

## **Škoda Octavia Combi (1961-1971)**

Officially introduced in 1960 at the International Engineering Fair in Brno, production of the Škoda Octavia Combi began in 1961 after operational tests and homologation were completed. The Octavia Combi was known for its spaciousness, featuring a boot with a capacity of 690 liters, which could be expanded to 1,050 liters by folding down the rear seats. The flat storage compartment was accessible via a two-part rear door.

### **Engine performance and practical design**

The Octavia Combi was powered by a four-stroke in-line four-cylinder engine with a displacement of 1221 cc, producing 47 horsepower and paired with a four-speed gearbox. This setup allowed the car to reach speeds of up to 115 km/h. The Octavia Combi offered several clever features, such as a spare wheel stored in a separate compartment under the trunk floor, accessible via a dedicated lid above the rear bumper.

### **The innovative sleeping area in the Škoda Octavia combi models**

From 1961, all Octavia Combi models came with a bed area adjustment feature as standard. The front seats could be moved forward and the backrests folded nearly flat to create a sleeping area, with the removed rear seat backrests serving as headrests. This feature was further improved in the 1968 model year to allow the rear seat backrests to be folded both forward and backward.

### **The Škoda Octavia Combi's global popularity and production milestones**

About two thirds of all Octavia Combis produced were exported. Due to the high demand production continued beyond April 1964, even as the factory prepared for the Škoda 1000/1000 MB with a rear engine. In 1966, 72% of the Octavia Combi cars produced were exported, for example to East Germany, Hungary, the UK, Norway, Australia, and Iceland. Production of the Škoda Octavia Combi ended shortly before Christmas in 1971, as the factory prepared to manufacture the new Škoda 110 R sports coupe. A total of 54,086 units were produced.

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