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The new ŠKODA KAROQ: the successful model gets an update

- > Evolved ŠKODA design language delivers a more striking look
- > Slimmer headlights with full-LED Matrix technology for the first time
- > Improved aerodynamics and lower CO₂ emissions
- > Sustainable materials and more comfort features inside
- > Efficient engines from the EVO generation
- > State-of-the-art assistance systems and infotainment

Mladá Boleslav, 30 November 2021 – Four years after its launch, the ŠKODA KAROQ gets an update: the Czech carmaker has refreshed its second SUV model range to ensure its continued success. In addition to an even more refined design language, the update brings sustainable materials, new technology and more efficient engines from the current EVO generation to the compact SUV. Surpassed only by the OCTAVIA, the KODIAQ's smaller brother was the second most delivered ŠKODA model worldwide in 2020, as well as in the first six months of 2021.

Thomas Schäfer, ŠKODA AUTO CEO, said: "With over half a million units sold, the KAROQ is key to our brand's success. To ensure that this will remain the case, we have developed it further: now sporting a fresher design and optimised aerodynamics along with state-of-the-art assistance systems and infotainment features. I am confident that this overall package will enable us to continue the KAROQ's success story."

A fresh design, improved aerodynamics and sustainable materials in the interior

ŠKODA AUTO has continued to develop its design language for the revised KAROQ, making the SUV look even more striking. The wider, now hexagonal ŠKODA grille, slimmer headlights as well as tail lights, and aerodynamically optimised alloy wheels with black plastic Aero trim create fresh visual highlights. The new wheels, rear window finlets and a new rear spoiler all improve the car's aerodynamics while lowering its CO₂ emissions. The interior features new upholstery which, as an option, can be made from sustainable materials. New technology – such as full-LED Matrix headlights and an expanded range of assistance systems – also debuts in the range. Five efficient engines from Volkswagen Group's EVO generation round off the KAROQ's update. Two diesels and three petrol engines deliver power outputs ranging from 81 kW (110 PS) to 140 kW (190 PS). The 2.0 TSI producing 140 kW is reserved for the KAROQ SPORTLINE and exclusively with all-wheel drive. The 2.0 TDI with an output of 110 kW is available with front- or all-wheel drive.

Launched in 2017, the KAROQ was the Czech car manufacturer's second SUV. Offering generous amounts of space, a high level of practicality and excellent value for money, it delivers on the brand's promise. The KAROQ is produced in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Russia and China, and available in 60 countries.



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