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Abstracts

The global Hybrid TBMs market size is predicted to grow from US\$ 856 million in 2025 to US\$ 1260 million in 2032; it is expected to grow at a CAGR of 5.6% from 2026 to 2032.

In 2025, global sales of Hybrid TBMs reached approximately 55,700 units, with an average market price of about USD 11,000,000-16,000,000 unit, an annual production capacity of roughly 70,900 units, and an industry-average gross margin of approximately 30%.

Hybrid TBMs are full-face mechanized tunnelling systems designed for mixed, variable, water-bearing and geotechnically complex ground conditions. Their core technical feature is the integration of two or more excavation, face-support and muck-removal modes within one TBM platform, allowing the machine to adapt to changing geology along a single tunnel alignment. Typical configurations include EPB-slurry dual-mode machines, EPB-open or EPB-single-shield convertible machines, slurry-hard-rock hybrid machines, variable-density TBMs and crossover TBMs. A Hybrid / Multi-mode TBM usually consists of a composite cutterhead, main drive, thrust system, shield body and sealing system, screw conveyor, slurry circuit, belt conveyor, segment erector, control system, geological sensing system and back-up equipment. These machines are mainly used in urban metro, railway, highway, water transfer, hydropower, pumped-storage, mining and underground infrastructure projects where geological uncertainty, groundwater pressure, mixed-face conditions or long-distance boring requirements call for higher operational flexibility and risk control.

Based on our research, Hybrid TBMs should be treated as a high-end technical segment within the broader tunnel boring machine and shield machine industry rather than as a completely separate equipment category. The fundamental value proposition of this segment is to allow one machine to manage changing ground conditions that

would otherwise require different machine types, major in-tunnel modifications or higher construction risk. For this reason, the appropriate market boundary should not include all EPB shields, all slurry shields or all hard-rock TBMs. The report scope should focus on machines with clearly identifiable dual-mode, multi-mode, crossover or variable-density capabilities. The existence of formal dual-mode terminology in Chinese standards, together with product naming systems such as Multi-mode TBM, Crossover TBM and Variable Density TBM used by leading global OEMs, indicates that this segment has moved beyond one-off engineering experimentation and is now an established but still specialized product category.

From the supply perspective, the global OEM base is relatively concentrated. The market structure can be described as a small number of global technology leaders, several high-capacity Chinese OEM groups, Japanese integrated technology platforms, and a limited number of European specialist suppliers. Herrenknecht remains highly visible in premium multi-mode and variable-density tunnelling systems. CREG, CRCHI and CCCC Tianhe benefit from China's large domestic tunnelling market, rapid engineering feedback cycles and increasingly mature domestic supply chains. The NHI / Robbins system is particularly relevant in crossover machines, where the product positioning is explicit and globally recognized. JIMT / TERRATEC and UGITEC represent the consolidation of Japanese and Asia-Pacific shield technology, although their financial visibility is limited. Because machines are project-specific and revenue disclosure is fragmented, a purely revenue-based ranking would understate the relevance of several real OEMs, especially in China and Japan.

Demand for Hybrid / Multi-mode TBMs is driven by three major project groups. The first is urban metro and underground utility construction in dense cities, where ground conditions increasingly include mixed faces, boulders, water-bearing strata and settlement-sensitive environments. The second is large railway, highway, subsea and river-crossing tunnels, where high water pressure, long drives and geological uncertainty require stronger risk control. The third is water transfer, hydropower, pumped-storage, mining and underground infrastructure projects, where long-distance boring through alternating hard rock, fractured zones and unstable sections is common. Standard single-mode machines will continue to dominate homogeneous ground and cost-sensitive projects, but in complex alignments the risk cost of under-specification is often higher than the incremental cost of a multi-mode machine.

From the product and technology perspective, future competition will focus on faster and safer mode conversion, more durable composite cutterheads, cutter replacement under pressure, high-water-pressure sealing, main bearing reliability, real-time

geological sensing, intelligent control, and continuous muck-removal systems. European suppliers will retain advantages in high-end system integration and life-cycle support for technically demanding projects. Chinese suppliers are improving rapidly through large-scale domestic deployment, localized core components and expanding overseas references. Japanese and Asia-Pacific suppliers remain relevant in specialized shield designs and precision engineering, although their market structure has become more consolidated. As domestic Chinese supply chains improve in large bearings, drives, hydraulic systems and control platforms, Chinese OEMs are expected to gain further share in mid- to large-diameter hybrid machines, while premium international brands will remain competitive in extreme geology and highly risk-sensitive projects.

LP Information, Inc. (LPI) ' newest research report, the "Hybrid TBMs Industry Forecast" looks at past sales and reviews total world Hybrid TBMs sales in 2025, providing a comprehensive analysis by region and market sector of projected Hybrid TBMs sales for 2026 through 2032. With Hybrid TBMs sales broken down by region, market sector and sub-sector, this report provides a detailed analysis in US\$ millions of the world Hybrid TBMs industry.

This Insight Report provides a comprehensive analysis of the global Hybrid TBMs landscape and highlights key trends related to product segmentation, company formation, revenue, and market share, latest development, and M&A activity. This report also analyzes the strategies of leading global companies with a focus on Hybrid TBMs portfolios and capabilities, market entry strategies, market positions, and geographic footprints, to better understand these firms' unique position in an accelerating global Hybrid TBMs market.

This Insight Report evaluates the key market trends, drivers, and affecting factors shaping the global outlook for Hybrid TBMs and breaks down the forecast by Type, by Application, geography, and market size to highlight emerging pockets of opportunity. With a transparent methodology based on hundreds of bottom-up qualitative and quantitative market inputs, this study forecast offers a highly nuanced view of the current state and future trajectory in the global Hybrid TBMs.

This report presents a comprehensive overview, market shares, and growth opportunities of Hybrid TBMs market by product type, application, key manufacturers and key regions and countries.

Segmentation by Type:

EPB-Hard Rock Hybrid TBMs

Slurry-Hard Rock Hybrid TBMs

Segmentation by Diameter:

Small Diameter,

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