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The new ŠKODA KAROQ: a more striking look with greater aerodynamics

- › More refined ŠKODA design language
- › New, sustainable materials and modern technologies in the interior for increased comfort
- › Full-LED Matrix headlights available as an option for the first time
- › Choice of five efficient engines from Volkswagen Group's latest EVO generation
- › Aerodynamics improved by more than 9%, lower fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions

Mladá Boleslav, 4 April 2022 – The successful model gets an upgrade: ŠKODA has used a more refined design language, sustainable materials, new technologies and a choice of efficient latest-generation EVO engines. Since its launch as the second SUV model range in 2017, more than half a million KAROQs have been produced, making the smaller brother of the KODIAQ a mainstay in the ŠKODA line-up. The compact SUV is currently on sale in 60 countries.

2017 saw ŠKODA introduce the KAROQ, the second model in its SUV line-up. With more than half a million units sold to date, it is a cornerstone of ŠKODA's model range and was the third most delivered model in 2021 after the brand's bestseller, the OCTAVIA, and the KAMIQ city SUV. Currently, the KAROQ is offered in 60 markets around the globe.

Martin Jahn, ŠKODA AUTO Board Member for Sales and Marketing, says: "When we launched the KAROQ in 2017, we once again stepped up the pace of our SUV campaign. The model has become a real success story and has contributed significantly to the fact that SUVs now account for approximately 50% of total deliveries. We have since developed the KAROQ even further, offering customers an impressive overall package that includes a fresh design, improved aerodynamics, new sustainable materials, state-of-the-art assistance systems and the latest infotainment options."

More refined emotive design language

The new KAROQ is characterised by ŠKODA's updated emotive design language featuring crystalline elements. New design details include the wider, now hexagonal ŠKODA grille, restyled front and rear aprons, as well as slimmer and sharper LED headlights and tail lights. The daytime running lights are now split in two, and for the first time, the KAROQ can be equipped with full-LED Matrix headlights as an option. Aerodynamics have been improved by more than 9%, meaning that the SUV now boasts a drag coefficient (c_d) of 0.30 and correspondingly lower CO₂ emissions. This has been made possible, for example, by new alloy wheels with Aero inserts, a longer rear spoiler, side finlets on the rear window and the now covered underbody. An increased range of state-of-the-art assistance and safety systems ensures even higher levels of active and passive safety.



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New interior decor and seat covers made from recycled, sustainable materials

The look of the KAROQ's interior is defined by new decorative trim and upholstery options, which can be made from sustainable materials if selected. For example, in the Eco pack, the seat covers are partly made from recycled PET bottles. Optional extras to increase comfort include enhanced LED ambient lighting, which now also illuminates the rear door trim in one of ten colours, and the electrically adjustable front-passenger seat including a memory function. The KAROQ is available in the Active, Ambition and Style trim levels and as a SPORTLINE variant. The first SPORTLINE was a ŠKODA FAVORIT and debuted in 1992, making this derivative an integral part of the Czech carmaker's product portfolio for 30 years.

Choice of five efficient EVO engines with outputs from 81 kW (110 PS) to 140 kW (190 PS)

The updated ŠKODA KAROQ can be equipped with one of five efficient engines from Volkswagen Group's latest EVO generation. Two diesels and three petrol engines deliver power outputs ranging from 81 kW (110 PS) to 140 kW (190 PS). The 2.0 TSI producing 140 kW (190 PS) is exclusive to the KAROQ SPORTLINE and comes with all-wheel drive as standard. For the 2.0 TDI delivering 110 kW (150 PS), 4x4 drive is optional.

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