

Škoda Favorit 136 L (1988-1994)

In December 1982, the Czechoslovak government decided to develop a front-engine, front-wheel-drive car within five years. Led by Petr Hrdlička, a team at Škoda in Mladá Boleslav developed the Favorit, navigating planned economy challenges. Produced from August 1988 to 1994, the Škoda Favorit 136 L was equipped with a four-stroke in-line four-cylinder engine of 1289 cc, delivering 58 horsepower and paired with a five-speed gearbox, allowing speeds up to 150 km/h. The hatchback body style provided ample cargo space.

Bertone's impact

Bodywork designed by Stile Bertone, the Favorit had a bigger interior despite being shorter than its predecessor, providing sufficient space. It underwent extensive testing, also at high altitudes and high temperatures. The all aluminum engine met modern consumption and emission standards. Furthermore, it was highly stable and reliable and thus capable of covering up to 250,000 kilometers before requiring full service.

Post-Velvet Revolution, Škoda joined the Volkswagen Group in 1991, which ultimately led to improvements in quality, technology, safety, and design. The Favorit also celebrated multiple motorsport successes, winning its class at the Monte Carlo Rally four times between 1991 and 1994. By September 1994, 783,167 units of the Favorit were produced. Including the Forman estate and commercial variants, total production had reached over a million vehicles by mid 1995.

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