

Škoda Popular Monte Carlo (1936-1939)

Produced between 1936 and 1939, the Škoda Popular Monte Carlo was inspired by the early successes at the Monte Carlo Rally, particularly the 2nd place finish of the Popular Sport in the under 1,500 cm³ class achieved by Zdeněk Pohl and Jaroslav Hausman. The model featured a four-stroke in-line four-cylinder engine with a displacement of 1386 cc, producing 31 horsepower, paired with a three-speed gearbox. The car's maximum speed ranged from 110 to 125 km/h. The Popular Monte Carlo's chassis included a rigid yet lightweight central tubular frame and a transaxle drive system with the transmission on the rear axle, enhancing its dynamic characteristics. Modern hydraulic brakes and precise rack-and-pinion steering contributed to the car's traction, stability, and handling.

Honoring motorsport achievements

Offered in coupé and roadster body styles, the Popular Monte Carlo, with 72 units built, combined technical expertise with motorsport experience. Between the summer of 1936 and the spring of 1939, Škoda sold 70 of these exclusive models.

A black Popular Monte Carlo coupé from 1937 has been in the Škoda Museum's collection since 1968. It was professionally restored at the turn of the millennium and finished in 2002. It has since participated in many classic car events. Around a dozen vehicles are still in existence to this day. A second coupé is on display at the Škoda Museum workshops, just like a Popular Monte Carlo roadster.

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