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ŠKODA Motorsport operates again at full swing

- › Successful Re-start for ŠKODA and the rallying activities in Czech Republic
- › ŠKODA privateer Petr Semerád wins MOGUL Test-Rally Sosnová
- › Factory driver Jan Kopecký was delayed by a puncture on his ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo
- › Rally FABIA number 353 delivered to a Czech customer

Mladá Boleslav, 25 June 2020 – After the corona break, ŠKODA Motorsport is now operating at a full swing again. The 353rd Rally FABIA was delivered to a customer just before the weekend, when on the MOGUL Test-Rally in Sosnová the motorsport competition was re-started. ŠKODA privateer Petr Semerád (CZE), who also is the e-game ambassador for the Czech brand, proved his speed in the real world behind the steering wheel of a ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo and won the event together with his co-driver Filip Šindelář (CZE). ŠKODA factory driver Jan Kopecký (CZE) set together with Jan Hloušek (CZE) the first fastest stage time, but lost his chances for the victory due to a puncture.

After months of restrictions due to the corona crisis, the recent Friday was a special day for ŠKODA Motorsport. In the headquarter at Mladá Boleslav, the 353rd Rally FABIA was handed over. Pavel Paickr, Executive director of Entry Engineering, received the car which will be used in the future by European Junior Rally Champions (ERC1) Filip Mareš.

One day later at the race and rally track of Sosnová, the engine sound of the successful Czech rally car could be heard again at the MOGUL Test-Rally. Czech record winner and WRC2 Champion from 2018, Jan Kopecký, paired up again with co-driver Jan Hloušek and set with his ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo after a long break the first fastest time in rallying competition. A puncture on the second stage costed a possible win. Petr Semerád, who is ŠKODA's e-game ambassador, proved his speed in the real rallying world and took the victory after a tense finish together with his co-driver Filip Šindelář.

"It was amazing to drive the ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo after a long break in competition again. On top of that, it was a good warm up for Jan and myself before the competition in the Czech Rally Championship will start at the upcoming Rally Bohemia", emphasized Jan Kopecký. The seven times Czech Rally Champion is together with his co-driver Jan Hloušek one of the top favourites for the Rally Bohemia (10/07–12/07/2020).

Result MOGUL Test-Rally Sosnová

1. Semerád/ Šindelář (CZE/CZE), ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo, 24:03.5 min.
2. Štajf/Rajnoha(CZE/CZE), VW Polo GTI Rally2, +2.8 sec.
3. Vlček/Jugasová (CZE/CZE), Hyundai i20 Rally2, +11.1 sec.
4. Kačírek/ Řiháková (CZE/CZE), ŠKODA FABIA Rally2, +12.2 sec.
5. Pech jun./Uhel (CZE/CZE), Ford Focus RS WRC 06, +12.4 sec.

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ŠKODA at the Mogul Test Rally Sosnová

Petr Semerád and Filip Šindelář won with their ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo the Mogul Test Rally Sosnová

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ŠKODA factory driver Jan Kopecký (CZE) set together with Jan Hloušek (CZE) the first fastest stage time, but lost his chances for the victory due to a puncture at their ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo

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353. ŠKODA FABIA rally car sold to a customer

The 353rd Rally FABIA was delivered to a customer just before the MOGUL Test-Rally in Sosnová. From left: David Jareš (Head of Commercial program at ŠKODA Motorsport), Věroslav Cvrček (Rexteam, technical support), European Junior Champion Filip Mareš, Pavel Paickr (Executive director of Entry Engineering) and Norbert Hampf (Salesperson ŠKODA Motorsport)

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ŠKODA Motorsport Overview

2019 was the most successful year in the history of ŠKODA Motorsport so far. In 2019, the Czech brand introduced the new ŠKODA FABIA R5 evo. Factory crew Kalle Rovanperä/Jonne Halttunen won both WRC2 Pro drivers' and co-drivers' championship of the FIA World Rally Championship while ŠKODA Motorsport took the WRC2 Pro manufacturers' title. ŠKODA customer crew Pierre-Louis Loubet/Vincent Landais won the WRC2 championship for private teams.

The success story of the Czech brand took place worldwide. The FIA European Rally Championship (ERC) was won by Chris Ingram/Ross Whittock (GBR/GBR), Filip Mareš/Jan Hloušek (CZE/CZE) conquered the FIA European Rally Championship/ERC1 Junior title. Manvir Singh Baryan/Drew Sturrock (KEN/GBR) became FIA African Rally Champions (ARC), Ricardo Triviño/Marc Martí (MEX/ESP) won the FIA North American and Central American Rally Championship (NACAM). On top of that, ŠKODA crews won numerous national championships.

The ŠKODA FABIA R5 evo, a high-tech 4x4, was homologated by the International Automobile Federation (FIA) on 1 April 2019. The Czech rally car is successfully continuing the long tradition of ŠKODA Motorsport.

ŠKODA has been successful on the motorsport scene since 1901. Be it on the circuit or in rallies, ŠKODA has celebrated victories and won titles all around the world. Historical highlights include winning the title in the FIA World Rally Championship (WRC2) for the first time in 2016, numerous title wins in the FIA European Rally Championship (ERC), the FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship (APRC) and the Intercontinental Rally Challenge (IRC) as well as the victory in the European Touring Car Championship in 1981. ŠKODA teams have also triumphed in the world's oldest and most famous rally, taking several class victories in the legendary Monte Carlo, which was first held in 1911.

ŠKODA AUTO

- › is this year celebrating 125 years since the company was founded during the pioneering era of the automobile in 1895, making it one of the longest-established car manufacturers 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 1.24 million vehicles to customers around the world in 2019.
- › 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 and India mainly through group partnerships, as well as in Ukraine and Kazakhstan with local partners.
- › employs over 42,000 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.