

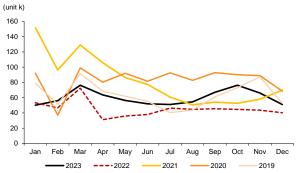
China Heavy Duty Truck

Multi-cylinder diesel engine sales +29% YoY in Dec

Weichai Power (2338 HK/000338 CH, BUY) delivered 27% YoY growth of multi-cylinder diesel engine sales volume in Dec 2023, similar to the industry average of 29%, according to the latest figures from China Internal Combustion Engine Industry Association (CICEIA). In 4Q23, Weichai's multi-cylinder diesel engine sales volume surged 51% YoY to ~193k units, surpassing the industry average of 26%, driven by strong commercial vehicles demand in the previous months. Based on our calculation, Weichai's market share in multi-cylinder diesel engine reached 18.6% in 4Q23, up 3ppt YoY and 0.1ppt QoQ. We maintain our positive view on Weichai (sector top pick) as we expect the upcycle of HDT and engine sector will continue in 2024E, driven by the beginning of replacement cycle.

- Industry sales of multi-cylinder diesel engine +29% YoY to ~341k units in Dec. Of this, engines for commercial vehicles surged +40% YoY to 181k units, engines for construction machinery grew 16% YoY to 69k units, and engines for other applications grew 19% YoY to 91k units.
- Weichai surpassed the industry average in 2023. For the full year in 2023, total multi-cylinder diesel engine sales grew 11% YoY to 4.1mn units (engines for commercial vehicles +19% YoY; construction machinery +2.1% YoY). Weichai achieved 33% growth of multi-cylinder engine sales in 2023.
- 2024E outlook: we expect heavy-duty truck (HDT) industry sales volume to grow 17% YoY. (1) We expect a moderate economic growth in 2024E to boost the HDT fleet size by ~5%. We estimate this, together with recovery of replacement demand, will translate to ~17% YoY increase in domestic sales volume; (2) We expect a solid export growth rate of 18% in 2024E. In terms of product mix, we expect natural gas HDTs to continue to account for 25-30% of total sales.

Weichai's multi-cylinder engine monthly sales volume



Source: CICEIA, CMBIGM

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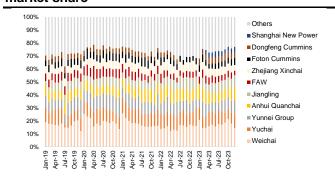
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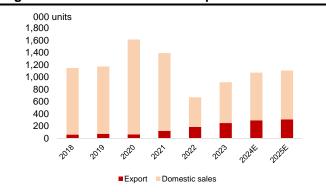


Figure 1: China multi-cylinder engine monthly market share



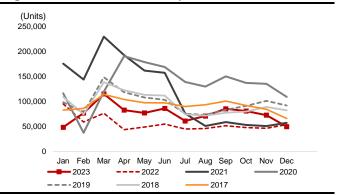
Source: CICEIA, CMBIGM

Figure 3: Domestic sales and export of HDT



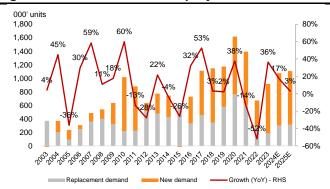
Source: Wind, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 2: China HDT monthly sales



Source: Cvworld, Wind, CMBIGM Note: China's domestic sales + export

Figure 4: CMBIGM HDT sales projection



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