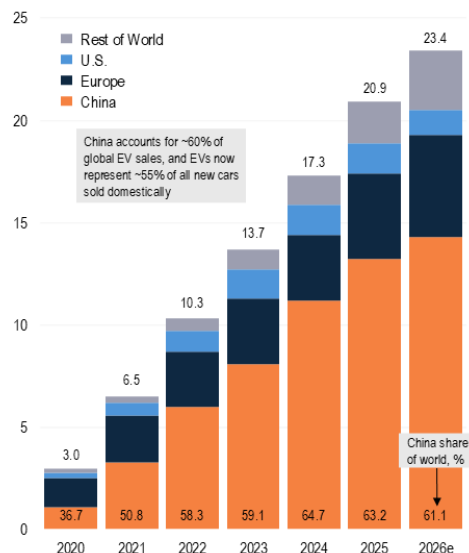


China's EV Industry Is Shifting From Domestic Scale to Global Expansion

China remains the world's dominant electric vehicle market, while surging exports and rapidly diversifying overseas sales are extending its reach across global markets.

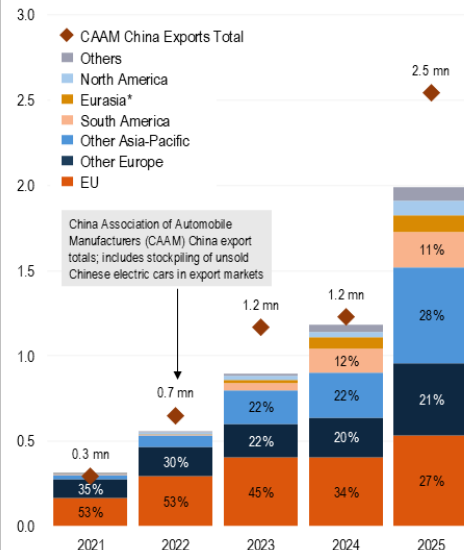
Global Electric Vehicle Sales, mn units (2020-2026)



China's EV Industry Goes Global:

- EVs accounted for ~55% of Chinese car sales in 2025, versus less than 10% in 2020
- China produced ~16 mn EVs in 2025 against domestic sales of 13.2 mn
- China now accounts for more than 60% of global EV sales
- China accounts for ~75% of global EV production and >80% of battery cell production
- Chinese EV exports doubled to 2.5 mn vehicles in 2025 (35% of China's total vehicle exports)
- Chinese EV exports are diversifying: Europe continues to grow in absolute terms, but its share fell from ~35% to ~21% between 2021-2025; Asia-Pacific rose from 8% to 28% and South America from 1% to 11%

Chinese-Made Electric Vehicles Sales by Region mn units and % Share (2021-2025)



Note: 2026 sales are estimated based on market trends through Q1 2026. Electric cars include battery electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. *Eurasia includes Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Source: IEA Global EV Outlook 2026, ANDAMAN PARTNERS Analysis

China's electric vehicle (EV) industry is entering a new phase of global expansion. After building extraordinary scale at home, where EVs now represent around 55% of new car sales, China produced roughly 16 million EVs in 2025, compared with domestic sales of 13.2 million.

Exports have consequently become an increasingly important outlet, doubling to 2.5 million vehicles in 2025. This expansion is also becoming more geographically diverse: Europe continues to grow in absolute terms, but its share of Chinese overseas EV sales has fallen as Asia-Pacific, South America and other emerging markets expand rapidly.

China's combination of domestic scale, manufacturing capacity and deep battery supply chains provides a powerful platform for this next phase of international growth.

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