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Well prepared for the 2021 rally season: ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo gets upgrade package

- › New model year of successful rally car from Czech manufacturer with improvements concerning performance, handling, reliability, lifetime of parts, safety and crew comfort
- › Engine with more power and optimized driveability; further developed shock absorbers; longer final ratio increases top speed by 15 kph; additional differential ramp specification for low grip surfaces
- › Homologation in time for 2021 season opening Rallye Monte Carlo

Mladá Boleslav, 21 December 2020 – ŠKODA Motorsport updates the championship winning ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo ahead of the 2021 season. Technical improvements throughout the car aim to secure its competitiveness on rally tracks around the world. The new components will be available to customers from 4 January 2021, in time for the season opening Rallye Monte Carlo (21 – 24 January 2021).

There's a rule of thumb in motorsports: Standing still means going backwards. Fully aware of this, ŠKODA Motorsport doesn't stop in constantly improving its ultra-successful ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo. Ready for the 2021 season, ŠKODA Motorsport introduces a number of technical improvements. The performance parts of the 2021 package include new engine mapping for the 1.6 litre turbo engine as well as a redesigned intercooler and exhaust manifold. These modifications not only improve the overall characteristics of the ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo's power plant, but also increase the maximal power output by two kW up to now 214 kW depending on fuel.

Also available is a longer gear set, making the gearbox better suitable for rallies with high average speed by increasing the top speed of the ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo from 187 to 202 kph. Especially for low grip surfaces ŠKODA Motorsport homologated a third set of differential ramps (48/70) which can be used both on gravel and tarmac stages. A new spec of ZF dampers in tarmac and gravel setup provides even better traction and car stability on all types of surfaces. ŠKODA Motorsport also offers upgrading of existing dampers to the new specification.

As rallies in high temperature areas combined with slow speeds commonly cause issues with fuel vaporization, ŠKODA Motorsport has developed a new roll over valve for the breathing pipes of the fuel cell. The new valve increases safety by avoiding excess pressure in the system during all ambient conditions of a rally.

Improved reliability also was a major topic for the newly homologated parts for the ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo. For example, a stronger rear axle subframe minimizes the risk of damage on rough roads. A special cooling device for the rear brakes – originally homologated for tarmac use only – can now be used in gravel setup as well. It protects the brake system effective from overheating. The system needs to be installed in combination with a designated protection plate for the rear differential. As it is homologated as so-called "Variant Option", the use of the new cooling device is not mandatory. According to specific needs it can also be left off the car.

For even better reliability, the 2021 ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo is equipped with a redesigned engine lubrication system with improved function in dynamic modes. Modifications include a new intake



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muffler and baffle plate in oil sump as well as improved turbocharger oil feeding and reduced oil level. Newly arranged steering wheel buttons, up to eight for different functions and easily reached without taking the hands off the steering, improve driver comfort. And if a tyre needs to be changed by the crew itself, a redesigned mounting for the jack makes life for the co-driver more comfortable as well.

The whole range of 2021 technical upgrades will be also available to all buyers of a new ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo, some as standard, some as options. The new components, with homologation effective from 1 January 2021, further improve the car's performance, handling, reliability and safety as well as prolonging the lifetime of selected parts and giving the crew some more comfort aboard.

ŠKODA Motorsport director Michal Hrabánek says: "To date the ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo has celebrated more than 1.255 victories in its category, carrying its crews to 2.948 podiums. The further developed parts of the 2021 upgrade are made to keep success coming for our customers worldwide. We have extensively tested these new components with drivers Jan Kopecký, Oliver Solberg, Kris Meeke, Pontus Tidemand, Andreas Mikkelsen and Emil Lindholm. I'm convinced, the 2021 upgrades provide our customers with an even faster and more reliable ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo."

ŠKODA Motorsport has already sold 372 FABIA in rally version to customers. 132 teams in 65 countries compete with the Czech Rally2 class car in international, regional and national championships, amassing roughly 8.300 starts so far. In the 2020 FIA World Rally Championship ŠKODA customer team Toksport WRT conquered the manufacturer/team title in the WRC2 category.

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ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo 2021

The new ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo offers further developed ZF shock absorbers, which improve traction on all types of surface.

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The new ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo is available with an additional differential spec for low grip surfaces.

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ŠKODA Motorsport Overview

2019 was the most successful year in the history of ŠKODA Motorsport so far. Kalle Rovanperä and Jonne Halttunen (FIN/FIN) won the WRC 2 Pro drivers' and co-drivers' title of the FIA World Rally Championship 2019 as well as substantially supporting ŠKODA Motorsport to win the WRC 2 Pro manufacturers' title. Also in 2019, ŠKODA customer teams conquered five FIA championships and took additional 23 national titles around the world.

Driving a ŠKODA FABIA R5, Chris Ingram/Ross Whittock (GBR/GBR) won FIA European Rally Championship (ERC). Filip Mareš/Jan Hloušek (CZE/CZE) took the FIA European Rally Championship/ERC1 Junior title. Manvir Singh Baryan/Drew Sturrock (KEN/GBR) powered a ŠKODA FABIA R5 to the FIA African Rally Championship (ARC), while Ricardo Triviño/Marc Martí (MEX/ESP) won the FIA North American and Central American Rally Championship (NACAM).

The ŠKODA FABIA R5 evo, a high-tech 4x4, was homologated by the International Automobile Federation FIA on 1 April 2019 and is successfully continuing the long tradition of ŠKODA Motorsport.

In total, both generations of the Czech rally car have been sold more than 320 times worldwide.

ŠKODA has been successful on the motorsport scene since 1901. Be it on the circuit or in rallies, ŠKODA has celebrated victories and won titles all around the world. Historical highlights include winning the title in the FIA World Rally Championship (WRC 2) for the first time in 2016, numerous title wins in the FIA European Rally Championship (ERC), the FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship (APRC) and the Intercontinental Rally Challenge (IRC), as well as the victory in the European Touring Car Championship in 1981. ŠKODA teams have also triumphed in the world's oldest and most famous rally, taking several class victories in the legendary Monte Carlo, which was first held in 1911.

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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 ten passenger-car series: the CITIGO^e iV, FABIA, RAPID, SCALA, OCTAVIA and SUPERB as well as the KAMIQ, KAROQ, KODIAQ and ENYAQ iV.
- › 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.

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