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One-off Compact Coupé: ŠKODA Apprentices Build Dream Car

- › Now the third 'ŠKODA Apprentice Car' after the ŠKODA CitiJet and ŠKODA FUNStar
- › Successful presentation to Board members and experts from specialist departments
- › Unique concept: Coupé body with two extended doors and glass roof; apprentice project emphasizes high standard of ŠKODA Vocational Training

Mladá Boleslav, 7 April 2016 – ŠKODA apprentices build their dream car: a compact coupé with rear hatch and long glass roof. This is now the third unique 'ŠKODA Apprentice Car'. The young team recently presented the latest developments to the Board of Directors.

For several months, a team of 27 apprentices of the ŠKODA Vocational School have been working on the unique 'ŠKODA Apprentice Car III', with the help of instructors at the company's headquarters in Mladá Boleslav. The departments for technical development, design, and production are supporting the project, for which the ŠKODA Academy is responsible. The finished vehicle study will be presented to the public in May. The car is yet to receive a name.

This is the third time that ŠKODA has run the apprentice project. The apprentices recently presented the latest updates on the project to ŠKODA CEO Bernhard Maier, ŠKODA Board Member for Production Michael Oeljeklaus, ŠKODA Board Member for HR Bohdan Wojnar and experts from ŠKODA's specialist departments. "It's great to see our students' passion and commitment to this project," says ŠKODA Board Member for HR Bohdan Wojnar. "The next emotive vehicle study has arisen with ŠKODA's third Trainee Car. 'Trainee Car III' is also going to be an extraordinary car," Wojnar is convinced. "Just like its predecessors, this project will show how great our trainees' technical and manual skills are."

The project aims to promote the creativity and expertise of the vocational students, and to harness their enthusiasm in designing their own car. The unique 'ŠKODA Apprentice Car III' is the result: The car has a coupé-style body with two extended doors. Two-tone paint in red and black and a long glass roof visually stretch the contours. With the current 'Trainee Car', ŠKODA is continuing this new tradition: 2014 saw the presentation of the ultra-compact CitiJet convertible based on the ŠKODA Citigo; the FUNStar pick-up, with technology from the ŠKODA Fabia, followed in 2015.

"At first we did not know how exciting this task would be," says Daniel Voce, an apprentice in the project team, consisting of 5 young women and 22 young men. "We are developing in all areas of the automobile," Voce said. Team leader Zdeněk Stanke explained, "I am proud of my team. We are progressing very well because everyone is



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giving their all. It should be emphasised that our trainees must bring the project work in line with their schoolwork.”

The Czech carmaker is once again emphasising the high standard of ŠKODA’s apprenticeship programmes with this apprentice project. The Vocational School, founded in 1927, offers young people three- or four-year training programmes in technical subjects. Almost 900 apprentices, of which 14.3% are women, are currently enrolled on 14 full-time training courses. Around 100 employees are advancing their qualifications in the school’s postgraduate programme.

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ŠKODA CEO Bernhard Maier, Board Member for Production Michael Oeljeklaus and Board Member for HR Bohdan Wojnar recently took a look at the current status of the Trainee Car. They were shown individual elements of the vehicle and the final shape of the body in the ŠKODA Academy body shop.

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ŠKODA Academy trainees continue the new tradition of building their dream car this year at the company’s headquarters in Mladá Boleslav. They recently presented the state of development of ‘Trainee Car III’ to the ŠKODA Board members.

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- > currently offers the following models in the range: Citigo, Fabia, Rapid, Octavia, Yeti and Superb.
- > in 2015 delivered more than 1 million vehicles to customers worldwide.
- > has belonged to Volkswagen since 1991. The Volkswagen Group is one of the most successful automotive groups in the world. ŠKODA, in association with the Group, independently manufactures and develops vehicles, as well as components, engines and gear transmissions.
- > operates at three locations in the Czech Republic, produces in China, Russia, Slovakia and India mainly through Group partnerships, as well as in Ukraine and Kazakhstan through local partners.
- > employs over 26,600 people globally and is active in more than 100 markets.

