
CHINA MADE GERMANY'S CAR GIANTS. NOW IT'S HELPING BREAK THEM.

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Germanys politicians are worried about blowback from the car industrys troubles.

BRUSSELS □ China helped transform Germany's automakers into global giants, delivering decades of strong sales and billions in profits. Now, it's their biggest liability.

China's own carmakers spent decades watching, learning and investing, and now make better-equipped electric cars at cheaper prices than Volkswagen, BMW and Mercedes-Benz. Meanwhile, China's overheated car market □ the world's largest □ contracted by a fifth this year, forcing local and foreign carmakers into a brutal battle for survival.

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