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ŠKODA Student Concept Car will be a pickup version of the KODIAQ

- › 35 students are building a spectacular concept car, continuing the Student Car tradition
- › Annual hands-on student project has been demonstrating high standard of ŠKODA vocational training since 2014
- › Sixth Student Car will be presented to journalists and the public in June 2019

Mladá Boleslav, 25 March 2019 – The sixth ŠKODA Student Concept Car will be a spectacular pickup version of the ŠKODA KODIAQ. That is the goal of 35 vocational students, among them six young women, who in 2019 will for the first time be using the ŠKODA KODIAQ as the starting point for their Student Car. With expert support from experienced ŠKODA engineers and staff from the Technical Development, Design and Production departments, they are transforming the Czech car manufacturer's largest SUV into a dynamic, two-door pickup. June 2019 will see the vehicle introduced to journalists and the public. Every year since 2014, this hands-on student project has demonstrated the excellent standard of professional training at the ŠKODA Vocational School in Mladá Boleslav, which looks back on a history spanning more than 90 years.

Aged between 17 and 20 years, the trainees at the ŠKODA Vocational School for Mechanical Engineering, among them six young women, are currently working on a new Student Car by turning a ŠKODA KODIAQ into a modern two-door pickup with an expressive design. The choice of model series was quite deliberate: it emphasises the role the KODIAQ plays for ŠKODA, while using massive wheels, sharp edges and sculptural surfaces to demonstrate that the uncluttered, emotive design of the largest ŠKODA SUV still leaves plenty of scope for artistic licence. The sixth vehicle from the project series started in 2014 will be presented to the public in June.

For the participating students, this real-life project represents the highlight of their vocational training. It enables them to showcase their creativity and talent as vehicle developers even as they are still learning their craft. Student Zuzana Otradovská emphasises that "the Student Car is a fantastic project" and asks, "Where else do you get this unique opportunity to build your own car as part of your vocational training, in a small team and with the support of experienced ŠKODA engineers, designers and teachers, all while being able to implement your own ideas and visions?" In an early phase of their training, the project participants were able to observe Chief Designer Oliver Stefani and his team at the ŠKODA Design centre in Mladá Boleslav before proceeding to create their own first hand-drawn sketches under expert tutelage.

Since 2014, students at the ŠKODA Vocational School for Mechanical Engineering in Mladá Boleslav have produced one new concept car each year. The first Student Concept Car was the CITIJET based on the ŠKODA CITIGO; it was followed by the FUNSTAR, a FABIA pickup. The RAPID SPACEBACK provided the basis for the ATERO coupé. In 2017, another ŠKODA CITIGO was turned into the electric ELEMENT Student Car, and in 2018, the students built a SUNROQ SUV convertible based on the ŠKODA KAROQ compact SUV. Each of these vehicles demonstrates the ŠKODA students' creativity and highlights the superb opportunities trainees at the ŠKODA Academy enjoy. [On ŠKODA Storyboard you will find an overview of all previous ŠKODA Azubi-Concept Cars.](#)



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Founded in 1927, the school offers three-year and four-year training courses for many technical careers. The high standard of training and modern equipment benefits the students as much as their future employers.

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This year, students at the ŠKODA Vocational School are developing a spectacular pickup version of the successful ŠKODA KODIAQ SUV.

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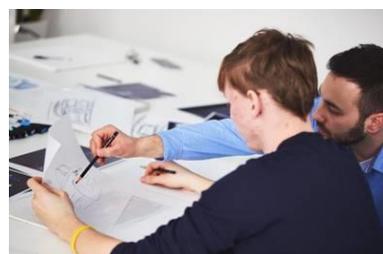


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ŠKODA Chief Designer Oliver Stefani attends personally to the students at the ŠKODA Vocational School and contributes valuable advice.

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ŠKODA Design staff are supporting vocational students as they create their first sketches and pass on their knowledge to the trainees.

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This student design sketch already shows the large wheels and spectacular lines of the two-door pickup.

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Massive wheels, sharp edges and sculptural surfaces define the pickup version of the ŠKODA KODIAQ, the 2019 ŠKODA Student Concept Car.

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- › delivered more than 1.25 million vehicles to customers around the world in 2018.
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- › operates at three locations in the Czech Republic; manufactures in China, Russia, Slovakia, Algeria and India mainly through Group partnerships, as well as in Ukraine and Kazakhstan with local partners.
- › employs over 39,000 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.