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ŠKODA AUTO produced more vehicles in the Czech Republic in 2018 than ever before

- › Record: 886,100 ŠKODA vehicles produced in the Czech Republic
- › ŠKODA AUTO contributes around 5% to Czech GDP, accounting for 9% of country's total exports
- › The manufacturer's production sites are constantly modernized
- › Investing in the future: ŠKODA AUTO invests two billion euros in electromobility and new mobility services
- › Endowment fund of more than 30 million euros to strengthen Mladá Boleslav region

Mladá Boleslav, 24 January 2019 – ŠKODA AUTO produced more vehicles in the Czech Republic in 2018 than ever before in its 124-year history. In total, 886,100 vehicles ran off the production lines at the Mladá Boleslav and Kvasiny factories. This result corresponds to an increase of 3.3% compared to the previous year (2017: 858,100 vehicles) and is the outcome of consistently modernizing and expanding the Czech production sites. In order to secure the long-term future of the automotive sector in the Czech Republic, the manufacturer plans to invest two billion euros in electromobility and new mobility services by 2025. With an endowment fund of more than 30 million euros for Mladá Boleslav, ŠKODA is also supporting long-term infrastructure projects to boost the attractiveness of the region.

Michael Oeljeklaus, ŠKODA AUTO Board Member for Production and Logistics, emphasizes: "The automotive industry is by far the most important economic sector for the Czech Republic. It contributes 9 percent to the Czech Republic's gross domestic product. The automotive industry accounted for around 25 percent of all Czech exports in 2018. We are proud of the fact that the ŠKODA brand is one of the country's economic pillars and almost two-thirds of all cars produced in the Czech Republic rolled off our production lines last year."

Bohdan Wojnar, ŠKODA AUTO Board Member for Human Resources, adds: "The production record is a credit to our employees' skills and flexibility at the Czech sites. Their outstanding performance on a daily basis at the Mladá Boleslav and Kvasiny factories and the Vrchlabí component factory as well as the productive talks with our social partner make it possible for our company to succeed."

A total of 886,100 vehicles left the car manufacturer's Czech plants in 2018. ŠKODA AUTO exceeded the previous year's strong result by 3.3% (2017: 858,100 vehicles). ŠKODA produces the brand's best-selling model, the OCTAVIA, in Mladá Boleslav. 258,000 units in the model series were built at this plant in 2018. In addition to the compact model, the KAROQ, FABIA and RAPID models are produced at the main factory. The car manufacturer produces the ŠKODA SUPERB and the SUV models KODIAQ and KAROQ in Kvasiny. In May 2018, ŠKODA expanded its production site in the Hradec Králové region to include a multifunctional competence centre costing 13.5 million euros. This year, the series production of the ŠKODA SUPERB with plug-in hybrid drive will be launched at this location.

At Vrchlabí, the company's state-of-the-art component plant, the manufacturer produced in 2018 around 538,760 units of the modern automatic transmission DQ 200, which is used in numerous vehicles of the Volkswagen Group. Additional components are produced in Mladá Boleslav as well.



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Besides the 602,970 MQ 200 and MQ / SQ 100 transmissions, employees at the company's headquarters built 584,880 engines last year.

As one of the largest employers in the country, ŠKODA AUTO also invests in regional infrastructure projects at its production sites in order to increase the attractiveness of the respective regions. For example, the car manufacturer has established an endowment fund for Mladá Boleslav, providing it with initial capital of 30 million euros. This money is available for projects aimed at strengthening the Mladá Boleslav region. ŠKODA AUTO works closely with partners from politics, public administration and civil society.

ŠKODA AUTO launches electromobility in 2019

The Czech automobile manufacturer has set the course for a successful future by launching the largest investment programme in ŠKODA AUTO's history as part of Strategy 2025: two billion euros are to be invested in the development of electric vehicles and new mobility services. The battery-powered version of the ŠKODA CITIGO and the ŠKODA SUPERB with plug-in hybrid drive will be launched this year. The production version of the ŠKODA VISION E battery-powered concept study will follow in 2020.

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Accounting for around 5% of gross domestic product and 9% of total exports, the company makes a major contribution to the economic power of its home country.

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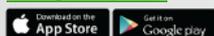
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- › was founded during the pioneering days of the automobile in 1895, making it one of the longest-established automobile companies in the world.
- › currently offers its customers nine passenger-car series: the CITIGO, FABIA, RAPID, SCALA, OCTAVIA, KAROQ, KODIAQ, as well as the KAMIQ and the SUPERB.
- › delivered more than 1.25 million vehicles to customers around the world in 2018.
- › 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 pressing ahead with the transformation from a traditional car manufacturer to the 'Simply Clever company for the best mobility solutions' as part of the ŠKODA 2025 Strategy.

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