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ŠKODA receives award for eco-friendly logistics innovation

- › Czech Packaging Association SYBA dignify prestigious award for ŠKODA AUTO's innovative transport solution with 'Packaging of the Year 2016' award in automotive category
- › Clever 4-in-1 packaging solution utilizes container space efficiently
- › Reduced freight traffic from Czech Republic to India reduces transport-related CO₂ emissions by a quarter
- › New 'Green Logistics' measure is part of ŠKODA AUTO's 'Green Future' environmental strategy

Mladá Boleslav, 4 August 2016 – ŠKODA AUTO has been presented with the 'Packaging of the year 2016' award for their resource-efficient transport solution. The judges from the Czech Packaging Association SYBA chose ŠKODA AUTO's innovative logistics technology for best concept in the automotive category. Thanks to purpose-built wooden constructions, four instead of the previous three body shells in addition to production parts can be transported in a single container. This means ŠKODA AUTO has reduced CO₂ emissions in transit between the Czech Republic and India by a quarter. This 'Green Logistics' concept is part of ŠKODA AUTO's 'Green Future' environmental protection strategy.

"At ŠKODA we are constantly working on ways to make the logistics more efficient and therefore more environmentally friendly," says Jiří Cee, Head of Brand Logistics at ŠKODA AUTO. "The area of logistics is fully committed to the objectives of the 'Green Future' sustainable development strategy. Our new 4-in-1 transport solution is an important step in achieving our ambitious environmental targets."

ŠKODA AUTO has developed an innovative 4-in-1 packaging system in cooperation with the packaging supplier company Pilous for shipping painted bodies from the main plant in Mladá Boleslav to the Indian plant in Aurangabad. The Czech automobile manufacturer uses novel wooden constructions, specially made for each model series, to optimize the use of the cargo space in a container. The clever carrier systems arrange two bodies horizontally on the floor and two others diagonally above in the limited space. Manufacturing parts can also be fitted into appropriate gaps in the wooden construction and secured for transport.

The 4-in-1-loading technology reduces the number of containers by a quarter. This saves ŠKODA AUTO well over 800 tonnes of CO₂ per year on the 13,270-kilometre transport route. Nearly all materials used can be recycled.

Resource-efficient logistics solutions have a tradition at ŠKODA AUTO: the Mladá Boleslav car manufacturer was using recyclable wooden constructions for container transport as



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early as 2000 and progressively developed this technology. Before the millennium, two vehicles were sent to India in each container; by 2006, there were three body shells, including all hardware needed for the final product. Further advancements and comprehensive field tests have since enabled ŠKODA AUTO to implement their 4-in-1 transport system.

This even greener logistics solution has now received an award from the Czech Packaging Association SYBA. From the many proposals submitted in the automotive category, the jury selected ŠKODA's 4-in-1 container system for 'Packaging of the Year 2016'. The official award ceremony takes place on 3 November at the SpeedCHAIN conference in Prague.

ŠKODA AUTO bundles all their environmental activities under the umbrella of the 'GreenFuture' strategy that rests on three pillars: 'Green Product' is concerned with the development of environmentally sound vehicles – both in terms of fuel consumption, and recycling capabilities. The brand supports their dealerships with 'Green Retail' and servicing garages in environmentally friendly economies. 'Green Factory' is primarily concerned with running as resource-efficient production as possible. This pillar also includes the field of 'Green Logistics' for sustainable logistics solutions.

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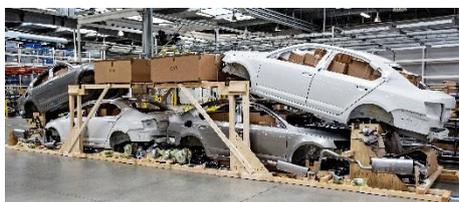
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- > currently offers the following model series: Citigo, Fabia, Rapid, Octavia, Yeti and Superb.
- > in 2015 delivered more than 1 million vehicles to customers worldwide in more than 100 markets.
- > has been part of Volkswagen Group since 1991. ŠKODA, in association with the Group, independently manufactures and develops vehicles as well as components such as 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 with local partners.
- > employs over 26,600 people globally.