

Škoda Motorsport hands over 300th Fabia RS Rally2

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- › **The success of Škoda Motorsport cars in the Rally2 category is underlined by more than 31,000 starts and 8,800 podium finishes since 2015**

Mladá Boleslav, 1 July 2026 – Škoda Motorsport has handed over its 300th Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 to the Calm Competició team and driver José Antonio “Cohete” Suárez and representatives of Škoda España. The experienced driver has been competing in Škoda cars since 2019 and has shown strong form this year in his domestic championship and on the European stage, winning the opening round of the 2026 FIA European Rally Championship at Rally Sierra Morena. At the wheel of Škoda cars, he has already secured three overall Spanish championship titles.

Lukáš Paták, Head of Customer Programme at Škoda Motorsport, said at the handover: “The 300th Fabia RS Rally2 marks a milestone for Škoda Motorsport: the latest generation of our highly successful Rally2 contender is our first Rally2 project to reach this number. Handing over this anniversary car to Cohete, one of the most accomplished competitors in Spanish rallying, adds to the significance of the occasion. We are proud to mark this milestone together and are convinced this car will support him in his pursuit of another championship title.”

José Antonio “Cohete” Suárez said: “Our association with Škoda Motorsport dates back to 2019, and it is at the wheel of Fabia Rally2 cars that I have achieved my greatest successes. Taking over the 300th Fabia RS Rally2 is a great honour and a testament of how far we’ve come together. I am looking forward to adding more strong results with this car.”

The Fabia RS Rally2 represents the latest chapter in the model’s successful Rally2 career. Since the debut of the third-generation based Fabia Rally2, Škoda rally cars have become one of the most successful competitors in the history of the Rally2 category. More than 750 customer cars sold across three generations, 24 world titles and countless continental and national titles demonstrate the exceptional strength of both Škoda Motorsport’s customer programme and the cars. To date, the cars have recorded 31,461 starts, 3,451 victories and 8,854 podium finishes in this category.

In 2026, Škoda Motorsport is celebrating its 125th anniversary. It has a rich history across many disciplines, with its greatest achievements coming in rallying.

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Michal Hrabánek, head of Škoda Motorsport, hands over the 300th Fabia RS Rally2 to José Antonio “Cohete” Suárez of team Calm Competició.

Source: Škoda Auto



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Fabia RS Rally2 has become the best-selling of the three Škoda Rally2 generations, further proving the continuous success of Škoda Motorsport in customer racing.

Source: Škoda Auto

Škoda Motorsport

- › Škoda celebrates 125 years of Motorsport since the first efforts in 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 three times in 2020, 2022 and 2023. In 2025 Toksport WRT took another WRC2 Teams' title and Nikolay Gryazin/Konstantin Aleksandrov of Toksport WRT become WRC2 Challenger drivers' and co-drivers' champions respectively.
- › 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).

Škoda Auto

- › 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 14 passenger car model ranges: Fabia, Scala, Octavia, Superb, Kamiq, Karoq, Kodiaq, Epiq, Elroq, Enyaq, Peaq, Slavia, Kylaq and Kushaq;
- › delivered more than 1,040,000 vehicles to customers worldwide in 2025;
- › 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 Spain, Slovakia, Kazakhstan 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.