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ŠKODA ENYAQ iV wins Golden Steering Wheel 2021 for Best Electric SUV

- › ŠKODA ENYAQ iV impresses experts jury of racing drivers, presenters and journalists with its performance at Lausitzring
- › First ŠKODA model based on the Volkswagen Group's modular electrification toolkit (MEB) wins seventh Golden Steering Wheel for ŠKODA
- › ENYAQ iV combines brand-typical emotive design with spacious interior, a range ideal for everyday use and excellent value for money
- › Golden Steering Wheel recognises best new products on the car market and is one of the most prestigious automotive awards in Europe

Mladá Boleslav, 10 November 2021 – The ŠKODA ENYAQ iV has scooped the coveted 2021 Golden Steering Wheel automotive award. Readers of the trade magazine Auto Bild and the newspaper Bild am Sonntag first selected the battery-electric SUV into the three finalists of the electric SUV category. Then, during test drives at the Lausitzring, the ENYAQ iV also won over the jury of experts, successfully beating its competitors with the best overall package.

ŠKODA AUTO CEO Thomas Schäfer emphasises, "The Golden Steering Wheel 2021 for the ENYAQ iV shows that as a true ŠKODA, our all-electric flagship has won over the readers of Auto Bild and Bild am Sonntag as well as the expert jury. On behalf of all Škodians, I would like to thank you for this prestigious automotive award. One thing is clear: our ENYAQ iV is just the beginning, and we will be following up with more e-models very soon."

In this year's edition of the Golden Steering Wheel, which recognises the best automotive innovations of the past twelve months, readers could choose their favourites from a selection of 70 models. This was the first time the editors distinguished between vehicles with combustion engines and electric cars – for example, in the categories SUV and electric SUV. A total of twelve Golden Steering Wheels were awarded.

From a total of seven entrants, the readers of Auto Bild and Bild am Sonntag voted the ŠKODA ENYAQ iV into the finals along with two others in the electric SUV category. This meant that the battery-electric SUV qualified for the practical test at the Lausitzring at the beginning of October. The evaluators based their assessment of each new car on various criteria, including handling, spaciousness and all-round visibility. The jury concluded that the ENYAQ iV offers the best overall package in the electric SUV segment, outperforming the other two finalists.

ŠKODA's first all-electric SUV sets the benchmark

The ENYAQ iV represents the Czech car manufacturer's most significant step so far in implementing its electromobility strategy. It is the first ŠKODA production model to be based on the Volkswagen Group's Modular Electrification Toolkit (MEB). The electric flagship of ŠKODA's model range offers the generous space the brand is famous for and is also visually electrifying thanks to its emotive design language. In the interior, new Design Selections replace the conventional equipment lines, while a clearly laid-out new product range structure makes it possible to configure



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the ideal vehicle in just a few clicks. The ENYAQ iV is available with rear-wheel or all-wheel drive and boasts a range of over 500 kilometres¹ in the WLTP cycle, making it the perfect companion on long journeys.

ENYAQ iV clinches seventh Golden Steering Wheel for ŠKODA

The first Golden Steering Wheel was awarded by Bild am Sonntag in 1976. Europe's leading car magazine, Auto Bild, has been on board since 2009. ŠKODA is now the proud winner of seven Golden Steering Wheels. The success story began in 1999 with the first generation of the FABIA, and its successor matched this achievement in 2007. The second-generation OCTAVIA won in 2004, and the second-generation SUPERB also claimed a Golden Steering Wheel in 2008. The KAROQ received the prestigious award in 2017, followed by the KAMIQ in 2019.

¹ Value determined in the WLTP measurement procedure. Actual range depends on factors such as personal driving style, conditions along the route, outside temperature, weather conditions, use of heating and air conditioning, pre-temperature control, and the number of passengers.

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Thomas Schäfer, CEO ŠKODA AUTO, at the handover of the Golden Steering Wheel 2021 for the ENYAQ iV

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- › is successfully steering through the new decade with the NEXT LEVEL – ŠKODA STRATEGY 2030.
- › aims to be one of the five best-selling brands in Europe by 2030 with an attractive line-up in the entry-level segments and additional e-models.
- › 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.
- › employs more than 43,000 people globally and is active in over 100 markets.