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Machine tool import and export briefing during January-November 2025

In January-November 2025, the total value of machine tool imports and exports reached \$30.31 billion (+5.4% y/y). Imports totaled \$9.30 billion (+1.3% y/y), while exports \$21.01 billion (+7.3% y/y). Metal cutting machine tool imports were \$4.31 billion (-0.5% y/y), and exports \$5.66 billion (+12.3% y/y). Metal forming machine tool imports were \$550 million (-10.9% y/y) and exports \$3.08 billion (+34.1% y/y). **(CMTBA)**

China's construction machinery import and export increased by 15.4% in November 2025

According to customs data, in November 2025, China's construction machinery imports and export trade value was \$5.4 billion (+15.4% y/y), of which exports were \$5.23 billion (+16.6% y/y) and imports \$170 million (-11.9% y/y). From January to November 2025, the cumulative trade value reached \$56.118 billion (+11.8% y/y). Imports were \$2.362 billion (-0.28% y/y) and exports were \$53.756 billion (+12.4% y/y). **(China Construction Machinery Association)**

The robotics and intelligent manufacturing industries are rapidly taking root.

In November 2025, China's industrial robot output reached 70,200 units (+20.6% y/y), and is expected to exceed 700,000 units for the whole year. In 2025, the top six global humanoid robot shippers were all Chinese companies, with a combined market share of 86.9%. Companies such as BrainCo and Figure AI have received substantial funding, accelerating their industrialization. **(Sina Finance)**

Data shows China's 2025 new electric vehicle wholesale sales rise 25% to 15.33 million units

China Passenger Car Association data shows that in 2025, China's new energy vehicle wholesale sales rose by 25%, reaching 15.33 million units, in line with expectations. BYD became the world's largest seller of battery electric vehicles, with sales of about 4.6 million units, surpassing Tesla. Chinese automakers are projected to outsell Japanese automakers globally for the first time. **(Global Times)**

Pricing deal to avoid EU tariffs on Chinese electric vehicles

The China Ministry of Commerce announced that on 12 January, China and the EU reached an agreement to set minimum prices for imported Chinese electric vehicles instead of imposing heavy tariffs. This move aims to address the EU's anti-subsidy case in a practical and WTO-compliant manner. The EU will issue a guidance document assessing each offer objectively and fairly. **(China Daily)**