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Abstracts

Summary:

The global market for autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs) was valued at \$2.4 billion in 2024 and is estimated to increase from \$2.7 billion in 2025 to reach \$5.9 billion by 2030, at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 16.7% from 2025 through 2030.

AUVs are unmanned, self-guided submersibles used for underwater applications across multiple sectors. These vehicles enable precise data collection, exploration and monitoring in environments that are otherwise difficult or dangerous for human access. AUVs improve the efficiency, safety and depth of underwater operations by offering high-resolution imaging, real-time data transmission and autonomous navigation capabilities.

The AUV market is witnessing strong growth, fueled by increasing demands in defense, oil and gas, environmental observation, and oceanographic research markets. Seabed mapping, pipeline inspection, underwater surveillance and marine habitat analysis are some applications reflecting the benefits of AUVs compared with conventional manned or tethered solutions. Offshore energy development expansion, rising maritime security issues, and the requirement for high-quality underwater information are also fueling adoption.

Report Scope

The report analyzes the autonomous underwater vehicle (AUV) market across multiple segments, including payload types, product types and applications, offering insights into key trends and growth drivers. The study focuses on payload types such as sensors (including synthetic aperture sonars, acoustic Doppler current profilers, cameras and



echo sounders), inertial navigation systems and other payloads. It assesses the adoption of these payloads across different AUV product types, including shallow AUVs, medium-sized AUVs and large AUVs. Furthermore, the report evaluates market demand across key application segments, namely the military and defense, commercial, and academic sectors.

The report provides a comprehensive regional analysis covering North America, Europe, Asia-Pacific and the Rest of the World (RoW), including Latin America, the Middle East and Africa. It evaluates the market dynamics, including drivers, challenges and emerging trends, while highlighting innovations in material design and performance enhancement. The study concludes with an analysis of major market players and their offerings. The base year for the study is 2024, with projections for the years 2025 through 2030, including compound annual growth rate (CAGR) for the forecast period.

Report Includes

38 data tables and 39 additional tables

An analysis of the global market and technologies for autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs)

Analyses of global market trends, with revenue data from 2024, estimates for 2025, forecast for 2027 and projected CAGRs through 2030

Estimates of the market's size and revenue prospects, accompanied by a market share analysis by product type, payload type, application and region

Facts and figures pertaining to market dynamics, technological advancements, regulations, industry structure, and the impacts of macroeconomic variables

Insights derived from Porter's Five Forces model, global supply chain and trade analyses (export/import scenario)

Patent analysis, and emerging trends and developments in patent activity

Overview of sustainability trends and ESG developments, with emphasis on consumer attitudes, and the ESG scores and practices of leading companies

Analysis of the industry structure, including companies' market shares and



rankings, strategic alliances, M&A activity and a venture funding outlook

Company profiles of major players within the industry, including L3Harris Technologies Inc., Kongsberg Maritime, Teledyne Marine Technologies Inc., SAAB AB, and Exail.

Companies Mentioned

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EXAIL

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SAAB AB

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