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Production of revised ŠKODA FABIA begins in Mladá Boleslav

- › The updated third-generation FABIA is now rolling off the production line at the ŠKODA plant in Mladá Boleslav
- › The ŠKODA FABIA wows with fresh design and state-of-the-art assistance systems
- › Four 1.0-litre engines offer both enjoyable driving and efficiency

Mladá Boleslav, 10 August 2018 – Today, ŠKODA AUTO started production of the revised ŠKODA FABIA. The first unit of the revised bestseller has rolled off the production line at the main plant in Mladá Boleslav. The small car impresses with an even more attractive design for the front and rear, including LED lights as well as state-of-the-art technology for comfort and safety. Reliable and efficient 1.0-litre engines make the car even more enjoyable to drive.

Michael Oeljeklaus, ŠKODA AUTO Board Member for Production and Logistics, commented, "Production of the ŠKODA FABIA began almost 20 years ago in Mladá Boleslav. The latest version of our ever-popular model will now also benefit from the customary high manufacturing and quality standards at ŠKODA's main plant. We have given the ŠKODA FABIA a comprehensive facelift. With its new design and technological features, it is now fit for the future."

Since 1999, the ŠKODA FABIA has been one of the most popular model ranges from the long-established Czech brand. Worldwide, 1,790,000 customers bought a first-generation model, its successor achieved a similarly strong result with 1,710,000 deliveries. In June 2017, the 500,000th third-generation FABIA left the factory in Mladá Boleslav. After the OCTAVIA, the ŠKODA FABIA is the brand's second-bestselling model today with more than 4.1 million vehicles delivered. ŠKODA is offering the small car in two body variants, the FABIA hatchback and the FABIA COMBI.

Germany is the most significant sales market for the ŠKODA FABIA. Since the launch of its first generation in 1999, 761,800 vehicles have been delivered to customers there. With 540,300 deliveries, the ŠKODA FABIA's home market – the Czech Republic – follows in second place. The United Kingdom is in third place with 335,200 vehicles delivered so far and Poland in fourth with 314,000. Whilst 78% of customers in the United Kingdom opted for the hatchback model, the FABIA COMBI is particularly sought-after in the Czech Republic – just like in Germany, this version accounted for 43% of vehicles delivered.

The ŠKODA FABIA is expected to continue this success story with several new features. For example, the engine portfolio of the revised small car now comprises four live and efficient three-cylinder petrol engines with a 1.0-litre cylinder capacity. The two MPI engines produce 44 kW (60 PS) and 55 kW (75 PS) respectively. Due to their advanced technology including turbocharger and direct petrol injection, the TSI engines deliver 70 kW (95 PS) and 81 kW (110 PS). Both TSI engines are equipped with petrol particulate filters. The most powerful of the four engines can be coupled with a 7-speed direct-shift gearbox (DSG).

New design highlights at the front and rear give the ŠKODA FABIA a fresh look. For the first time, the small car is available with LED headlights and LED tail lights. The redesigned instrument



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cluster, refined decorative strips on the dashboard and the two-tone seat covers create the same elegant appearance in the interior. Blind Spot Detect, Rear Traffic Alert and Auto Light Assist, which are usually only found in higher vehicle segments, improve safety and are available in the ŠKODA FABIA for the first time.

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The production of the revised ŠKODA FABIA in Mladá Boleslav plant in the Czech Republic.

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- › was founded during the pioneering days of the automobile in 1895, making it one of the longest-established automobile companies in the world.
- › currently offers its customers eight passenger-car series: the CITIGO, FABIA, RAPID, OCTAVIA, KAROQ, KODIAQ, as well as the KAMIQ (in China) and the SUPERB.
- › delivered more than 1.2 million vehicles to customers around the world in 2017.
- › has belonged to Volkswagen Group since 1991. The Volkswagen Group is one of the most successful vehicle manufacturers in the world. In association with the Group, ŠKODA AUTO independently develops and manufactures vehicles, as well as components such as engines and transmissions.
- › operates at three locations in the Czech Republic; manufactures in China, Russia, Slovakia, Algeria and India mainly through Group partnerships, as well as in Ukraine and Kazakhstan with local partners.
- › employs over 35,000 people globally and is active in more than 100 markets.
- › is transforming from being a traditional car manufacturer to a 'Simply Clever Company for Optimal Mobility Solutions' as part of ŠKODA Strategy 2025.

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