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Vagn says...



In October this year Saravan and I attended a Volkswagen/Audi training course in Melbourne. The course was fantastic. It not only covered current VAG models, but also gave a good 'heads up' on what's about to be released on the market.

Vehicle technology can be split into two categories. Driver/occupant safety, and lower emissions/better fuel economy. The first category no one can argue with, we all want to be safe while out on the roads. The second category has many good points as well, but unfortunately can lead to extra maintenance items and the dreaded 'check engine light' illuminated on your instrument panel.

One of the key points made on the training course was to check and carry out software updates to the vehicle's control units, when available. These should always be checked when the vehicle is serviced, or a problem has occurred with the vehicle.

As your vehicle ages, the software needs to be changed to compensate for engine componentry that is not as efficient as it was new. It is far cheaper to modify software than to replace expensive components.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your vehicle, please feel free to call me or anyone in the Qualitat service team and we will be only too happy to help.

Christmas is fast approaching, workshop bookings are filling up quickly - be sure to make your booking early to avoid the Christmas rush.

Safe Travels.....Vagn

To all our customers.

We wish you a happy holiday and plenty of safe enjoyable motoring.

From Wayne, Josie, Vagn and all the Team here at Qualitat, we look forward to seeing you in the new year.



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ŠKODA History



1895 to 1905 - From push bike fanatics to motorcycle madness.

You might think it strange but their founders started by making push bikes! In Czechoslovakia during December 1895, keen cyclists Vaclav Laurin (a mechanic) and Vaclav Klement (a bookseller) started designing and manufacturing bicycles. At that time, most Czechs were fervently patriotic, so they called their first company Slavia. Their bicycles sold well, so Laurin and Klement decided to take the next step - and add motors. They started making motorbikes in 1899, changed the name of their company to the Laurin & Klement Co. and chalked up several racing victories. While making nearly 4,000 motorbikes of various types, they started experimenting with a new phenomenon - the car - which began to gradually replace motorbikes from 1905 on.



1905 - 1918/25

1905 to 1933 - From cars to planes...to ploughs
In the early 1900s, the Laurin & Klement Co. could do no wrong and their first car, the Voiturette A, was a huge success, becoming a classic in Czech motoring history. The company established a stable position in the developing international market. When war began in 1914, it started manufacturing for the armed forces. Because of the economic conditions in Czechoslovakia at the time, Laurin and Klement needed a strong industrial partner to strengthen and modernise their company. They were now not only producing a range of cars, but also trucks, buses, aeroplane engines and agricultural machinery, such as motorised ploughs. They merged the Pízen Skodovka Co in 1925 and became ŠKODA.



1925 - 1938/39

1933 to 1939 - A popular legend

In the early 30s, ŠKODA had some difficult times. Luckily, they made a breakthrough with the Type A ŠKODA Popular, which was to become a legend in the second half of the decade. Weighing only 650kg the ŠKODA 420 Popular could reach 80 km/h and was offered at a fantastic price too (sound familiar?). At one end of the scale, Populars served as reliable utility vehicles, such as ambulances and delivery vans, while at the other end they completed a four-month trip to India with Czechoslovakia's most famous goalkeeper - František



1939 - 1945/48

Planicka - in tow, and the roadster version performed brilliantly in the famous Monte Carlo rally in 1936.

1939 to 1960 - From the Second World War to the first Octavia

In 1939 came World War 2. Czechoslovakia was occupied by the Germans and the period until 1945 was a disruptive one for ŠKODA. The civilian car production programme was very limited and the majority of manufacturing was to support the German war effort.

After the war, as part of large-scale nationalisation in Czechoslovakia, the company became a national enterprise and took over all passenger car production. This period saw the ŠKODA Tudor successfully exported as far as Australia and the introduction of the mould-breaking ŠKODA 1200 which was modernised several times before, as the 1202, finally ceasing production in 1973!

ŠKODA also manufactured the ŠKODA 440 which, in 1959, evolved into the first Octavia, named because it was the eighth model to be produced after the end of World War 2.

1960 to 1989 - Lots of innovation, not enough production

The Czech economy performed well up until the 1960s, then began to suffer because of new technology in the western world. ŠKODA continued to make new and improved cars - in the form of the Octavia, the Felicia, the MB range and the Rapid - but production really only grew again with the arrival of the Favorit model range in 1987. Such was its success that the final, very pretty version of the Favorit was designed by the legendary Italian, Bertone.

1990 onwards - The new era of driving happiness

With the political changes of 1989, when the Berlin Wall was brought down, came new market economy conditions. The government of the Czech Republic and the management of ŠKODA began to search for a strong foreign partner in an effort to secure the company's long term international competitiveness.

In December 1990, they decided on Volkswagen and a joint venture began the following year. ŠKODA became the fourth brand in the Volkswagen group, alongside Volkswagen, Audi and Seat. Since then, ŠKODA has gone from strength to strength, manufacturing not only many excellent cars but also making many drivers happy.

