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ŠKODA AUTO Vocational School offers exemplary training programmes for up-and-coming young talent

- › Courses at the ŠKODA Vocational School and ŠKODA Academy impress with their high level of quality and practical relevance
- › Since 2014, ŠKODA has invested more than 260 million Czech korunas in expanding the training programmes and modernising the training facilities
- › ŠKODA's practical student car project, which takes place each year, has been testimony to the high standard of training at the ŠKODA Academy since 2014

Mladá Boleslav, 3 June 2019 – ŠKODA AUTO sets benchmarks in terms of the training and development of its staff. The company's own vocational school has been part of the ŠKODA Academy since 2013 and currently offers 13 courses, which stand out thanks to the high level of quality and practical relevance of the training provided.

The company has long been investing extensively in the training and development of its own staff – a key component of its HR strategy. Since 2014, ŠKODA has invested more than 260 million Czech korunas in expanding the training programmes and modernising the training facilities. In addition to vocational training, students at ŠKODA AUTO have the opportunity to complete an internship abroad at another Group brand.

Optimal preparation for the demands of everyday working life

Students at the ŠKODA Vocational School undergo three- or four-year courses in technical subjects leading to either an apprenticeship diploma or a school leaving certificate for university access. The way the technical subjects are taught and the number of places available are both geared towards the needs and requirements of the relevant specialist departments at ŠKODA AUTO. The company therefore places great importance on outstanding vocational training with a particular focus on future-oriented technologies.

On successful completion, all graduates of the ŠKODA Vocational School are given the opportunity to work for the Czech car manufacturer.

Since 2014, the ŠKODA student car has been great evidence of the high standard of training at the ŠKODA Vocational School and ŠKODA Academy. [This year, students designed and built the sixth student car under the guidance of their teachers and with the support of experienced ŠKODA engineers and staff from the Production, Technical Development and Design departments.](#)

Vocational school with more than 90 years of history

At ŠKODA, high-quality training and rigorous talent development date back more than 90 years: in 1927, the ŠKODA Vocational School opened at the company headquarters in Mladá Boleslav. In the first year, 58 students began their training in three different specialist areas. Today, more than 900 students – 13 per cent of which are female – are enrolled in 13 full-time courses and three postgraduate programmes at the ŠKODA Academy.



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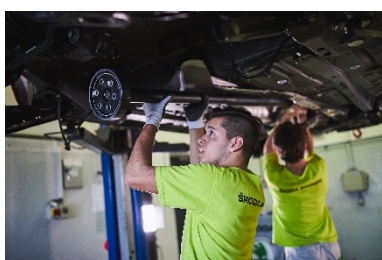
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The high standard of training is reflected for example in ŠKODA's practical student car project, which takes place each year. In June, ŠKODA's up-and-coming young talent will present the sixth student car – a dynamic, two-door pick-up version of the ŠKODA KODIAQ.

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ŠKODA AUTO

- › was founded during the pioneering days of the automobile in 1895, making it one of the longest-established car 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 been part of Volkswagen Group since 1991. 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 39,000 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.