

Škoda Rapid 135 (1987-1990)

Produced between 1987 and 1990, the stylish and sporty Škoda Rapid was the final chapter of Škoda's rear-engine coupés. Featuring a four-stroke in-line four-cylinder engine with a displacement of 1289 cc, it generated 58 horsepower, paired with a five-speed gearbox, allowing it to reach speeds of up to 150 km/h. The Rapid's design included a sleek and aerodynamic body style, offering a sporty driving experience. In total, 10,980 units of the Rapid were built.

Final era of the Škoda Rapid 135

The Škoda Rapid 135 was manufactured at the AZNP Kvasiny plant. This two-door coupé was developed with the intention to modernize the previous Škoda Garde/Rapid 743 and marked the end of the rear-engine era for Škoda, preceding the transition to the modern Favorit. The Rapid 135, which began production in 1984 and continued until August 1990, featured a rear-engine, rear-wheel-drive configuration. The Rapid 135 and 136 were derived from the Škoda 135 GL and 136 GL respectively, and included engines similar to those in the Favorit-four-cylinder with all aluminum units and a displacement of 1.3 liters.

The Rapid 135 produced 58 horsepower, while the Rapid 136 offered 62 horsepower. Domestic models used carburetors, while export versions featured Bendix fuel injection systems, with some models also incorporating catalytic converters. The final modernization included updates such as more durable rear suspension arms and changes in the interior. The Rapid was the last two-door Škoda vehicle with a coupé silhouette.

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