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## ŠKODA FABIA shortlisted for European AUTOBEST award

- › Fourth generation in the final for the “Best Buy Car of Europe in 2022” title
- › AUTOBEST jury composed of renowned motoring journalists from 32 European countries
- › Winners to be selected after late November test drives with finalists in Teesdorf, Austria

Mladá Boleslav, 19 October 2021 – The fourth generation of the ŠKODA FABIA is among the finalists in the race for the “Best Buy Car of Europe in 2022” title. The jury for the annual award event held since 2001, comprising renowned automotive journalists from 32 European countries, has selected the FABIA, along with five other vehicles, for the final test drives. The 32 jury members will convene at Fahrtechnik-Zentrum Teesdorf in Austria on 24 and 25 November to test all the finalists, with the winner announced in mid-December. 2002 saw the first generation of the FABIA voted “Best Buy Car of Europe”, while in 2014 the third generation was among the finalists, as were the KAMIQ and the OCTAVIA in the past two years.

The European AUTOBEST organisation was founded in 2000 and has been awarding its annual trophies since 2001. The current jury is composed of 32 journalists representing 32 European countries. Jury members each select three favourite vehicles from the year's finalists, in 13 different categories – from exterior and interior design to practical usability, technologies, eco-friendliness and price. The categories have different point scores, ranging from 100 to 500. The winning vehicle is the one that achieves the highest score out of a maximum of 2,500 points.

The fourth generation of the ŠKODA FABIA is more emotive and dynamic than ever before and is based for the first time on the Volkswagen Group's Modular Transverse Toolkit MQB-A0. The FABIA is the most spacious car within its segment and boasts enhanced comfort features as well as a plethora of new safety and assistance systems. Classic brand qualities, such as excellent value for money, high functionality and a host of Simply Clever features, make this car the perfect entry-level model to the ŠKODA range. The FABIA is longer and, at 4,108 mm, exceeds the four-metre mark for the first time. The boot – which was already the largest in the segment – has gained an additional 50 litres and now offers a capacious 380 litres of luggage space. Five petrol engines from the Volkswagen Group's current EVO generation deliver power outputs ranging from 48 kW (65 PS) to 110 kW (150 PS). Segment-leading aerodynamics with a drag coefficient ( $c_d$ ) of 0.28 and the optional 50-litre fuel tank enable a range of more than 900 km in the WLTP cycle.

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The fourth generation of the ŠKODA FABIA is among the finalists for the “Best Buy Car of Europe 2022” title at the “European AUTOBEST 2022” award event. The FABIA previously won the title in 2002.

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- › is emerging as the leading European brand in India, Russia and North Africa.
- › currently offers its customers ten passenger-car series: the FABIA, RAPID, SCALA, OCTAVIA and SUPERB as well as the KAMIQ, KAROQ, KODIAQ, ENYAQ iV and KUSHAQ.
- › delivered over one million vehicles to customers around the world in 2020.
- › has been a member of the Volkswagen Group for 30 years. The Volkswagen Group is one of the most successful vehicle manufacturers in the world.
- › independently manufactures and develops not only vehicles but also components such as engines and transmissions in association with the Group.
- › operates at three sites in the Czech Republic; manufactures in China, Russia, Slovakia and India primarily through Group partnerships, as well as in Ukraine with a local partner.
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