

## Škoda Auto: Substantial support for the new organ in St Vitus Cathedral at Prague Castle

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**Mladá Boleslav, 5 February 2026** – Since 2018, Škoda Auto has played an active role in the exceptional project to build a new organ for St Vitus Cathedral at Prague Castle. As the project's main partner, the company has provided substantial financial support. It has also contributed its in-house design expertise, creating unique crystal components that are now an integral part of this monumental musical instrument. The installation of the new organ is now complete, with the official ceremonial blessing scheduled for 15 June 2026.

**Klaus Zellmer, CEO of Škoda Auto**, said: "The new St Vitus organ is an extraordinary union of tradition and innovation. We are proud to be part of this historic milestone, which crowns a journey of more than seven centuries towards the completion of St Vitus Cathedral. Our support stems from deep respect for Czech culture and heritage, which we want to help preserve for future generations. The project brings together the best of technology, craftsmanship and art in a way that is also consistent with our values as a brand."

**Vojtěch Mátl, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the St Vitus Organ Endowment Fund**, added: "We are very pleased and grateful that Škoda Auto has recognised the cathedral's historical, spiritual and cultural significance and has supported the construction of the new instrument so substantially. It is fitting that the new St Vitus organ bears the imprint of Czech design, bringing together – with great humility – modern architecture and the technical possibilities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century with honest craftsmanship and the deep faith of generations of masters."

### **The organ – a bridge between past and present**

The project for the new St Vitus organ symbolically completes – after more than seven centuries – the construction of the Czech Republic's foremost cultural and spiritual landmark. The new organ with more than 6,000 pipes is now installed on the west gallery (organ loft). Final tuning is under way ahead of its ceremonial blessing and official inauguration on 15 June 2026, the feast of St Vitus. The instrument will support both liturgical use and a wide array of concerts.

**Škoda Auto's design contribution**

An important part of the car manufacturer's support was through contributing its design expertise. Škoda Design helped shape the organ's appearance, including its crystal features – aligning modern expression with historic architecture.

The organ's minimalist concept makes the largest façade pipes appear to float freely in space. Suspended among them are crystal elements whose vertical, crystalline form draws inspiration – among other sources – from basalt formations in winter. Czech glassmakers at the LASVIT Ajeto glassworks located in the northern Czech Republic are crafting these components.

**A long-standing commitment to cultural heritage**

Support for the new St Vitus organ ranks among Škoda Auto's most significant cultural philanthropy initiatives in recent years. The company has a long tradition of supporting Czech culture, the arts and leading cultural institutions that contribute to the country's cultural identity and public life. Long-term cultural partners include the Czech Philharmonic, the National Theatre, the National Museum and the National Technical Museum.

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- › aims to become one of the top three best-selling brands in Europe by the end of the decade by offering its customers the best of both worlds through a range of attractive BEV, hybrid & ICE products;
- › effectively exploits the potential in important growth markets such as India, Vietnam and the ASEAN region;
- › currently offers customers 12 passenger car model ranges: Fabia, Scala, Octavia, Superb, Kamiq, Karoq, Kodiaq, Elroq, Enyaq, Slavia, Kylaq and Kushaq;
- › delivered more than 1,040,000 vehicles to customers worldwide in 2025;
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- › independently develops and produces components such as MEB battery systems, engines and transmissions for other Volkswagen Group brands;
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