

Press Kit: Škoda Kodiaq



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All-new Škoda Kodiaq

The most functional, spacious, and sustainable Kodiaq SUV yet

- › The second generation of the large 7-seater Škoda Kodiaq boasts a striking appearance, innovative new features and more space than ever before
- › Exterior introduces the first elements of the new Modern Solid design language and includes new technologies such as available Matrix LED headlights
- › New cabin architecture combines a spacious design with sustainable materials and innovative controls
- › Powertrain options include an economical 110kW (150hp) base engine and a 140 kW (190 hp) variant that balances power and efficiency requirements
- › New Kodiaq takes safety to the next level
- › The range comprises 3 trim levels: Selection, Selection Plus and Sportline



Middle East, February 2025 –Škoda Auto has launched the second-generation Kodiaq SUV in the Middle East. The new vehicle showcases the brand’s new “Modern Solid” design language and includes new technologies such as Matrix LED headlights, while also presenting a fresh new interior featuring a 13-inch infotainment display, innovative Škoda Smart Dials with haptic controls and a new range structure with Design Selections. The new model comes with two powertrain choices: an efficient 110 kW (150 hp) base variant and a 140 kW (190 hp) variant for customers who prioritise increased drivability. The latest Dynamic Chassis Control system is also making its debut.

With three variants - Selection, Selection Plus and Sportline - the new Kodiaq SUV range offers something for every kind of customer, delivering great value for the cost-conscious customer and the highest standards of quality for individuals and families seeking a premium-level SUV.

Lukáš Honzák, Managing Director at Škoda Middle East, says: “ Our all-new flagship SUV is a worthy successor to the first-generation model and we believe it is the kind of SUV the Middle Eastern customers are looking for right now. The next-generation Kodiaq offers more space, advanced features, and improved efficiency, complemented by innovations like the intuitive Smart Dials, premium interior materials, and elements of our Modern Solid design language. With updated safety and assistance systems and a broader range of efficient powertrains, the new Kodiaq makes everyday adventures even more rewarding. Since its debut in 2016, the Kodiaq has been pivotal to Škoda’s growth, and this new iteration is perfectly positioned to carry forward its successful legacy in the Middle East.

The second-generation Kodiaq offers a fresh design, inside and out, ups the sustainability quotient and expands its list of advanced features and technologies. The Selection trim features LED headlamps, while the Selection Plus has been equipped with the more advanced Multiple Matrix Beam LED headlamps with variable light distribution which immediately catch the eye at the front of the car, while the interior emphasises sustainability with recycled textiles and leather produced by an eco-friendly tanning process. The LED tail lamps on the Selection get upgraded to the LED rear combination lamps with variable lighting function and special styling on the Selection Plus.

A new range structure with tailored Design Selections and optional packages complements the reimagined interior. There is a new free-standing 13-inch infotainment display available with the Selection Plus, a head-up display is available for the first time on the Sportline, and the steering column-mounted selector lever creates a clean, uncluttered centre console. Škoda’s innovative Smart Dials debut here, combining haptic controls with 32 mm digital displays for intuitive and customisable access to vehicle and infotainment functions. Additionally, the new Phone Box allows inductive charging of two smartphones simultaneously at 15W and comes with a cooling feature.



The new Kodiaq offers two turbocharged petrol powertrain options paired with a DSG transmission to balance efficiency with power demands. The base 1.4 TSI engine produces 110 kW (150 hp) and uses a light-weight front-wheel drive layout as standard, while the 2.0 TSI engine produces 140 kW (190 hp) and comes as standard with all-wheel drive. Both powertrains are paired with a DSG transmission for a seamless driving experience.

Škoda introduced the first-generation Kodiaq in 2016, establishing the brand as a global player in the SUV segment. Škoda's growth was also evident in the Middle East particularly in the UAE, which solidified its position as the brand's largest market in the region with the Kodiaq selling 789 units in 2024, an overall increase of 28 per cent over 2023.

In total, the first-generation model sold over 900,000 units in 60 different markets globally. Combining dynamic crystalline design, exceptional spaciousness, advanced technology, and clever features, the Kodiaq has picked up more than 40 prestigious awards. Highlights include Top Gear naming it the world's "Best Car for Big Families", along with multiple "Car of the Year" titles in the Czech Republic, Poland, and Bulgaria, and "SUV of the Year" honours from publications in the UK, China, France, and India.



