



# RALLY SPORT POPULARITY UNBROKEN – ŠKODA FABIA WORLDWIDE SUCCESSFUL

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**Š** ŠKODA Motorsport customers were successful in the WRC2- and WRC3-categories of the FIA World Rally Championship. A remarkable statistics was reported on the weekend of 5/6 September: 229 Rally2 cars were competing on 23 events in 13 countries – a new record number which shows the global success story of this group. We at ŠKODA are not only a part of this success story, we are writing it – more than the half – exactly 113\* – were ŠKODA FABIA! And our customers are not only numerous – they are successful worldwide.

At recent Rally Turkey Marmaris, our ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo not only proved on tough road conditions its strong reliability, Kajetan Kajetanowicz won RC2 class and the WRC3 category and our WRC2 Champion of 2017, Pontus Tidemand, won in WRC2 and took the lead in the WRC2 interim championship standings.

The success of our customers not only makes us proud – it is an obligation for the future! Be assured that ŠKODA Motorsport will stay right on track and is committed to rallying. This is an essential part of our brand DNA. Please find out in this newsletter more about

ŠKODA Motorsport customers participating with their FABIA Rally2 or FABIA Rally2 evo in the world of rallying.



Kajetan Kajetanowicz/  
Maciej Szczepaniak,  
ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo,  
Rally Turkey Marmaris

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Egon Kaur/Simm Silver,  
ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo,  
Rally Estonia



## RALLY ESTONIA – RETURN OF THE WRC

**A**fter more than half a year break due to the fight against the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the FIA World Rally Championship re-started in style at the Rally Estonia which was for the first time part of the Championship. Nine ŠKODA customer teams out of 30 entries in the RC2 class played again a significant role among the Rally2 cars.

While local Estonian heroes Egon Kaur/Simm Silver conquered with their ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo despite a time consuming puncture the third position in the WRC3 category, their stablemates from Poland, three times FIA Euro-

pean Rally Champion Kajetan Kajetanowicz/Maciej Szczepaniak from Poland had bad luck. While fighting for the second category position, they caught on a straight by deep ruts and rolled on the very last stage their ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo.

In the WRC2 category, the champion of 2017, Pontus Tidemand (SWE), conquered valuable championship points. Together with co-driver Patrik Barth (SWE), he finished third with his private entered ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo, run by Team TOKSPORT WRT, just 2.1 seconds ahead of Teammates Eyvind Brynildsen and Ilka Minor (NOR/AUT).



Pontus Tidemand/Patrik Barth with their ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo at the finish of Rally Estonia



Eyvind Brynildsen/Ilka Minor, ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo, Rally Estonia

# RALLY TURKEY MARMARIS – ULTIMATE GRAVEL TEST FOR MEN AND MACHINE

**T**he 13th Rally Turkey Marmaris was due to the fight against the spread of the COVID-19 virus run without spectators. It was with no doubt the ultimate stress test for men and machine, running over 12 tough gravel stages under the sun of the Turkish Aegean Sea. Six Rally FABIA crossed the starting line at Marmaris, five of them made it to the finish and proved again the strength of the Czech rally car.

Kajetan Kajetanowicz/Maciej Szczepaniak were after their last minute mishap at the Rally Estonia this time in a class of their own. With their ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo, they took with a fast and faultless drive the lead at the 4th special stage and won the RC2 class and the WRC3 category as well. In the interim championship standings, they moved up to third position and are back in the title run.

With a very clever and faultless run, Pontus Tidemand and Patrik Barth took the victory at the WRC2 category with their ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo. Thanks to season win number two, the Swedes are now leading the championship standings. Eyvind Brynildsen and Ilka Minor were delayed by three punctures and a lost wheel on their ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo, but they manage to reach the finish and collected points for the third place in the WRC2 category.



