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Survey - 31 MILLION ROBOTS Helping in HOUSEHOLDS Worldwide by 2019

Domestic household robots will rise

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- Robots as domestic helpers

In the coming years, vacuum and floor cleaning robots will continue to make up the lion's share of units at work in households. Sales will rise from 3.6 million units (2015) to around 30 million units within the 2016-2019 forecast period. Vacuum and floor cleaning robots account for 96 % of domestic robot sales. Robotic mowers and pool cleaning robots rank second and third, respectively.

- Entertainment robots

Sales figures for the entertainment sector show a similar dynamic. In 2015, the total number of toy robots, remote-controlled multi-media robots and personal edutainment robots amounted to 1.7 million units. The IFR forecasts that this market will grow to 11 million units between 2016 and 2019. Toy and hobby robots account for 70 % of the market share in the entertainment segment.

- Assistive robots for the handicapped and elderly

Strong growth is reported in sales of handicap assistive robots and for the elderly. At 4,700 units (2015), the sales volume is still comparatively low. But sales figures are expected to rise to 37,500 units from 2016 to 2019. The rise in the value of sales will mirror this development: Sales in 2015 amounted to USD 16.8 million - a year-on-year increase of 34 % . The total value is forecast to rise to USD 97 million between 2016 and 2019.

Source : International Federation of Robotics (IFR)

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