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ŠKODA OCTAVIA RS and OCTAVIA SCOUT: The bestseller's range-toppers are sporty and multifunctional everyday companions

- › State-of-the-art EVO-generation petrol and diesel engines offering both an enjoyable driving experience and efficiency
- › Sixth-generation multi-plate clutch providing all-wheel-drive variants with perfect grip at all times
- › High levels of active and passive safety, even more comfort, plenty of space and brand-typical functionality – the new OCTAVIA family has it all
- › Wide range of different powertrain variants

Mladá Boleslav, 30 November 2020 – ŠKODA completes the introduction of its bestseller's fourth generation with the launch of the OCTAVIA RS and the estate with off-road styling, the OCTAVIA SCOUT. The new range-topping OCTAVIAs boast even higher levels of safety, new assistance systems, more comfort and modern connectivity features. Never before has ŠKODA offered as many powertrain variants as in the latest-generation models.

Christian Strube, ŠKODA Board Member for Technical Development, said:

"The ŠKODA OCTAVIA RS and the OCTAVIA SCOUT complete the latest generation of our bestseller. I am pleased that we are continuing the heritage of RS and SCOUT models in terms of sportiness and active lifestyle. Our OCTAVIA range is more diverse, digital and sustainable than ever. This icon is available as a hatchback or an estate, with front- or all-wheel drive, powered by state-of-the-art engines running on petrol, diesel or CNG – and customers can even opt for an electrified mild or plug-in hybrid. This is a compelling overall package for our customers, making the current generation a great success."

The RS and SCOUT models have been at the top of the OCTAVIA family for several generations. The ŠKODA OCTAVIA RS iV – the brand's first-ever RS model to feature plug-in hybrid drive – is now followed by variants equipped with either the most powerful diesel or petrol engine of the entire model range. This means that, for the first time, the OCTAVIA RS is available with a choice of three powertrains. The 2.0 TDI from the new EVO generation now produces 147 kW (200 PS) and comes with either front- or all-wheel drive. The new EVO variant of the 2.0 TSI has an output of 180 kW (245 PS), which powers the front wheels. For the new OCTAVIA SCOUT, there is a choice of five diesel or petrol engines, and a 1.5 TSI featuring mild hybrid technology. For the first time, the estate with rugged body applications and off-road styling is no longer only available with all-wheel drive but now with front-wheel drive too.

Both the OCTAVIA RS and OCTAVIA SCOUT also benefit from all the upgrades the current generation has been provided with, such as an even bigger interior, more comfort, the highest levels of active and passive safety, and modern connectivity features. Apart from the OCTAVIA SCOUT, all variants are available as a hatchback or a COMBI, and the powertrain portfolio for the model is now bigger than ever. In addition to efficient diesel and petrol engines and the OCTAVIA G-TEC, which is designed to run on eco-friendly compressed natural gas (CNG), the line-up also includes electrified powertrains for the first time. The OCTAVIA iV plug-in hybrid



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generates a system output of 150 kW (204 PS), while the OCTAVIA RS iV delivers 180 kW (245 PS). The OCTAVIA e-TEC is the first ŠKODA model to feature mild hybrid technology and makes use of a 48V belt-driven starter motor and a 48V lithium-ion battery. The engines available for this model produce 81 kW (110 PS) and 110 kW (150 PS) respectively.

With a drag coefficient (c_d) from 0.25, the OCTAVIA RS is extremely aerodynamic, which results in lower CO₂ emissions and fuel consumption. Many of its body parts have been aerodynamically optimised, including the air curtains in the front bumper, the aeroflaps, the diffuser on the rear apron and the hatchback's RS rear spoiler. Its light alloy wheels also contribute to better aerodynamics.

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