Exterior

New and Upgraded styling features first elements of the brand's new Modern Solid design language

- › Second-generation Kodiaq is more than six centimetres longer, offering more room for up to seven passengers and luggage
- › Upgraded second-generation Matrix LED headlights with the debut of the horizontal light strip
- › Rugged outlook with squared-off wheel arches and a solid rear bumper, enhanced aerodynamics and increased efficiency



The sculptured bodywork of the second-generation Kodiaq is designed to evoke emotion, with a more powerful and solid appearance. Guided by the brand's 'form follows function' philosophy, the new model introduces the initial elements of Škoda's future "Modern Solid" design language, balancing practicality with improved aerodynamics through its dynamic shape.

Key highlights include squared-off wheel arches and new Škoda CI lettering, which immediately stands out. Debuting on the all-new Kodiaq are Matrix LED headlights and a front grille with a horizontal light strip. With over six centimetres of added length, interior space for up to seven passengers and luggage capacity have been enhanced. Active cooling shutters and redesigned elements have also helped achieve a remarkable drag coefficient of 0.282.



Solid appearance, improved aerodynamics and superb functionality

The latest iteration of the Kodiaq showcases a sculpted bonnet featuring a revised Škoda logo in a matte Unique Dark Chrome finish, perfectly complementing the hexagonal grille. The grille, optionally illuminated with 14 light elements forming a connecting strip between the headlamps, sits above a wide air intake framed by two Air Curtains. The elongated, aerodynamically optimised roofline gently slopes towards the rear, contributing to the model's reduced drag coefficient. Among the notable aerodynamic enhancements are improved air management features, such as optimised airflow around the vehicle and redesigned exterior elements. Additionally, advancements in engine cooling and brake performance have been introduced to enhance overall efficiency and driving dynamics. These include contoured exterior mirrors, redesigned bumpers, aerodynamic wheels, an extended roof spoiler, and integrated longitudinal roof rails.

The rear boasts a large, wide tailgate with a low loading sill for convenience, adorned with centrally placed Škoda CI lettering in Unique Dark Chrome. Below, the redesigned rear apron features a wide, integrated diffuser, while a new option includes a fully trimmed D-pillar in Unique Dark Chrome.

Debut for second-generation Matrix LED headlights and front grille with horizontal light strip

The optional second-generation Matrix LED headlights are a standout feature, with 50 per cent more light segments and 15 per cent higher light output, improving safety. Standard on the Sportline variant, they include an optional horizontal light strip on the grille, a first for the Kodiaq. The upper Bi-LED module and Matrix module feature 36 light segments, creating Škoda's iconic four-eyed SUV look. An L-shaped LED strip functions as a daytime running light, parking light, and indicator, while a static corner light near the grille adds functionality. Crystallinum accents enhance the headlight design with a refined touch.

The Selection trim front headlights and standard rear lights also exclusively use LED technology, while the top rear light option, standard on the Sportline, includes an animated welcome function and dynamic indicators. Split into three sections, the sharp design features illuminated crystalline elements, with a wide C-shaped light signature extending toward the tailgate. A red crystalline light bar connects the rear lights for added style.

Dimensional growth enhances functionality

The second-generation Kodiaq is 61 mm longer at 4,758 mm, with a 2,791 mm wheelbase, 1,864 mm width, and an unaltered height of 1,659 mm, offering a spacious interior, even for large families. The Kodiaq comfortably seats up to seven passengers without compromising on its already generous luggage capacity. With the third row of seats folded, it provides an impressive 845 litres of storage space, making it the perfect companion for families and adventurers alike. For even greater practicality, the maximum boot capacity expands to an outstanding 2,035 litres when both rows of rear seats are folded, ensuring ample room for all kinds of journeys.

Alloy wheels ranging from 18 to 20 inches and nine exterior colours

The all-new Kodiaq is available with alloy wheel sizes ranging from 18 to 20 inches. The Selection model is equipped with Mazeno 18-inch alloy wheels with a polished silver finish and Aero Cover, while the Selection Plus model is equipped with 19-inch Aero alloy wheels HALTI in Anthracite. The Sportline variant rides on 20-inch Aero alloy wheels RILA finished in polished Anthracite with Aero Covers.

