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ŠKODA guarantees reliable supply of genuine parts worldwide despite coronavirus restrictions

- › ŠKODA Parts Center in Mladá Boleslav is operating in three shifts to reliably supply more than 94 countries with ŠKODA genuine parts even during coronavirus restrictions
- › Extensive hygiene and protective measures – health of employees and suppliers is our top priority
- › ŠKODA Parts Center is the largest warehouse in the Czech Republic and one of only three European master depots of the Volkswagen Group

Mladá Boleslav, 21 April 2020 – Even though production at ŠKODA AUTO's Czech plants is currently suspended due to the coronavirus pandemic, the brand's customers do not need to worry about sourcing genuine parts for their vehicles. The ŠKODA Parts Center in Mladá Boleslav is still supplying service locations in more than 94 countries to ensure the mobility of ŠKODA customers as well as numerous emergency services. Various safety measures are in place to provide the best possible health protection for the workforce and at the same time, reliable logistics for genuine parts.

The production of vehicles and vehicle parts at ŠKODA AUTO's Czech plants has been suspended since 18 March 2020. In many countries, the car market is also severely restricted by measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus – but most garages remain open to customers. The ŠKODA Parts Center will continue to supply ŠKODA partners' service locations with the full range of ŠKODA genuine parts even during the pandemic so that they can provide optimal support for their customers. The parts centre supplies service locations in more than 94 markets worldwide. In the Czech Republic, 99% of the 227 service locations remain open, and in neighbouring Slovakia, 87% of the 74 operations are still available to customers. Across the car manufacturer's 20 most important markets, around 77% of all authorised workshops are currently in operation.

To keep the many millions of ŠKODA vehicles worldwide on the road, the ŠKODA Parts Center is currently operating three shifts again. At the peak of the coronavirus pandemic in the Czech Republic, this was limited to two shifts to ensure no-contact logistics; at times only 150 of the regular 600 employees were on site. Protecting staff and suppliers from COVID-19 infection remains a top priority. For this reason, ŠKODA, with the backing of the KOVO trade union, has introduced the best possible safety measures for the site and established numerous additional hygiene and protection rules: Before starting work, the employees of the ŠKODA Parts Center are subject to random body temperature measurements. ŠKODA AUTO is providing the employees with either respirators or face shields, depending on the work area. Disinfectants are available at every workstation, and clearly visible signs inform the staff of the correct hygiene procedures.

Covering a total area of 180,000 square metres, the ŠKODA Parts Center in Mladá Boleslav is the largest parts warehouse in the Czech Republic. As one of only three European master depots of the Volkswagen Group, it plays a key role in supplying genuine parts to the entire Group. Around 90 trucks with genuine parts leave the ŠKODA Parts Center every day – before the coronavirus restrictions, the number was approximately 190. As a rule, the ŠKODA Parts Center sends around 28,000 shipments of genuine parts and accessories to more than 100 countries around the world every day.



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The ŠKODA Parts Center in Mladá Boleslav is operating in three shifts and with special hygiene and protection measures so that the ŠKODA service locations in more than 94 countries can provide optimum support for their customers' vehicles even during corona restrictions.

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- › is this year celebrating 125 years since the company was founded during the pioneering era of the automobile in 1895, making it one of the longest-established car manufacturers in the world.
- › currently offers its customers nine passenger-car series: the CITIGO, FABIA, RAPID, SCALA, OCTAVIA and SUPERB as well as the KAMIQ, KAROQ and KODIAQ.
- › delivered 1.24 million vehicles to customers around the world in 2019.
- › has belonged to Volkswagen Group since 1991. The Volkswagen Group is one of the most successful vehicle manufacturers in the world. In association with the Group, ŠKODA AUTO independently develops and manufactures vehicles, as well as components such as engines and transmissions.
- › operates at three locations in the Czech Republic; manufactures in China, Russia, Slovakia and India mainly through Group partnerships, as well as in Ukraine and Kazakhstan with local partners.
- › employs approximately 42,000 people globally and is active in more than 100 markets.
- › is pressing ahead with the transformation from a traditional car manufacturer to the 'Simply Clever company for the best mobility solutions' as part of the ŠKODA 2025 Strategy.