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Iconic cars at an iconic rally: six ŠKODAs take their places at the Sachsen Classic 2015

- › ŠKODA is sending six classic cars on the scenic route through Saxony – from the 1926 ŠKODA 430 to the ŠKODA 110 R sports coupé
- › 13th Sachsen Classic from 13 to 15 August: 180 teams, 628 km

Mladá Boleslav, 12 August 2015 – Thanks to thousands of excited spectators, the rally is considered the 'Mille Miglia of the East': the Sachsen Classic. ŠKODA has been part of it from the beginning and is sending six ŠKODA classics to the beautiful roads of Saxony. The squad of six historic vehicles from Mladá Boleslav range from the 1926 ŠKODA 430 to the 1978 ŠKODA 110 R. The 13th Sachsen Classic begins on 13 August in Zwickau and finishes on 15 August in Dresden after travelling a total of 628 km. 180 teams will be taking part this year.

"The Sachsen Classic has been a highlight of our annual classic rally calendar for years," said Michal Velebný, Restoration Workshop Coordinator at the ŠKODA Museum. "The proximity to the Czech Republic, the wide variety of vehicles, enthusiastic spectators and the scenic route all make this event special for ŠKODA. This year especially because it is our company's 120th anniversary. We are looking forward to delighting the many ŠKODA fans along the route with real icons from our 120-year history," said Velebný.

The oldest car among the ŠKODA classics starting in Saxony is the 1926 **ŠKODA 430**. The car, a steel/wood composite construction, is powered by a 30-PS four-cylinder petrol engine with a capacity of 1,661 cm³, and accelerates up to 80 km/h.

Two versions of the 1948 **ŠKODA 1101** will also be pulling in the attention – one is the yellow convertible and the other a green roadster. The green vehicle was used from April 1948 as part of the Swiss embassy's vehicle fleet in Prague. The two-door ŠKODA 1101 is known by the name 'Tudor' to car enthusiasts. The motorised vehicle, with a 1.1-litre engine and a power output of 32 PS, reaches speeds of up to 100 km/h. From 1946 to 1952, around 80,000 ŠKODA 1101 models rolled off the production line.

A further three ŠKODA classics from the Czech manufacturer's motorsport history are making an appearance at the Sachsen Classic. A real eye-catcher is the **ŠKODA 1000 MB Rallye**. Rebuilt at the beginning of the 1990s and based on the 1967 ŠKODA 1000 MB, the rally car took part in the London-Mexico Rally and the Panama-Alaska Rally, among others. The car has a modified 1.3-litre, four-cylinder petrol engine that puts 90 PS to use on the road. Top speed: 170 km/h.

One of the most successful rally cars of the 1970s and 1980s is the legendary **ŠKODA 130 RS**. Driving the rally car from 1976 in the Sachsen Classic is the multiple German Rally Champion, Matthias Kahle. The 130 RS was a permanent fixture at rallies and races



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up until the beginning of the 1980s and won the 1981 European Touring Car Championship as well as the 1977 Monte Carlo Rally in the category for cars with up to 1,300 cm³ cylinder capacity. ŠKODA's presence at the Sachsen Classic is rounded off with the 1978 **ŠKODA 110 R** coupé that has a 1.1-litre engine and a power output of 52 PS.

The Sachsen Classic is in its 13th year. As is tradition, the event starts Thursday at 12 o'clock noon in the town of Zwickau. A total of 180 participants will cross the start ramp. They can expect a scenic and varied route which stretches over 628 km on Saxony's stunning roads – and which also includes a quick detour to the Czech Republic (in the Český Jiřetín and Krásná Lípa regions). The finishing line will be crossed in Dresden in front of Volkswagen's Transparent Factory on Saturday afternoon.

ŠKODA AUTO celebrates its 120-year anniversary this year. This makes the company one of the oldest car manufacturers in the world. The brand's heritage dates back to 1895. At the time, bicycle mechanic Václav Laurin and bookseller Václav Klement founded a factory to manufacture bicycles in the Bohemian town of Mladá Boleslav. They began manufacturing cars in 1905 starting with the 'Voiturette A'. What Laurin and Klement began in 1895 has now developed into a successful international volume manufacturer with seven model series and 36 model variants. Over 17 million ŠKODA cars produced since 1905 prove the brand's strength.

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ŠKODA at the Sachsen Classic 2015

The 1948 green ŠKODA Tudor was used by the Swiss embassy in Prague. Since 2005, it has been part of the collection at the ŠKODA Museum in Mladá Boleslav.

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The ŠKODA 1000 MB Rallye, specially modified for long-distance races at the beginning of the 1990s, reaches a speed of up to 170 km/h.

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- > is one of the longest-established vehicle manufacturers in the world. The Czech headquarters in Mladá Boleslav began production in 1895; at first with bicycles, and shortly afterwards with motorcycles and cars.
- > currently has seven passenger car model series: Citigo, Fabia, Roomster, Rapid, Octavia, Yeti and Superb.
- > delivered, for the first time, more than 1 million vehicles to customers worldwide in a single calendar year in 2014.
- > has been part of Volkswagen Group since 1991. Volkswagen is one of the most successful automotive companies in the world. ŠKODA, as a member of the Group, independently manufactures and develops vehicles, as well as components such as engines and transmissions.
- > operates at three different locations in the Czech Republic; produces in China, Russia, Slovakia and India mainly through Group partnerships; as well as in Ukraine and Kazakhstan with local partners.
- > employs over 25,900 people globally and is active in more than 100 markets.