The exterior paint palette for the SUV consists of nine colours, including two solids and seven metallic finishes, including a new Bronx Gold Metallic.



Interior

Spacious cabin with innovative controls and sustainable materials

- › Free-standing 13-inch infotainment screen; head-up display debuts
- › Innovative rotary push-buttons – “Smart Dials” – with integrated digital displays
- › 45 W fast charging capabilities via USB-C ports and 15 W inductive charging in the Phone Box
- › New interior concept with Design Selections and focus on sustainable materials



The new Škoda Kodiaq features a redesigned interior with a free-standing 13-inch infotainment screen and Škoda Smart Dials, with integrated and customisable displays, for quick access to vehicle functions. A head-up display, available for the first time, and a 10-inch Virtual Cockpit are featured in the Kodiaq. The dashboard and centre console are also cleaner with the 2-spoke leather multifunction steering wheel with DSG paddle shifters and the selector lever mounted on the steering column.

Four USB-C ports (45 W)—two in the front and two in the rear—allow for fast charging of devices, while an additional 15 W USB-C port is conveniently located in the rear-view mirror. The new Phone Box enables inductive charging for two smartphones at 15 W with cooling. Optional Ergo seats include a pneumatic massage function, and new Design Selections place the focus on sustainable materials, prioritising the needs of a growing eco-conscious customer base in the Middle East and beyond.

Smart Dials combine haptic and digital elements and a less busy centre console

The Škoda Smart Dials in the second-generation Kodiaq comprise three multifunctional controls below the infotainment display, each with a 32-mm diameter digital display. These dials combine haptic and digital elements for quick access to a range of vehicle functions. Finished in Unique Dark Chrome with a knurled surface, the outer dials control temperature, seat heating and ventilation. The centre dial can be customised to control volume, fan speed, air direction, driving modes and map zoom. Four additional buttons provide direct access to key features. The selector lever is mounted on the steering column, giving the centre console a cleaner look and increasing the storage compartment's capacity by 2.1 litres. A triple-zone climate control system and Ambient Lighting is also standard across the range.



New 13-inch infotainment display with optional navigation function

The second-generation Kodiaq is equipped with a 10-inch central touchscreen, DAB+ radio, and gesture and voice control as standard. An optional package adds navigation, online radio, and a 13-inch screen. Making its debut in the Kodiaq, a head-up display complements the standard 10-inch Virtual Cockpit. Four USB-C ports (two up front, two at the rear) provide 45 W output for charging smartphones, tablets, and laptops. Other standard equipment includes a 15 W USB-C port on the rear mirror, both wired and wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. The standard sound system on the Selection includes eight speakers and a central speaker, while the Selection Plus and Sportline trims come with the Canton Sound System, featuring 12 speakers, including a central speaker and a subwoofer, as well as four surround speakers to deliver exceptional sound quality. Additionally, the higher trims are equipped with a Baseline navigation system.



Improved massage and ventilated seats

The power-adjustable front seats (with memory function) are equipped with Ergo seats, featuring pneumatically adjustable lumbar support and an optional massage function. This function, available upon request, integrates ten air cushions that can be adjusted via the infotainment menu or seat controls for customisable intensity and time settings. The Kodiaq also offers a Phone Box for simultaneous inductive fast charging of two smartphones at 15 W, available across all three trims. Additionally, it includes a cooling function.



Choice of four Design Selections

The Kodiaq introduces all-new Design Selections with coordinated colours and materials, including **Loft**, featuring grey fabric upholstery for the Selection variant; **Suite Cognac**, with perforated leather upholstery for the Selection Plus; and **Sportline**, with grey Suedia microfiber upholstery and grey stitching for the Sportline trim. All interior chrome detailing has been replaced by the new Unique Dark Chrome finish, covering the Smart Dials, door panel trim, steering wheel, infotainment screen frame, and decorative strips on the instrument panel, dashboard, and centre console storage cover.



Numerous sustainable materials and new Simply Clever features

The Kodiaq's interior prioritises sustainability, with all textiles, including seat upholstery, carpets and headliner, made from 100% recycled polyester or, in the Lounge Design Selection, a mix of recycled yarns and 40% natural wool. The ecoSuite's leather is tanned in an environmentally friendly manner using coffee bean residue. Simply Clever details, such as the umbrella, are made from sustainable materials. Other new features include a display cleaner in the centre console, a storage compartment on the central tunnel for the adjustable rear seat and door edge protection.

