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ŠKODA AUTO secures production of cable harnesses

- › Cable harness production in Mladá Boleslav launched in close collaboration with suppliers
- › Measures allow production capacity to be doubled as well as greater flexibility in responding to potential supply bottlenecks
- › Company secures additional production capacities in Morocco and Romania

Mladá Boleslav, 1 June 2022 – ŠKODA AUTO has partially relocated cable harness production from Ukraine to the Czech Republic in close coordination with the affected suppliers. The car manufacturer is also securing additional production capacities in Morocco and other countries. The aim of the measures is to safeguard the company even more effectively against potential supply bottlenecks and disruptions to the supply chain in the future. The arrangements will allow for current production volumes to be doubled if necessary.

Karsten Schnake, Board Member for Purchasing at ŠKODA AUTO, emphasises: "At ŠKODA AUTO, we have been working very closely with our partners over the past few weeks to minimise the impact of the war in Ukraine on the supply of cable harnesses. With great dedication, we managed to resume production in Ukraine within a short period and also significantly increase manufacturing capacities. I would like to thank the entire team and all the suppliers involved for this achievement. At the same time, I can assure our Ukrainian partners that we are and will remain fully committed to them. They have our utmost respect for continuing to supply us as the circumstances permit."

Because of the war-related supply bottlenecks, ŠKODA AUTO was forced to suspend production of the all-electric ENYAQ iV for eight weeks from 3 March due to a shortage of cable harnesses. With a view to restarting production as quickly as possible, the carmaker and its suppliers quickly began looking into duplicating the production of cable harnesses at other manufacturing plants in Europe and North Africa.

This way, ŠKODA AUTO and PEKM Kabeltechnik managed to relocate part of the cable harness production from Ukraine to Mladá Boleslav within five weeks of the war starting. PEKM built the necessary production equipment in assembly halls provided by ŠKODA AUTO, and manufacturing was gradually ramped up from the beginning of April. The production facilities are staffed by 35 women from the Ukrainian plant in Lviv, who are now training new employees. Cable harnesses for the ŠKODA FABIA COMBI are now being produced at ŠKODA AUTO's headquarters, and the production of cable harnesses for the OCTAVIA, KODIAQ, KAROQ and SUPERB model series will also start in the coming weeks.

To be as well prepared as possible for potential supply bottlenecks in the future, ŠKODA AUTO has secured additional capacity from the company Kromberg & Schubert at the Moroccan plant in Kenitra near Rabat. In addition, Kromberg & Schubert has now increased the number of cable harnesses manufactured at its Ukrainian plant in Zhytomyr. The demand for cable harnesses for

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the production of the ENYAQ iV will be met in the future thanks to manufacturing at both locations – Zhytomyr in Ukraine and Kenitra in Morocco.

ŠKODA AUTO is also planning to duplicate the production of high-voltage cable harnesses required to charge electric vehicles, among other things. From the end of June, these will be manufactured in Romania. From September onwards, production from the plant in Khmelnytskyj, Ukraine, will also be duplicated after consultation within the Volkswagen Group: The cable harnesses for the OCTAVIA and SUPERB models will then also be produced in Tangier, Morocco.

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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 important growth markets such as India or North Africa.
- › currently offers its customers twelve passenger-car series: the FABIA, RAPID, SCALA, OCTAVIA and SUPERB as well as the KAMIQ, KAROQ, KODIAQ, ENYAQ iV, ENYAQ COUPÉ iV, SLAVIA 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; has additional production capacity in China, Russia, Slovakia and India primarily through Group partnerships, as well as in Ukraine with a local partner.
- › employs 45,000 people globally and is active in over 100 markets.