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29 December 2025 - 4 January 2026**China's machinery exports remain robust**

Data from China Machinery Industry Federation shows that the added value of the machinery industry grew by 8.7% in the first three quarters of 2025, higher than the national average. From January to October, machinery imports and exports totaled \$1.03 trillion (+7.6% year-on-year). The exports of construction machinery reached \$48.526 billion (+12% year-on-year). ([CCTV News](#))

Profits of major industrial enterprises maintained growth in the first 11 months

From January to November, profits in the machinery manufacturing industry increased by 7.7% year-on-year, making it the strongest driver of industrial profit growth. Profits in the general equipment, special equipment, and electrical machinery industries continued to grow, with growth rates of 4.8%, 4.6%, and 4.2%, respectively. ([Economic Information Daily](#))

China pilots L3 vehicles on roads

Chongqing and Beijing have permitted certain vehicle models to operate autonomously on highways, with driver responsibility remaining with the driver. Large-scale deployment is expected by 2026, but faces legal, technological, and infrastructure challenges. Testing Level 3 autonomous vehicles on public roads is a crucial step towards large-scale development. ([China Daily](#))

Domestic excavator sales increased by nearly 20% and the boom is expected to continue

China Construction Machinery Association data shows that excavator sales reached 212,162 units from January to November (+16.7%), with domestic sales at 108,187 units (+18.6%) thanks to the replacement cycle coupled with the commencement of projects such as Yaxia Hydropower Project, and exports at 103,975 units (+14.9%), driven by infrastructure demand under the "Belt and Road" initiative. ([Sina Finance](#))

The next phase of China's global automotive expansion is imminent

A new report from Roland Berger shows that by 2024, China's auto parts exports exceeded \$95.6 billion. Furthermore, the overseas production value surpassed \$3.6 billion. To date, more than 300 factories have been invested in and built overseas, with another 100 under planning and construction. By 2030, overseas auto sales are expected to reach 7.5 million to 10 million units (15% to 20% global share). ([China Daily](#))