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The Motor Works at Mladá Boleslav has been in existence for more than 75 years and is one of the oldest automobile factories in the world.

As in several other well-known automobile factories, the manufacture of bicycles and, later on, of motor-cycles preceded the manufacture of motor-cars which, at that time, bore the trade-mark of Laurin & Klement.

The first motor-car was built at Mladá Boleslav in 1905, followed quickly by a number of car types which won a number of important victories in various sporting events. They were exported to many countries throughout the world.

A significant turning point in 1925 was the amalgamation of the Laurin & Klement factory with the financially and technically well-founded ŠKODA Works in Plzeň. The merger led to the replacement of the L & K trade-mark with the ŠKODA trade mark and the advantages of a technically highly organized manufacture which resulted in the introduction of series production not only of motor-cars but also of lorries of up to 7 tons payload, buses, tractors, and special machines. The well-known car models of the pre-war period included the ŠKODA 420-Standard 1000 c.c., ŠKODA 420-Popular 1000 c.c., ŠKODA 420-Rapid 1200-1400 c.c., ŠKODA-Favorit 1800 c.c., and ŠKODA-Superb 2700 c.c., all of them featuring independent wheel suspension and backbone-type forked frames.

The first post-war models, the ŠKODA 1101 and ŠKODA 1102 of 1100 c.c. capacity were followed by the ŠKODA 1200, 1201, and 1202 with 1200 c.c. engines, which became famous abroad due to their sturdy chassis and reliability in service. In the post-war period, the factory machinery was modernized and the manufacturing process rationalized.

In 1956, the ŠKODA 440 (1100 c.c.) model was introduced as a modernized member of the ŠKODA car family. It was followed, in 1958, by a further improved model Octavia 1100 and 1200 c.c. with its versions Felicia Roadster and Octavia Combi.

In 1964, the first production car of the \$ 1000 MB range left the gates of the factory. Its design varied considerably from the previous models. As a modification of this range appeared, later on, the \$ 1000 MB Standard range including the models de Luxe, ŠKODA 1000 MBG, ŠKODA 1000 MBX, ŠKODA 1100 MBX, and ŠKODA 1100 MB.

Manufacture of the cars of the new ŠKODA 100 and ŠKODA 110 range was started in 1969. They embody all significant progress in the development of Škoda cars.

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