

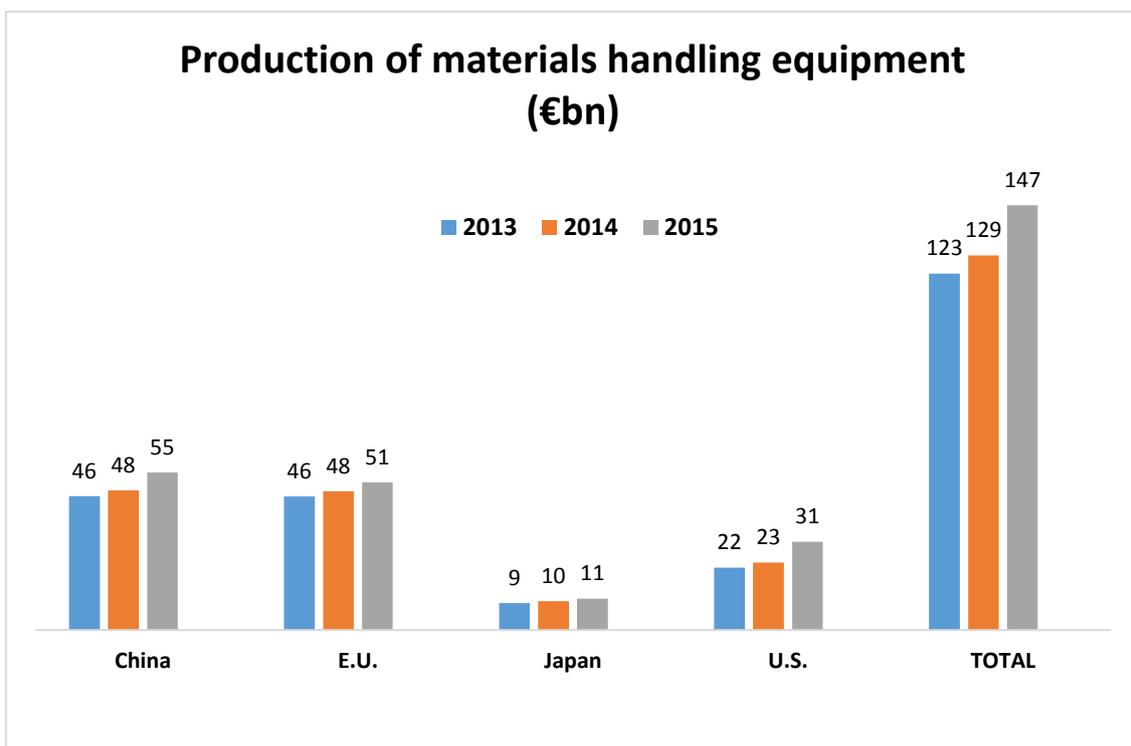
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World production of materials handling equipment records 2-digit growth in 2015

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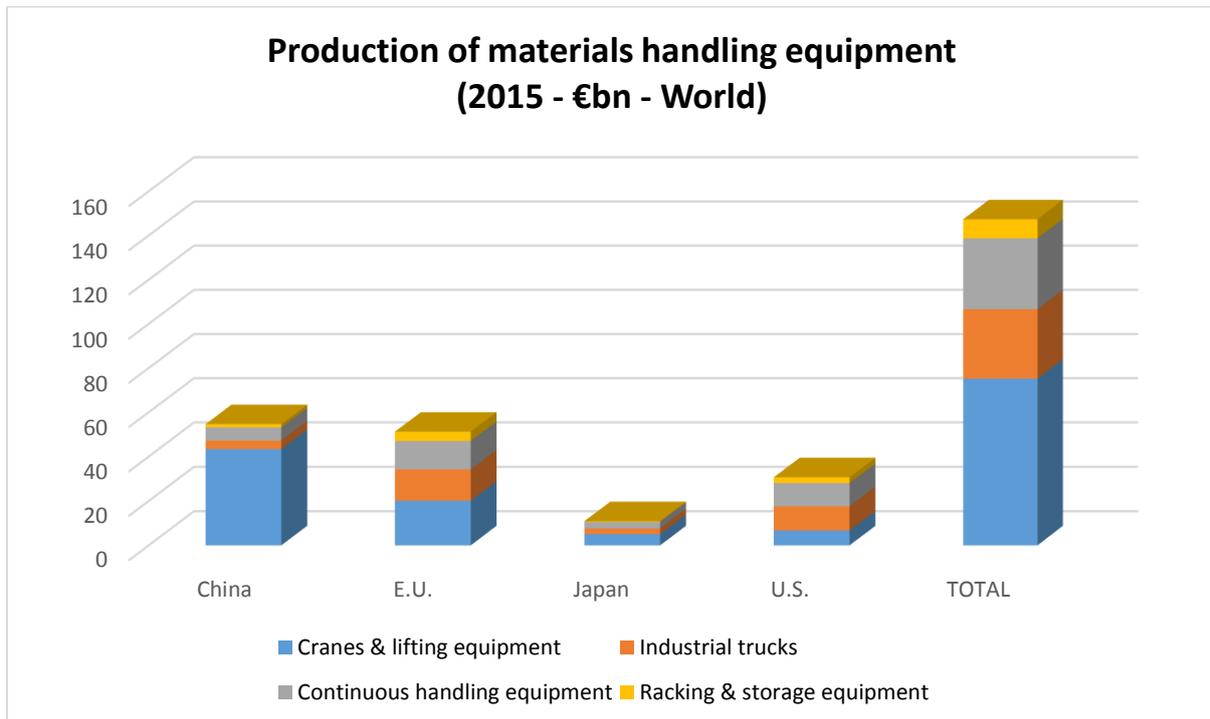
Cumulated production value of materials handling equipment in China, Japan, the E.U. and the U.S. reached €147bn in 2015 thanks to a massive 13.5% growth of the four product categories reported. All four regions and all four main product categories recorded growth, sometimes by two digits.

Production value in all four regions grew between 6.5% (E.U.) and 30.7% (U.S.) for a total of +13.5% at €147bn. China and the E.U. still represent nearly ¾ of the total but the U.S. gained share and now account for 1/5 of the world production value.



All four main product categories also recorded two-digit growth with only cranes and lifting equipment falling short (+9%):

- **Cranes & Lifting Equipment** grew by 9% at €75.2bn and maintained its 51% share of the total. China recorded the biggest growth (+11.3% at €43.3bn).
- **Industrial trucks** increased by 19% at €31.4bn. Europe, which grew by 12%, has the bigger share at €14.1bn.
- **Continuous Handling Equipment** raised by 18% at €32.1bn. The USA 30% increase and are tightening the gap with Europe (€10.5bn against €12.8bn).
- **Racking & shelving** grew by 18% at €8.6bn. Again the US increased by 30% but Europe remains the biggest manufacturer, accounting nearly 50% of the total (€4.2bn)



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About World Materials handling Statistics

The World Materials handling Alliance compiles annual statistical data on the production value of materials handling, lifting and storage equipment. The figures are based on publicly available data from official sources (governments, statistical offices) as well as estimates from WMHA partners. The aim is to give a picture of the size and evolution of the industry at international, regional and local levels, as well as by category of equipment.

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