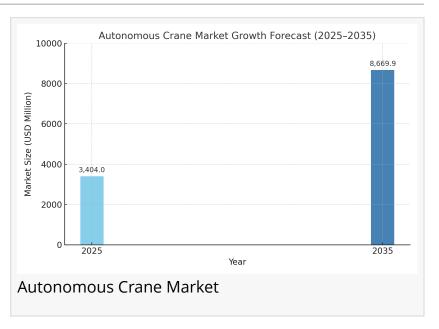


## Autonomous Crane Market to Surpass USD 8.66 Billion by 2035 Amid Rising Demand for Smart Construction & Port Automation

Autonomous crane market is set for rapid growth, driven by rising automation in construction, ports, and industrial operations globally.

NEWARK, DE, UNITED STATES, June 5, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The <u>Autonomous Crane Market</u> is poised for steady growth, driven by the increasing global focus on electrification and energy efficiency across transportation, logistics, and construction sectors. The market size is projected to grow from USD 3,404.0 million in 2025 to USD 8,669.9 million



by 2035, expanding at a robust CAGR of 9.8% during the forecast period. This growth trajectory is underpinned by the rapid deployment of AI-powered equipment and autonomous systems across various industrial applications. The integration of advanced robotics, telematics, and machine vision is transforming crane operations, reducing the need for human intervention and

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Smart automation is redefining crane operations—boosting safety, reducing labor needs, and enabling round-theclock performance in demanding environments." *Nikhil Kaitwade*  increasing both safety and productivity in high-risk zones such as ports, mining sites, and urban infrastructure projects.

A rising emphasis on workplace safety, labor shortage issues, and the growing complexity of construction and shipping operations have prompted companies to invest in autonomous cranes. These systems provide remote monitoring, real-time diagnostics, and automated navigation and lifting capabilities, drastically reducing operational errors and downtime. Additionally,

government initiatives supporting smart infrastructure and green energy projects are boosting the adoption of automated material handling technologies, further fueling market expansion. As a result, key industry players are actively launching next-generation autonomous cranes with enhanced IoT connectivity and predictive maintenance features to strengthen their foothold in the global market.

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Key Takeaways for the Autonomous Crane Market

The autonomous crane market is projected to grow at a CAGR of 9.8% from 2025 to 2035, reaching a valuation of USD 8,669.9 million. This growth is primarily fueled by the global shift towards automation in construction and logistics operations. Port terminals, construction sites, and smart warehouses are becoming key end-use environments due to their high demand for precision, safety, and operational efficiency. North America and Asia Pacific are expected to be the most lucrative regions, driven by rising smart city investments, industrial digitization, and port modernization programs.

Emerging Trends in the Global Market

A major trend in the market is the integration of AI, machine learning, and digital twin technologies to enhance the real-time adaptability and intelligence of autonomous cranes. These cranes are increasingly equipped with sensors and vision systems that enable autonomous positioning, load assessment, and obstacle detection. Another prominent trend is the transition to electric-powered and hybrid cranes, contributing to lower carbon footprints and regulatory compliance in urban and environmental-sensitive zones. Additionally, the use of 5G and cloud computing is enabling seamless communication and control of cranes through remote command centers, thus enhancing their functionality in hazardous or inaccessible areas.

Significant Developments in the Global Sector: Trends and Opportunities in the Market

The rapid industrialization in emerging economies and the evolution of smart infrastructure have created significant opportunities for the adoption of autonomous cranes. Manufacturers are leveraging modular designs and scalable software platforms to develop customizable crane systems suitable for diverse industrial applications. Furthermore, collaborations between automation companies and heavy equipment manufacturers are accelerating innovation in autonomous crane technology. For instance, construction equipment firms are integrating autonomous cranes with Building Information Modeling (BIM) systems to improve planning and execution efficiency on job sites.

The growing demand for unmanned operations in defense and aerospace logistics, along with increasing offshore and subsea construction activities, also present new avenues for market expansion. Moreover, public and private investments in the modernization of port infrastructure—particularly in China, India, Singapore, and the UAE—are expected to generate

strong demand for container-handling autonomous cranes over the next decade.

### Recent Developments in the Market

In recent years, key players have introduced a range of autonomous crane models featuring advanced automation and telemetry features. These include remote diagnostics, AI-based antisway mechanisms, and automated load tracking systems. For example, several crane manufacturers have unveiled autonomous RTGs (Rubber-Tired Gantry Cranes) and STS (Ship-to-Shore Cranes) tailored for port terminals that require high throughput and 24/7 operations. These developments are reshaping operational workflows, minimizing human error, and enabling around-the-clock cargo movement with minimal supervision.

Additionally, global companies are investing heavily in research and development to address operational challenges such as battery life, real-time responsiveness, and environmental adaptability. Partnerships between tech providers and OEMs are also facilitating the development of cloud-integrated platforms that allow centralized control of multiple cranes at once, improving fleet productivity and reducing costs.

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### **Competition Outlook**

The competitive landscape of the autonomous crane market is characterized by strong innovation, strategic mergers, and increasing investment in digital transformation. Leading companies are focusing on AI-powered automation, predictive analytics, and remote-control functionalities to enhance operational reliability and scalability. Market participants are also forming alliances with construction and logistics firms to pilot and deploy autonomous crane solutions across key infrastructure projects.

#### **Key Players**

Some of the prominent players operating in the market include Liebherr Group, Cargotec Corporation, Komatsu Ltd., Konecranes, Manitowoc Company Inc., Zoomlion Heavy Industry Science & Technology Co., XCMG Group, SANY Group, Tadano Ltd., and Hitachi Construction Machinery. These companies are focusing on expanding their product portfolios and geographic presence through strategic investments in R&D and joint ventures.

### **Key Segmentations**

The market is segmented based on type, automation level, end-use industry, and region. By type, the market includes mobile cranes, tower cranes, and overhead cranes, with mobile cranes leading the segment due to their versatility. In terms of automation level, the market is

categorized into semi-autonomous and fully autonomous cranes, where fully autonomous models are gaining rapid adoption due to advancements in AI and control systems. Key end-use industries include construction, shipping & port operations, mining, energy & utilities, and aerospace logistics. Geographically, the market is segmented into North America, Europe, Asia Pacific, Latin America, and the Middle East & Africa, with Asia Pacific expected to dominate owing to rapid industrial growth and digital infrastructure development.

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