

## Škoda at the Sachsen Classic 2023: Seven iconic models start in the ever-popular one-hundredth rally

- › **Celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year, the vintage rally will feature seven Škoda vehicles built between 1948 and 1988**
- › **The rally kicks off on Thursday, 17 August in Zwickau, with over 180 crews taking part**
- › **The rally will cross the Czech border on Saturday before reaching the finish line in Dresden**

**Mladá Boleslav, 16 August 2023 – This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> staging of the Sachsen Classic rally and the Škoda Classic team is no stranger to the popular competition. The Czech car manufacturer will be fielding seven stunning exhibits from the Škoda Museum built between the 1940s and the 1980s. The one-hundredth rally starts in Zwickau on Thursday, 17 August. The 180+ teams will also venture into Czech territory, allowing spectators to catch sight of the cars near Krásná Lípa. After covering 544 km, the cars will reach the finish line in Dresden on Saturday afternoon.**

The oldest cars Škoda Auto is entering in Sachsen Classic this year include convertible and roadster versions of the classic Škoda 1101 'Tudor' models, both made in 1948. In keeping with tradition, another iconic Czech model – the open-top Škoda Felicia from 1961 – will be making an appearance, too. The other vehicles will be representing various types of two-door closed bodies: the Škoda 440 'Spartak' showcases an exemplary 1957 competition model, and the timelessly elegant Škoda 1100 MBX DeLuxe (1969) without B-pillars heralded a new era of Škoda cars with a rear engine and self-supporting body. Other legendary models include extended coupés, such as the Škoda 110 R (1971) and the 17-year-younger Škoda Rapid 135.

The Sachsen Classic is one of the so-called one-hundredth rallies, where success is determined not by speed, but by regularity and precision. The 20<sup>th</sup> staging will see over 180 cars taking part. The first crew will take to the track from the centre of Saxony's Zwickau on Thursday, 17 August, one minute after noon. The 109-kilometre opening stage will include a time check at the Sachsenring circuit. On Friday, the participants will cover almost twice the distance (215 km), and the third day will bring the historic cars onto Czech territory. Spectators can admire them during the Saturday morning pass through Krásná Lípa. On Saturday afternoon, after conquering 544 km of plains and challenging sections in the Ore Mountains, the successful crews will cross the Sachsen Classic 2023 finish line in Dresden.

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The 20<sup>th</sup> staging of the one-hundredth rally Sachsen Classic 2023 will feature seven exhibits from the Škoda Museum in Mladá Boleslav. One of them is the beloved open-top Škoda Felicia from 1961.

Source: Škoda Auto



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