

Škoda opens new battery systems assembly hall, becoming Volkswagen Group's largest BEV battery system manufacturer and an essential pillar of its electrification strategy

- › **€205 million investment in battery production underlines the strategic importance of Škoda's Mladá Boleslav plant and supports synergies within the Brand Group Core**
- › **Strengthening the European battery value chain helps secure a stable supply of battery systems for models across several Group brands**
- › **Built in under one year, the new 55,000 m² production hall can assemble one battery system every 60 seconds, enabling output of more than 1,100 units a day and up to 335,000 annually**
- › **Opening ceremony attended by Czech Prime Minister Andrej Babiš and Minister of Industry and Trade Karel Havlíček**

Mladá Boleslav, 27 February 2026 – Škoda is investing €205 million in the expansion of battery production in Mladá Boleslav, becoming the largest producer of BEV battery systems in the Volkswagen Group. This opening is part of the Volkswagen Group's overall battery strategy, which balances in-house and third-party battery cell and system supply to achieve maximum flexibility and continuous access to innovations, technologies and supply chains. At the same time, Škoda's main plant is now the first Volkswagen Group site in Europe to produce cell-to-pack battery systems for use in high-volume electric vehicles. A daily output of more than 1,100 cell-to-pack battery systems and up to 335,000 units a year will accelerate the rollout of new technologies in close collaboration with the Volkswagen Group Technology Center of Excellence Battery.

Today's opening strengthens both Škoda's role as a component manufacturer within the Brand Group Core and the position of the Czech Republic as an automotive manufacturing location, with Škoda as a core driver of electromobility in Europe. The opening ceremony is attended by Czech Prime Minister Andrej Babiš, Minister of Industry and Trade Karel Havlíček, Chair of the Škoda Supervisory Board, Member of the Board of Management of Volkswagen Group and Volkswagen Brand CEO Thomas Schäfer, as well as members of the Škoda Auto Board.

Thomas Schäfer highlights: "With this investment, Škoda becomes the largest producer of BEV battery systems within the Volkswagen Group and a central pillar of our electrification strategy. The plant in Mladá Boleslav operates at true industrial scale and reinforces the

European battery value chain. Škoda's expertise, efficiency and unique spirit make it a key driver of our Brand Group Core Transformation."

Klaus Zellmer, CEO of Škoda Auto, says: "This marks a major milestone for Škoda Auto and our commitment to decarbonising the entire value chain. Reducing emissions goes far beyond the vehicle itself – it includes sourcing, production and energy use. With the opening of our new battery system assembly line, we are localising battery production at scale, strengthening a more resilient and competitive European value chain, and making electric mobility more accessible. As part of the Brand Group Core, we are proud to contribute our industrial strength and expertise to a powerful alliance of volume brands shaping the future of sustainable mobility. We are grateful to the Volkswagen Group for the trust placed in us to deliver up to 335,000 battery systems annually for electrified drivetrains across the Group. At the same time, we are doubling our Škoda BEV portfolio and transitioning our sites to greener energy, including converting our central power plant from coal to biomass, which will reduce emissions by around 274,000 tonnes of CO₂ by 2027. By building expertise in high-volume battery production and accelerating electrification, we are taking responsibility contributing to a sustainable future for Škoda Auto, the Czech Republic and Europe as a whole."

Andreas Dick, Škoda Auto Board Member for Production and Logistics, adds: "Having produced approximately 1.4 million battery systems in Mladá Boleslav since 2019, the launch of cell-to-pack battery system production in Mladá Boleslav is the next step in bringing an important part of the production process in-house. Around 84% automation, 131 industrial robots and a cycle time of 60 seconds per battery system ensure a high daily output of consistently high quality. We help secure the supply of state-of-the-art battery systems 'made in Europe' for volume models across the Brand Group Core. This is strong recognition of our team's effort and expertise, and a long-term commitment to the Czech Republic as a European hub for automotive manufacturing."

Mladá Boleslav becomes the first Volkswagen Group site in Europe to produce cell-to-pack battery systems

With this expansion, the Czech car manufacturer becomes the largest producer of BEV battery systems in the Volkswagen Group and a major driver of electromobility in Europe. The cell-to-pack battery produced in the new battery production hall is designed for use in high-volume BEV models and stands out for its durability, simplified manufacturing and cost efficiency.

By fully insourcing the cell-to-pack process, using standardised cells and adopting LFP chemistry, among other measures, Škoda has achieved a 30% reduction in battery product costs compared with current MEB batteries.

Škoda will produce more than 1,100 cell-to-pack battery systems per day and up to 335,000 units per year for Škoda models and vehicles from other Group brands across several segments. The Center of Excellence Battery, which is responsible for developing and industrialising battery systems within Volkswagen Group Technology, works closely with the Czech car manufacturer and other brands to localise the battery value chain in Europe, strengthening the Volkswagen Group's control over a key component. The expansion further underlines Škoda's important role as a reliable component manufacturer within the Brand Group Core and will, in future, enable the company to produce up to 200,000 electric vehicles annually at its main plant.

Clear commitment to the Czech Republic as an automotive manufacturing location

Škoda Auto is investing €205 million in the new 55,000 m² facility, which was built in less than one year. The production hall, with a cycle time of 60 seconds, features an automation rate of 84% and 131 robots, and also serves as a competence centre. It introduces innovative manufacturing techniques covering the full process, from cell handling and preparation to stacking, precision welding and final assembly.

Škoda Auto's production teams have built substantial operational expertise in battery manufacturing since 2019, when the car manufacturer began producing battery systems for its electrified vehicles and for models from other Volkswagen Group brands. The expansion reflects and recognises the workforce's proven skills and experience: the company has retrained or newly hired 600 people for new qualifications and roles. This underlines Škoda's contribution to shaping the transformation responsibly and safeguarding the Czech Republic's position as a European automotive manufacturing hub in the long term.

Doubling the BEV line-up, affordable entry-level mobility and greater freedom of choice

In 2025, Škoda more than doubled its BEV deliveries and became the fourth best-selling BEV brand in its core market, Europe. This progress was driven mainly by the Elroq, which ranked as the second best-selling BEV model in the region. In 2026, the company will accelerate electrification further by doubling its all-electric portfolio: the Epiq will bring affordable electromobility to the entry-level segment, while the Peaq will complete the upper end of the electric range, giving customers even more freedom of choice across segments.

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Source: Škoda Auto



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Start of production at the new battery systems assembly hall today in Mladá Boleslav.

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Video footage of battery assembly.

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- › is successfully steering through the new decade with the Next Level Škoda Strategy;
- › 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;
- › has been part of the Volkswagen Group, one of the world's most successful car manufacturers, for more than 30 years;
- › is part of Brand Group CORE, an organisational merger of the Volkswagen Group's volume brands, with the aim of achieving joint growth and significantly increasing the overall efficiency of all five volume brands;
- › independently develops and produces components such as MEB battery systems, engines and transmissions for other Volkswagen Group brands;
- › operates three production plants in the Czech Republic; has production capacities in China, Slovakia and India, mostly through group partnerships, as well as in Vietnam and Ukraine in cooperation with a local partner;
- › employs around 40,000 people worldwide and is active in almost 100 markets.