Other standard features, common to all variants, are the keyless entry function, electronically adjustable, auto-dimming door mirrors with memory function and noise-suppressing side (front) windows and additional interior noise suppression. Furthermore, available as standard is the power-operated tailgate/trunk lid on the Selection variant, which gets upgraded with a sensor-controlled opening on the Selection Plus.

Powertrains

Efficient turbocharged petrol engine options with DSG transmission

- › Two modern and efficient petrol engines, with output ranging from 110 kW (150 hp) to 140 kW (190 hp)
- › Entry-level 1.4 TSI engine with front-wheel drive and range-topping 2.0 TSI engine with all-wheel drive
- › Standard quick-shifting 7-speed DSG transmission



The second-generation Kodiaq offers Middle East customers a choice of two highly efficient and versatile petrol engines. The base 1.4 TSI motor utilises a lightweight front-wheel drive system to put power down. The larger displacement 2.0 TSI engine offers a good mix of efficiency and drivability, which is channelled to all four wheels. All engines are mated to a DSG transmission.

Ralph Beckmann, Škoda Middle East Marketing and Product Director, says: “The Middle East market has a strong preference for petrol engines and automatic transmissions. Additionally, driving in the region often involves a mix of highway and city travel. With this in mind, we have chosen to offer two highly versatile turbocharged powertrains that are tailored to meet our customers’ specific needs, ensuring no compromise on comfort or drivability.”

Turbocharged engine options matched with a DSG transmission

The Škoda Kodiaq SUV is available with a choice of two petrol engines, offering a balance of performance and efficiency.

The entry-level option features a lightweight and efficient 1.4 TSI engine, delivering a maximum output of 110 kW (150 hp) and a peak torque of 250 Nm. This engine is paired with a 7-speed DSG automatic transmission, sending power to the front wheels and helping the model reach speeds of up to 201 km/h.

For those seeking additional performance, the 2.0 TSI engine produces 140 kW (190 hp) and 320 Nm of torque. This variant is equipped with a 7-speed DSG transmission and features an advanced all-wheel drive system, distributing power seamlessly to all four wheels for enhanced traction and control. It boasts an impressive top speed of 207 km/h, ensuring a dynamic and confident driving experience.

Both powertrains are engineered to deliver optimal levels of power, drivability and fuel efficiency, making the all-new Kodiaq a modern and reliable choice for families and adventurers alike.

Premiere for the new DCC Plus Dynamic Chassis Control

The second-generation Kodiaq offers the new DCC Plus (Dynamic Chassis Control) available with the Sportline, which uses two independently controlled valves for separate rebound and compression stages, improving damping adjustment speed and range. This results in faster responses, better driving dynamics and increased comfort. Ground clearance remains the same as with the standard suspension. It is also equipped with Dynamic steering, which modulates the assistance to steering input, making it more direct at highway speeds and lighter during low-speed and parking manoeuvres and Drive Mode Selection.



Safety

Maximum protection provided by new and improved state-of-the-art assistance systems

- › Škoda's biggest SUV gets numerous assistance systems that are new to the range
- › Several existing assistants now come with extended functionality
- › Equipped with nine airbags and Crew Protect Assist
- › Plethora of standard features across all trim levels



The second-generation Škoda Kodiaq introduces new assistance systems. Several existing features like Side Assist and receive significant functional upgrades. Up to nine airbags provide maximum passive safety for occupants.

Improved Side Assist and Travel Assist

The latest version of Side Assist extends the detection range from 70 to 90 metres from behind for better safety, especially on highways, thanks to more powerful radar sensors. Front Assist now includes anticipatory cyclist protection.

Nine airbags protect the occupants

The second-generation Kodiaq offers nine airbags as standard. Standard safety features include driver and front passenger airbags, front and rear seat side airbags, head airbags, and a central airbag between the driver and front passenger.