The late 1990s and early 2000s saw ŠKODA taking up several campaigns to market their models throughout the UK. The company created history by developing a waiting list for the delivery of ŠKODA cars in UK.

In recent times Skoda has performed well under World Rally conditions, and in August 2011 a special ŠKODA Octavia vRS hit a world record in American Bonneville and became the fastest car in the world with up to 2-litre engine, reaching a speed of 365 km/h. The ŠKODA Superb 3.6 FSI 4x4 is Skoda's fastest production car reaching a top speed of 250km/h.

ŠKODA today is a blend of elegance and safety, and ranks among one of the biggest auto car makers in the world.

Audi News

Audi COD

Fewer cylinders in action, more fuel economy. It's an equation that's been applied by automakers such as General Motors, and now Audi is getting into the act. Audi is calling the feature "cylinder on demand" or COD and says it can boost a car's fuel economy by as much as 20 percent relative to fully-active mode.

Audi will debut the deactivation system in three of its gasoline engines: the 1.4 TFSI COD four-banger, the 4.0 TFSI COD six-cylinder mill, and the W12 COD 12-cylinder motor that is in the new Audi A8L. In each case, half the cylinders are deactivated by cutting off fuel injection when engine speeds and loads are low, then reactivated when the pedal is mashed.

GM tried this in the mid 70s with poor results, now 40 years later let's hope the results are far more satisfactory.

Audi E-gas

Audi has opened the doors to its new power-to-gas facility in Werlte, Germany. The fuel is called E-gas, and Audi is calling the plant a Methanation reactor. The plant produces hydrogen and synthetic methane and these clean fuels come from renewable energy, water and carbon dioxide. Audi says it is the first automaker to "develop a chain of sustainable energy carriers." The goal is carbon-free fuel which sounds far from easy. Wind turbines generate electricity to manufacture hydrogen by electrolysis, which then is used, along with CO2 captured from the air, to produce methane.

Audi will be plugging into the power produced by a massive wind farm two miles off the coast of Zingst, a resort town along the North Sea.



Volkswagen News

Amarok gets even smarter.

Volkswagen New Zealand has enhanced its **Amarok** double cab with the Edition R model, this is armed with driver-friendly parking sensors and a touch screen info. system. Based on the top-spec Highline TDi, the Edition R adds a splash of dash to the line-up with its combination of white body and 20inch black powder-coated Scorpio alloys wrapped in street tyres. If you don't fancy white, Edition R is also available in grey or black.

Amarok R - if you say this quickly, it sounds like "I'm a rocker", which is pretty cool.

You can have your Edition R in two or four-wheel drive. The 2-litre version, four cylinder twin turbo diesel with 132kW / 400Nm of torque is paired with VW's eight speed DSG transmission. A six speed manual is also available.

VW has kept the four-wheel driving option as simple as possible with an "off road" mode button - easy. No locking diff. or low range switches to deal with. Press the button and the computers sort everything out for you. The Edition R is very capable of handling rough terrain and fording streams - within reason.



Ambitious VW group's motto is "**brand eat brand.**"

While most carmakers have multiple brands, none has as many as Volkswagen, and none has been as successful at combining luxury vehicles with mass market models. This can only happen when you have the right technology, processes and people. VW's challenge in keeping all its badges distinct is growing. Around 60 new and revamped vehicles are due this year, adding to a range of 280 cars, SUVs, vans and trucks. VW is also looking at the possibility of adding a budget brand in Asia, as well as showing an interest in Fiat's Alfa Romeo.

This is not a market where you can rest on your laurels!

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Before you hit the road on the great Christmas exodus heading to your favourite part of the country, here are a few things you might like to consider checking which will help you have a safe and comfortable ride.

1. **Check your tread:**
If it is less than 1.5mm you should be replacing your tyres. Worn tread makes it more difficult to stop quickly in an emergency as there is less grip on the road.
2. **Tyre pressure:**
Too low can affect their wear, and increase your fuel consumption. Under-inflated tyres can reduce fuel economy by up to four per cent. Over-inflated tyres will give you a hard ride. Check your manufacturer's recommendations and follow these.
3. **Wheel alignment:**
Wheels out of alignment make your engine work harder, and therefore also increase your fuel consumption. If your car pulls to one side or the other on a straight piece of road, chances are your car needs a wheel alignment. Make a booking with Qualitat.
4. **Wheel balance:**
Balancing helps prevent premature wear of your tyres and eliminates vibration. Unbalanced tyres will also cause parts to wear out quickly and leave you with an uncomfortable journey. Make a booking at Qualitat for your wheel balancing.
5. **Driving habits:**
Avoid sudden braking and acceleration, and hard cornering, as this will reduce the life of your tyres.
6. **Breakdown:**
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