

Škoda Motorsport celebrates 125 years of success: From long-distance motorcycling to world rallying

- › The Paris-to-Berlin race in 1901 laid the foundations for the organisation known today as Škoda Motorsport
- › Celebrations of the 125th anniversary start with special features for all newly delivered Škoda Fabia RS Rally2
- › Škoda Motorsport is also celebrating throughout the year with both events and exhibitions of historic cars and a special livery on the Fabia RS Rally2

Mladá Boleslav, 12 January 2026 – The legacy of Škoda Motorsport dates back to 1901, when it began with motorcycle races. It continues to this day, now with victories and titles in the WRC2 category of the FIA World Rally Championship, the FIA European Rally Championship and other regional and national rally series. To celebrate its 125 years anniversary, Škoda Motorsport is equipping each Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 sold to customers with additional features.

Michal Hrabánek, Head of Škoda Motorsport, says. “2026 will be an extraordinary year for Škoda Motorsport: We are celebrating the 125th anniversary. To commemorate this significant milestone, we will be treating our valued customers to some special gifts. It is also our way of showing our deep respect for the dedication, loyalty and trust of all our customer teams around the world”.

To celebrate 125 years of success in racing and rallying, Škoda Motorsport will offer its customers special benefits. All Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 cars delivered from January 2026 onwards will include several additional features for the anniversary year. This package includes rear polycarbonate window, crossmember covers for gravel and asphalt, an extra lights bag (if the extra lights are included in the purchase), six magnesium OZ rims in special colour, light engine wiring, updated central panel, “125 Years” welcome display, and CV joint sleeves. The pack is completed by decals in “125 Years” design, a new Unique Dark Chrome logo on the bonnet, an interior plaque and a cloth car cover bearing the “125 Years Škoda Motorsport” logo. In addition, during the anniversary year each buyer of a new Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 will receive a selection of Škoda Motorsport merchandising items.

Throughout the year, Škoda Motorsport will celebrate the anniversary by showcasing their heritage during different events and occasions, starting at season launch during Rallye Monte-Carlo with a special 125 years livery on the Fabia RS Rally2. During the year, numerous crews and teams around the world will rely on the Rally2 version of the Škoda Fabia. For the third year running, Škoda Motorsport will support teams participating in the FIA European Rally Championship (ERC) with a dedicated Bonus Program. Additionally, Škoda Motorsport

will continue to support all teams at selected FIA European Rally Championship and FIA World Rally Championship events with its dedicated spare parts truck.

In 2025, the Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 was once again one of the most successful cars in international, regional and national rallies. Škoda Motorsport customer team Toksport WRT won the WRC2 Teams' title in the FIA World Rally Championship (WRC). Their crew Nikolay Gryazin/Konstantin Aleksandrov became WRC2 Challenger champions and Miguel Granados/Marc Martí secured the WRC Masters Cup title. Mikołaj Marczyk and navigator Szymon Gospodarczyk drove a Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 to the title in the FIA European Rally Championship. With similar cars, Nasser Al-Attiyah and co-driver Cándido Carrera took the FIA Middle East Rally Championship and Hiroki Arai/Hiroki Tachikui the FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship. In addition, drivers of rally cars from Mladá Boleslav won 20 national championships as well as numerous important national sub-championships.

More info about the history of Škoda Motorsport can be found [here](#).

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125 years of Škoda Motorsport

Škoda is celebrating its anniversary with special features for all Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 customer vehicles being sold from 1 January 2026.

Source: Škoda Auto



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Škoda Motorsport customers get special features with each Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 delivered as part of the 125 years celebrations. Škoda Motorsport will use a special livery on the Fabia RS Rally2 for different events throughout the year.

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Special livery on this Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 takes inspiration from some of the classic liveries of Škoda Motorsport history and celebrates the 125 year anniversary. The car will be used for showcase purposes at different events.

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Škoda Motorsport

- › Škoda has been active in motorsport since 1901, garnering success in rallies as well as in circuit racing.
- › Highlights include winning the 1981 European Touring Car Championship (ETCC) with the Škoda 130 RS.
- › Since 2009, the Škoda Fabia celebrated numerous successes for the Czech manufacturer on rally stages worldwide.
- › Until 2014, the Škoda Fabia S2000 (2.0 naturally aspirated engine, four-wheel drive) secured 50 international titles and national rally championships. The Škoda Fabia S2000 also helped to win the FIA European Rally Championship (ERC) and the Intercontinental Rally Challenge (IRC) three times each.
- › The successor model Škoda Fabia R5 (1.6 turbo engine, four-wheel drive) entered the scene in 2015. Later renamed to Škoda Fabia Rally2 and followed by the further developed Škoda Fabia Rally2 evo, the model collected nearly 2,000 victories in 68 countries until the end of the 2022 season.
- › During this period, Škoda Motorsport factory drivers Jan Kopecký (CZE), Esapekka Lappi (FIN), Pontus Tidemand (SWE) and Kalle Rovanperä (FIN) won the FIA World Rally Championship's support category WRC2/WRC2 Pro. Škoda Motorsport also took the WRC2/WRC2 Pro Manufacturers' title five times in a row from 2015 to 2019.
- › Beginning with the 2020 season, Škoda Motorsport changed its strategy to supporting private teams. The success story continued: Driving a Škoda Fabia Rally2 evo run by Toksport WRT, Andreas Mikkelsen (NOR) und Emil Lindholm (FIN) became WRC2 Champions in 2021 and 2022. Mikkelsen became WRC2 Champion again in 2023 with team Toksport WRT, when the all-new Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 entered the scene. The Škoda Motorsport supported team Toksport WRT also won the WRC2 Teams' title four times in a row from 2020 to 2023. In 2024, the WRC2 title fight was not decided until the season finale. Škoda driver Oliver Solberg of team Toksport WRT finished second overall.
- › Škoda Motorsport customer teams have also won titles in the FIA World Rally Championship (WRC), FIA European Rally Championship (ERC), the FIA African Rally Championship (ARC), the FIA North American and Central American Rally Championship (NACAM), the FIA South American Rally Championship (CODASUR) and the FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship (APRC).

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- › is successfully steering through the new decade with the Next Level Škoda Strategy;
- › aims to become one of the top three best-selling brands in Europe by the end of the decade by offering its customers the best of both worlds through a range of attractive BEV, hybrid & ICE products;
- › effectively exploits the potential in important growth markets such as India, Vietnam and the ASEAN region;
- › currently offers customers 12 passenger car model ranges: Fabia, Scala, Octavia, Superb, Kamiq, Karoq, Kodiaq, Elroq, Enyaq, Slavia, Kylaq and Kushaq;
- › delivered more than 926,000 vehicles to customers worldwide in 2024;
- › has been part of the Volkswagen Group, one of the world's most successful car manufacturers, for more than 30 years;
- › is part of Brand Group CORE, an organisational merger of the Volkswagen Group's volume brands, with the aim of achieving joint growth and significantly increasing the overall efficiency of all five volume brands;
- › independently develops and produces components such as MEB battery systems, engines and transmissions for other Volkswagen Group brands;
- › operates three production plants in the Czech Republic; has production capacities in China, Slovakia and India, mostly through group partnerships, as well as in Vietnam and Ukraine in cooperation with a local partner;
- › employs around 40,000 people worldwide and is active in almost 100 markets.