

Škoda 120 GLS (1976-1990)

Considered the flagship of the Mladá Boleslav car brand, this sedan body style model was produced from 1976 to 1990. It featured a four-stroke in-line four-cylinder engine with a displacement of 1174 cc, generating 54 horsepower, paired with a four-speed gearbox, allowing it to reach speeds of up to 140 km/h. The 120 GLS was recognizable by its stainless steel four-headlight front grille. It was manufactured at the Vrchlabí plant and was known for its solid construction and practical features.

Challenging ramp-up for series production and export success

Series production began in August 1978, although the manufacture of the GLS in Vrchlabí faced challenges due to the delayed transfer of the Škoda 1203 utility model production to Trnava, Slovakia. Despite this, both model series were produced simultaneously, allowing for flexible manufacturing in line with the customer demand. Overall, more than 70% of the GLS models were intended for export.

Presented at Škoda vintage car events

The Škoda 120 GLS continued the rear-wheel drive and rear engine concept from the earlier Škoda 1000 MB. This concept evolved into the Škoda 100 series starting in 1969, and later into the 105, 120, 130, and other derivatives. The model series, which remained in production until 1989, included a small portion being particularly well equipped models like the GLS.

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