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ŠKODA AUTO uses seat covers made from recycled PET bottles

- › ŠKODA AUTO consistently focuses on sustainability along the entire value chain
- › Car manufacturer works with suppliers and the scientific community on innovative materials which are then used in series production
- › Video reveals how the seat covers for the ENYAQ iV are made from wool and recycled disposable bottles

Mladá Boleslav, 25 January 2022 – ŠKODA AUTO has replaced its classic equipment lines with Design Selections for the interior of the all-electric ŠKODA ENYAQ iV. The Czech car manufacturer combines wool with recycled polyester from disposable PET-bottles for the seat covers of the Design Selection LODGE. In collaboration with suppliers and the scientific community, the company is working on sustainably produced, recyclable and durable materials for use in series production. In the future, ŠKODA AUTO's procurement processes will place even more emphasis on sustainability and the circular economy along the entire value chain.

Markéta Truhelková, Coordinator of Purchasing – Interior at ŠKODA AUTO, emphasises, "The consistent use of sustainably produced materials in our current vehicles is changing the requirements in the Purchasing division and therefore also the demands on our suppliers. That's why – true to our Simply Clever ethos – we are working together to develop innovative sustainable materials that stand up to everyday use, are easy to work with and create attractive design accents."

As the largest private-sector company in the Czech Republic, ŠKODA AUTO is making sustainability in the [purchasing of materials and components an even more important priority](#). In doing so, the car manufacturer is involving its supply partners along the entire process chain.

ŠKODA AUTO has been working with the Czech supplier Sage Automotive Interiors from Strakonice for several decades. It develops innovative materials that are then used in series production. These include fabrics made from recycled plastic bottles for the Design Selection LODGE in the all-electric ŠKODA ENYAQ iV. The company also develops fabrics with special fibres that function as seat heaters and enhance the comfort as well as special reflective yarns. The company works closely with the Technical University of Liberec.

The manufacturer AUNDE also produces technical textiles from recycled PET bottles and wool for the ŠKODA ENYAQ iV. The bottles are crushed, melted and processed into granulate. This is used to make a durable yarn. Once on the loom, 6,000 such threads are turned into a resistant fabric according to the specifications of ŠKODA's interior designers. The material is then washed and dried to give it the required stability.

[The production process is presented in a video, which also highlights how the innovative material is used.](#)



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Karsten Schnake, Board Member for Purchasing at ŠKODA AUTO, visits the company Sage Automotive Interiors that manufactures innovative, sustainable materials for use in ŠKODA vehicles.

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AUNDE makes fabric from recycled plastic bottles, which is then used for seat covers in the all-electric ŠKODA ENYAQ iV.

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- › 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 car series: the FABIA, RAPID, SCALA, OCTAVIA and SUPERB as well as the KAMIQ, KAROQ, KODIAQ, ENYAQ iV and KUSHAQ.
- › delivered over 870,000 vehicles to customers around the world in 2021.
- › 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 around 43,000 people globally and is active in over 100 markets.