

## NEWSLETTER

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#### **China's machine tool orders are growing, and high-end exhibitions are coming soon**

Chinese machine tool firms saw January-February revenue reach 159 billion yuan (\$23.2 billion), up 12.4%, with metal cutting and metal forming tools rising 15.3% and 13.3% respectively. New orders and orders in hand grew 3.8% and 7.7%. As one of the most important fairs for the sector, CCMT2026 will be held in Shanghai April 21–25 with 2,000+ global firms, covering an area of 202,000 square meters. **(CMTBA)**

#### **China's automobile market data for the first quarter**

From January to March, China's auto production and sales reached 7.039 million and 7.048 million units, down 6% and 5.6% year-on-year. New electrical vehicles (NEV) domestic sales hit 2.006 million units (-23.8% year-on-year), accounting for 41.6% of the market. The vehicle exports totaled 2.226 million (+56.7% year-on-year), including 954,000 NEVs, an increase of 1.2 times than the same period of 2024. **(CAAM)**

#### **China's leading EV makers, suppliers launch platform to tackle material 'chokepoint' issues**

On April 13, China EV100 issued a statement saying that about 30 Chinese auto firms set up a strategic materials innovation platform in Beijing to tackle material bottlenecks and secure supply chains. China relies heavily on imported lithium and nickel, with automotive chip domestic production at 20%; new energy vehicle (NEV) penetration is seen exceeding 70% by 2030. **(Global Times)**

#### **Chinese automakers make inroads across world**

China secured 132,951 orders at the 2026 Bangkok Motor Show, overtaking Japanese brands. Thailand's 2025 pure electric vehicle sales hit 120,000, an 80% increase, with Chinese brands accounting for over 80%. EU imports of cars from China rose 30.7%, and China exported 7.1 million cars in 2025, forecast 7.4 million in 2026. **(China Daily)**

#### **Demand for remanufactured vehicles revving up**

The first 20 Geely heavy-duty trucks from Tianjin's remanufacturing park were exported to Africa. Remanufacturing saves 60% energy, cuts emissions 50%, and costs half new vehicles. The park will make 10,000 units yearly valued at 1.5 billion yuan (\$219 million). China's 2025 heavy truck exports rose 12.5% to 371,000, with 149,000 to Africa, up 60%. **(China Daily)**