Kajetan Kajetanowicz/Maciej Szczepaniak, ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo, Rally Turkey Marmaris



Pontus Tidemand/Patrik Barth, ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo, Rally Turkey Marmaris



Eyvind Brynildsen/Ilka Minor, ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo, Rally Turkey Marmaris



Team TOKSPORT WRT at Rally Turkey Marmaris

## Standings FIA World Rally Championship, WRC3

1.	Marco Bulacia (BOL)	Citroën	55 points
2.	Jari Huttunen (FIN)	Hyundai	43 points
3.	Kajetan Kajetanowicz (POL)	ŠKODA	37 points
4.	Oliver Solberg (SWE)	VW and ŠKODA	35 points
5.	Nicolas Ciamin (FRA)	Citroën	26 points

## Standings FIA World Rally Championship, WRC2

1.	Pontus Tidemand (SWE)	ŠKODA	80 points
2.	Mads Østberg (NOR)	Citroën	75 points
3.	Adrien Fourmaux (FRA)	Ford	66 points
4.	Nikolay Gryazin (RUS)	Hyundai	51 points
5.	Ole Christian Veiby (NOR)	Hyundai	33 points

## INVELT RALLY PAČEJOV, CZECH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP: FIRST SEASON WIN FOR KOPECKÝ

**Š** ŠKODA factory driver Jan Kopecký and co-driver Jan Hloušek dominated and won the Czech Rally Championship round, INVELT Rally Pačejov. With their ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo, they took the lead on the first special stage and defended it with 11 fastest times on the 14 special stages which had been damp and slippery. Václav Pech/Petr Uhel finished second in a Ford Focus RS WRC '06 while Filip Mareš/Radovan Bucha had to retire with their ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo on the 12th special stage while lying on the third position.



Jan Kopecký/Jan Hloušek,  
ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo

## OTHER RECENT RALLY RESULTS:

 **Bulgaria:** The Rally Stari Stolici was won by Miroslav Angelov/Georgi Gadzhev (BGR/BGR), ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo.

 **Denmark:** Christian Riedemann/Christian Brünjes (DEU/DEU) won with their ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo the ADAC Cimbern Rally, first round of the Danish Rally Championship. The top three positions were conquered by ŠKODA crews.

 **Estonia:** The WRC round Rally Estonia counted as well for the national series, Egon Kaur/Silver Simm (EST/EST) dominated with their ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo the first day of the national Rally Estonia, on the classification of day two, they finished third.

 **Finland:** Emil Lindholm and Mikael Korhonen (FIN/FIN) were the winners at the SM O.K. Auto-Ralli 2020, driving a ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo. Stablemates Teemu Asunmaa and Salo Jani (FN/FIN) won the following championship round Pohjanmaa SM-Ralli.

 **Greece:** Ioannis Papadimitriou/Giorgos Polizois (GRC/GRC) won with their ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo the Greek championship round Rally Fthiotidos.

 **Hungary:** Ferenc Vincze jun./Igor Bacigál (HUN/HUN) conquered the victory at Q8 Oils Eger Rally with their ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo.

 **Lithuania:** Vaidotas Žala and co-driver Andris Mālnieks (LTU/LVA) won with their ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo the Kuusamet Group Rally Elektrėnai.

 **Mexico:** The Rally Sierra Juárez was won by Ricardo Triviño/Jorge Bernal (MEX/MEX), driving a ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo.

 **Norway:** Anders Grødal and Marius Fuglerud (NOR/NOR) took a narrow win with their ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo at Rally Sørland.

 **Russia:** Vasiliy Gryazin/Yaroslav Fedorov (RUS/RUS), ŠKODA FABIA Rally2, won the Rally Belye Nochi.

 **Slovakia:** Grzegorz Grzyb and Michał Poradisz (POL/POL) won the Slovakian classification at the Marma Rajd Rzeszowski with their ŠKODA FABIA Rally2.

 **Romania:** Simone Tempestini/Sergiu Itu (ROU/ROU) won with their ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 the Total Transilvania Rally.

 **Czech republic:** Invelt Rally Pačejov won by Jan Kopecký (CZ) and co-driver Jan Hloušek (CZ), driving ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo.

## 5 YEARS AGO

**T**he ŠKODA FABIA R5, a high-tech 4x4, was homologated by the International Automobile Federation FIA on 1 April 2015. On the very first rally, a long success story begun with the maiden victory on Rally Bohemia 2015 by Jan Kopecký and Pavel Dresler.



Jan Kopecký/Pavel  
Dresler, ŠKODA  
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