A plethora of additional standard safety features are equipped across all three trim levels, Selection, Selection Plus and Sportline. All variants come equipped with features that help make high-speed highway travel convenient like Cruise control with a Speed Limiter, Lane keeping system, Lane change system, Advanced driver attention and drowsiness monitor and Forward collision warning with reaction to vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists. It also includes safety features for and low-speed manoeuvres, electronic parking brake, front and rear parking sensors, Hill hold assist, Anti-theft alarm system with interior monitoring, Top Area View 360° with multifunction camera, Rear traffic alert, Backup horn and towing protection. ISOFIX points for child seats also come as standard.



Disclaimer: Please note that the specifications and optional equipment may vary from country to country. Please check with the local dealers in your country for exact specifications and feature listing.

Kodiaq Sportline

Comprehensive
equipment, black
accents and a
metal-look interior trim

- › Glossy black paintwork applied to Škoda grille frame, exterior mirrors, roof rails and D-pillar
- › Specific Sportline Design Selection features metal-look trim elements
- › Standard equipment includes TOP LED Matrix headlights, Head-up Display and Dynamic Chassis Control Plus (DCC Plus)
- › 20-inch Aero alloy wheels in polished Anthracite with Aero Cover



The Kodiaq Sportline, the top model in the second-generation Škoda SUV line-up, features TOP LED Matrix headlights, electric tailgate operation and numerous stylish glossy black accents as standard. The front and rear aprons and side skirts match the body colour, while the exclusive 20-inch polished anthracite alloy wheels add a sporty touch. Inside, the Sportline Design Selection features a sporty black interior with metal-look trim. The Sportline is available with all powertrains in the model series.

Numerous black detailing includes, for the first time, the entire D-pillar. Building on the reputation already established by the Sportline name across other models in the Škoda line-up, the second-generation Kodiaq Sportline features numerous black design details. The grille frame, exterior mirror caps, window frames, roof rails, rear diffuser, and newly painted glossy black D-pillar all benefit from the distinguishing Sportline treatment. The Škoda lettering, model designation, and bonnet logo are also in black, while the aprons and side sills match the body colour. Sportline badges appear on the front wings, and the 20-inch R1A alloy wheels have a polished anthracite finish, exclusive to the model, with matt black Aero covers.

Standard Matrix LED headlights and electric tailgate

The Kodiaq Sportline's comprehensive list of standard features includes Matrix LED headlights with an animated welcome effect, cornering function, and dynamic indicators, along with LED tail lights and a red decorative strip. It also includes an electric tailgate.

Specific Design Selection: Sportline

The cabin of the current range topper of the all-new Kodiaq range features the Sportline Design Selection, including sports seats with black Suedia microfibre upholstery, grey contrast stitching and an electrically adjustable driver's seat with memory function. The sporty black headliner and exclusive black Suedia-covered instrument panel, door inserts, and centre armrest create a cohesive look, enhanced by grey X-shaped stitching and metal-look trim. A 3-spoke multifunction sports steering wheel, Sportline badge and Kodiaq lettering on the front door sills further enhance the interior look and feel. The Kodiaq Sportline also includes a 10-inch Virtual Cockpit and a 13-inch free-standing infotainment screen. It also comes with a model-specific sliding panoramic sunroof.



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Škoda Auto

- > is successfully steering through the new decade with the Next Level – Škoda Strategy 2030.
- > aims to be one of the five best-selling brands in Europe by 2030 with an attractive line-up in the entry-level segments and additional e-models.
- > effectively leverages existing potential in important growth markets such as India, North Africa, Vietnam and the ASEAN region.
- > currently offers its customers twelve passenger-car series: the Fabia, Scala, Octavia and Superb as well as the Kamiq, Karoq, Kodiaq, Elroq, Enyaq, Slavia, Kylaq and Kushaq.
- > delivered over 926,000 vehicles to customers around the world in 2024.
- > has been a member of the Volkswagen Group for 30 years. The Volkswagen Group is one of the most successful vehicle manufacturers in the world.
- > is part of the Brand Group CORE – the organisational merger of the Volkswagen Group's volume brands – to achieve joint growth and to significantly increase the overall efficiency of the five volume brands
- > independently manufactures and develops components such as MEB battery systems, engines and transmissions as part of the Volkswagen Group; these components are also used in vehicles of other Group brands.
- > operates at three sites in the Czech Republic; has additional production capacity in China, Slovakia and India primarily through Group partnerships, as well as in Ukraine with a local partner.
- > employs approximately 40,000 people globally and is active in around 100 markets.