

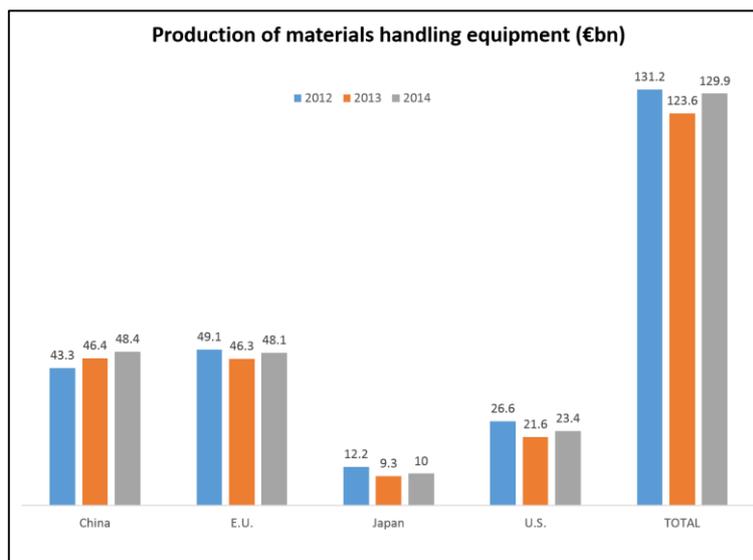
PRESS RELEASE

World production of materials handling equipment on the rise

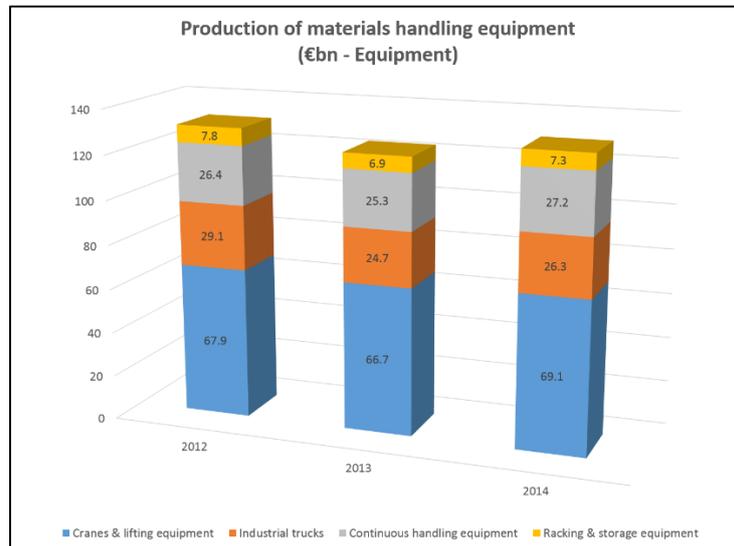
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Cumulated production value of materials handling equipment in China, Japan, the E.U. and the U.S. grew by 5% in 2014 totalling €130bn. All four regions recorded growth in the main product categories. These figures are the result of the first world statistics on production value put together by the World Materials Handling Alliance (WMHA). They are presented on the occasion of the WMHA annual meeting on 27th October 2015 at CeMAT Asia in Shanghai.

Production value in all four regions grew between 3.8% (E.U.) and 8.3% (U.S.) for a total of +5% at €130bn. China and the E.U. represent 75% of that total. The breakdown among the four regions has remained generally stable in the past 3 years.



All four main product categories also recorded growth. Cranes & Lifting Equipment, which represents 51% of the total, grew by 3.6% at €69bn with the highest growth in Japan (+12%). China represents 56% of the total (€38.9bn). Industrial Trucks increased by 6.5% at €26bn (+12% for China). The EU represents 48% of that total (€12.6bn). Continuous Handling Equipment rose by 7.5% at €27bn (China +14%, the U.S. +12%). The E.U. represents 44% of the total at €12bn. Finally, Racking & Storage Equipment grew by 5.7% at €7.3bn (the U.S. +12%). The E.U. represents 53% of the total (€3.9bn).



“We are now able to present a yearly state of the world materials handling industry. Just one year after the official launch of the World Materials Handling Alliance at CeMAT Hannover, it is a remarkable achievement” said FEM President Jan van der Velden.

The WMHA 2014 statistics are available at www.fem-eur.eu

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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.

About the WMHA partners

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