hardware of the engine before and during the event to insure trouble-free running for the whole rally. He recommends parts to be changed during the rally if it is necessary according to the technical status of the engine. The car technician looks



The engineers are always online

after the technical status of the car in general during the rally. He recommends solutions to the team and gives advice concerning suspension, transmission or car protection and provides consultation for servicing the car during the rally. He assists during pre-event scrutineering and – if required – during final technical scrutineering



Listening to the customers: The engineers of ŠKODA Motorsport

CURRENT CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS: (after 3 of 12 rounds)

WRC 2

1.	Mads Østberg (NOR)	Citroën	50 points
2.	Nikolay Gryazin (RUS)	Hyundai	41 points
3.	Pontus Tidemand (SWE)	ŠKODA	40 points
4.	Ole Christian Veiby (NOR)	Hyundai	33 points
5.	Adrien Fourmaux (FRA)	Ford	30 points

WRC 3

1.	Eric Camilli (FRA)	Citroën	25 points
2.	Jari Huttunen (FIN)	Hyundai	25 points
3.	Marco Bulacia (BOL)	Citroën	25 points
4.	Nicolas Ciamin (FRA)	Citroën	18 points
5.	Emil Lindholm (FIN)	ŠKODA	18 points

THE UPDATED CALENDAR OF THE 2020

FIA World Rally Championship

Event	Date
Monte-Carlo	23/01–26/01/2020
Sweden	13/02–16/02/2020
Mexico	12/03–15/03/2020
(Argentina	23/04–26/04/2020*)
Portugal	21/05–24/05/2020 cancelled
(Italy	04/06–07/06/2020*)
Kenya	16/07–19/07/2020 cancelled
Finland	06/08–09/08/2020 cancelled
New Zealand	03/09–06/09/2020 cancelled
Turkey	24/09–27/09/2020
Germany	15/10–18/10/2020
Great Britain	29/10–01/11/2020
Japan	19/11–22/11/2020

*Events postponed due to the fight against the spread of the coronavirus

FIA European Rally Championship

Event	Date
Rally di Roma Capitale	24/07–26/07/2020
Rally Liepāja	14/08–16/08/2020
Barum Czech Rally Zlín	28/08–30/08/2020
Azores Rallye	17/09–19/09/2020
Cyprus Rally	16/10–18/10/2020
Rally Hungary	06/11–08/11/2020
Rally Islas Canarias	03/12–05/12/2020
Rally Poland	postponed to 2021





Pavel Sibera/Petr Gross (CZE/CZE),
ŠKODA FAVORIT 136L

30 YEARS AGO:

AT THE AKROPOLIS RALLY IN 1990, PAVEL SIBERA/PETR GROSS (CZE/CZE) WON THEIR CLASS WITH THEIR ROCK SOLID ŠKODA FAVORIT 136L AHEAD OF TEAMMATES LADISLAV KŘEČEK/BOŘIVOJ MOTL (CZE/CZE). AFTER MORE THAN NINE AND A HALF HOURS OF RACING AGAINST THE CLOCK ON 48 GRUELLING GREEK GRAVEL STAGES, THEY FINISHED 17TH AND 18TH OVERALL WHILE 63 CREWS – NEARLY TWO THIRD OF THE ENTRIES – DID NOT FINISH.

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