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## Sixth ŠKODA Student Concept Car named MOUNTIAQ

- › Model designation evokes adventure and off-road appeal while referencing the KODIAQ it was derived from
- › 35 trainees spent 2,000 hours on the sixth ŠKODA Student Concept Car
- › Illuminated load bed, winch and off-road light bar on the roof provide highlights
- › Project showcases quality of the training at the ŠKODA Vocational School in Mladá Boleslav

**Mladá Boleslav, 27. May 2019 – Curtain up on the ŠKODA MOUNTIAQ: the sixth ŠKODA Student Car is a spectacular two-door pickup concept based on the ŠKODA KODIAQ. It was designed and built by 35 talented ŠKODA apprentices during the course of their vocational training. Featuring an Orange Sunset paint finish, this charismatic one-off is fitted with a powerful winch, 17-inch Rockstar tyres with a special off-road tread, an illuminated loading area and a updated sound system. Every year since 2014, this hands-on project has highlighted the impressive training standards at the renowned ŠKODA Vocational Training School in Mladá Boleslav.**

The sixth ŠKODA Student Concept Car has been named the MOUNTIAQ – a model designation which perfectly embodies this combination of a modern lifestyle vehicle and the great everyday usability of a pickup. The project participants chose to base their Student Concept Car on the ŠKODA KODIAQ SUV. For eight months, 35 apprentices at the ŠKODA Vocational School in Mladá Boleslav, among them six women, put all their efforts and creativity into this traditional project – investing a total of over 2,000 working hours along the way. As in previous years, the committed juniors were actively supported by ŠKODA experts from the Technical Development, Design and Production departments.

“The name MOUNTIAQ perfectly conveys a sense of adventure and the unique off-road properties of this powerful pickup. I am incredibly proud to have been given the opportunity to participate in this unique project,” said Petr Zemanec, one of the trainees.

Aged between 17 and 20 years, the apprentices began work under supervision of the teachers on the MOUNTIAQ in September 2018, with practical implementation starting in January. The first step consisted in reinforcing the body before removing the roof of the ŠKODA KODIAQ and fashioning a rear panel and side windows for the cab. The driver and front passenger doors were shortened as well as widened. The apprentices also developed a special mount for the winch at the front of the ŠKODA MOUNTIAQ that is able to withstand the enormous stresses it experiences in off-road use. The integration of a fully functional tailgate at the end of the load bed was one of the project’s greatest challenges. The MOUNTIAQ uses ŠKODA lettering at the rear, as introduced on the ŠKODA SCALA and ŠKODA KAMIQ, the first European production models to come with this feature.

To ensure supreme off-road usability, the apprentices increased the ground clearance of the almost five-metre-long pickup by around ten centimetres over that of the KODIAQ SCOUT. They achieved this in part by using 17-inch Rockstar II wheels and tyres with a particularly deep off-road tread.



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This concept car's wheelbase is 2,788 millimetres. The MOUNTIAQ is powered by a muscular 2.0 TSI petrol engine delivering 140 kW (190 PS).

The ŠKODA MOUNTIAQ immediately attracts attention with its spectacular body, raised air intake snorkel, a roof-mounted light bar and a front featuring a winch and bullbar. The Orange Sunset paint finish developed by the apprentices complements this vehicle's spectacular appearance to perfection. Other highlights of the 2019 Student Concept Car include the illuminated load bed and the hidden storage compartment underneath.

The lustrous colour of the paint finish is echoed in the orange and black leather interior. As in previous Student Concept Cars, the apprentices chose to equip the MOUNTIAQ with surprising details such as an illuminated radiator grille to showcase their creativity and skills.

The over 90-year-old ŠKODA Vocational School has enabled particularly talented students to design and build their own vehicles since 2014. ŠKODA profits from the apprentices' feedback and ideas during the project and gains superbly trained future employees in the process. Every student at the ŠKODA Vocational School is offered a job at ŠKODA at the end of their training.

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Students from the ŠKODA Vocational School are finishing the redesigned front doors of the MOUNTIAQ to fit perfectly into the overall concept car.

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A vibrant colour for the new ŠKODA Student Car: a female apprentice applies the specially mixed Orange Sunset paint finish with a spray gun.

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For a one-off vehicle like the ŠKODA MOUNTIAQ, every step of the production process, like applying the Orange Sunset paint finish, is done by hand.

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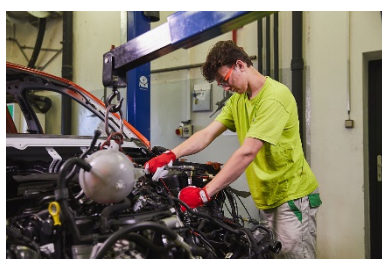


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Finishing touches for the ŠKODA MOUNTIAQ: an apprentice is using a buffer to polish the Orange Sunset paint finish to a fine sheen.

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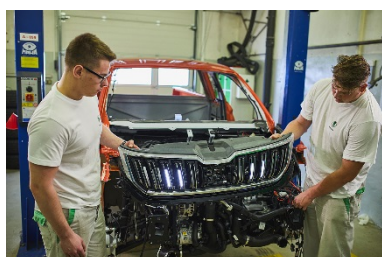


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A male trainee is working on the engine compartment of the ŠKODA MOUNTIAQ. A total of 2,000 working hours went into the production of this vehicle.

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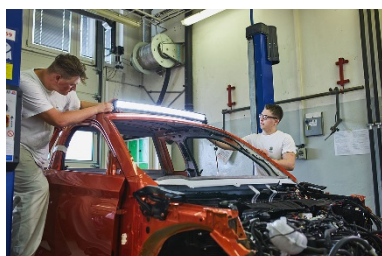


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An eye for detail: the apprentices from the ŠKODA Vocational School produced an illuminated radiator grille for the MOUNTIAQ.

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Two apprentices from the ŠKODA Vocational School are attaching a distinctive light bar to the roof of the ŠKODA MOUNTIAQ.

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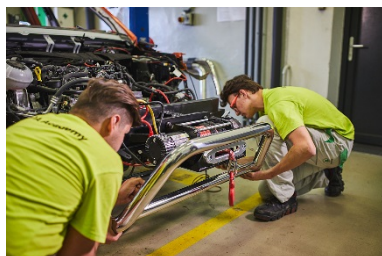
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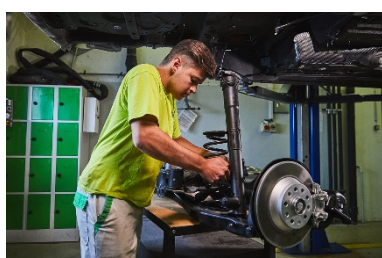


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Two apprentices are fitting a bullbar framing a powerful winch to the front of the ŠKODA MOUNTIAQ.

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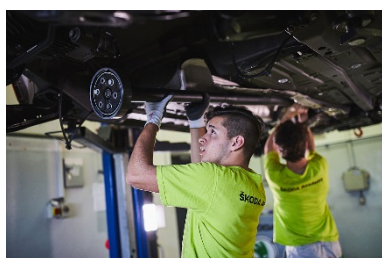


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The students widened the track of the MOUNTIAQ and increased ground clearance by around ten centimetres.

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Designed to be capable of venturing off-road, the ŠKODA MOUNTIAQ is fitted with the all-wheel drive from the ŠKODA KODIAQ SCOUT.

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- › 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.

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