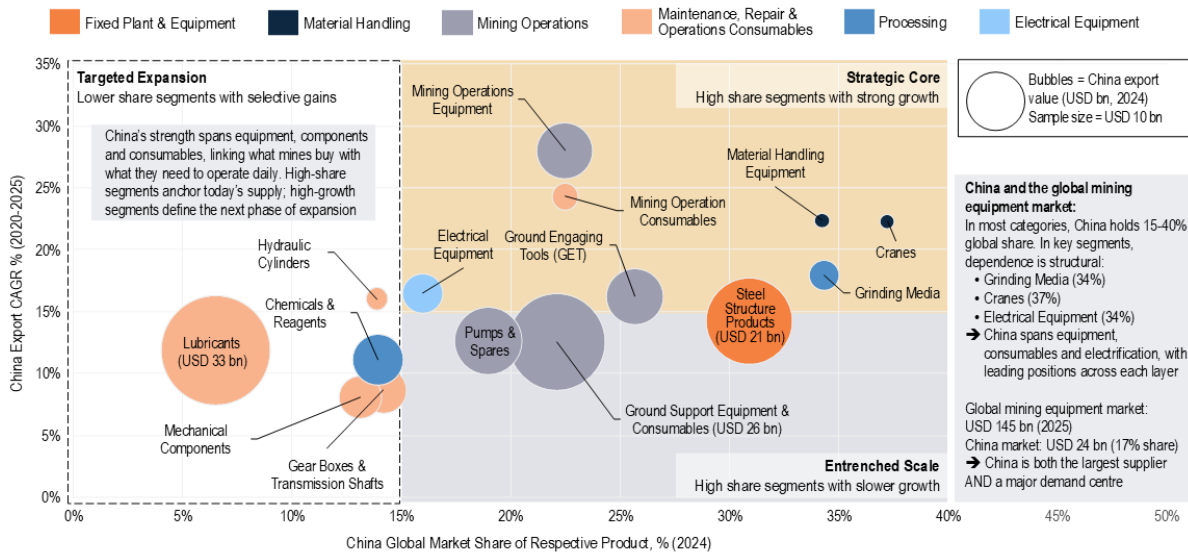


The World Mines With Chinese Equipment: Scale in Core Inputs, Growth in High-Value Segments

China is no longer just a low-cost supplier; it now leads in high-growth segments such as electrical and material-handling equipment, while maintaining scale in consumables and components that keep mines running.

China Exports of Selected Mining Equipment and Consumables, USD bn, Global Market Share, % (2024) and Export CAGR, % (2020-2025)



Source: UN Comtrade, Trade Map, Freedonia Group, Grand View Horizon, ANDAMAN PARTNERS Analysis

China's role in global mining supply chains has shifted from scale dominance to system-wide integration. The data show strong positions across core categories such as grinding media, cranes, structural steel and material handling, where Chinese suppliers typically hold 25-40% of global market share. These segments underpin daily operations, and their scale, recurring demand and cost competitiveness continue to anchor China's position in global procurement.

What has changed is where growth is now concentrated. In previous years, China's expansion was broad-based across equipment and consumables. Today, growth is more selective. Mature categories such as components, consumables and structural inputs are expanding more slowly, reflecting pricing pressure and saturation. At the same time, China is gaining momentum in higher-value segments such as electrical equipment and material handling systems, where demand is being driven by automation, electrification and new capacity build-out.

This creates a clear two-speed dynamic. On one hand, China's scale in consumables and components continues to lock in operational dependence: these are recurring inputs that mines rely on daily. On the other hand, China is increasingly present in the equipment categories that define how mines are built, upgraded and run more efficiently.

The result is a deeper position than before. China is no longer just supplying what mines buy; it is embedded across what they need to operate and how they expand. In a global mining equipment market of roughly USD 145 billion, this dual role across core inputs and higher-value equipment cements China as both a foundational supplier and an increasingly central player in the next phase of mining investment.

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