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Abstracts

The 2025 U.S. tariff policies introduce profound uncertainty into the global economic landscape. This report critically examines the implications of recent tariff adjustments and international strategic countermeasures on Airborne Mission Computer competitive dynamics, regional economic interdependencies, and supply chain reconfigurations.Global Airborne Mission Computer (AMC) sales will total approximately 90,600 units in 2024, with an average price of approximately $36,700 per unit and an industry average gross profit margin of approximately 31%. This device is a high-reliability embedded computing core used in military and civilian aviation platforms, responsible for mission planning, sensor data fusion, navigation and flight control coordination, fire control management, and communication link control. Typical specifications include a multi-core PowerPC or ARM architecture processor (2?8 cores), 8?32GB of shock-resistant memory, MIL-STD-1553B, ARINC 429, and Gigabit Ethernet interfaces, and compliance with DO-254/DO-178C avionics safety standards and a -40?C to +85?C operating temperature range. Upstream suppliers focus on the supply of aviation-grade processors, FPGA modules, heat dissipation components, and vibration-resistant enclosures; downstream customers include complete aircraft manufacturers and military UAV system integrators. General Dynamics Mission Systems has an annual production capacity of approximately 18,000 units at its production bases in Massachusetts and Arizona. Its products are mainly used on platforms such as the US military's F/A-18, and customized models are provided to NATO allies.Supply SituationUpstream raw materials and core components include high-performance embedded CPU modules, FPGA logic units, high-density memory, aviation-grade heat dissipation and vibration-resistant structures, electromagnetic shielding enclosures, and high-reliability connectors. Raw material costs account for approximately 47% of the total system cost. Major suppliers include Intel, Xilinx/AMD, TE Connectivity, Elma Electronics, and Rogers Corporation.Manufacturer

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CharacteristicsGeneral Dynamics Mission Systems has an annual production capacity of approximately 18,000 units. Its products are widely used in the F/A-18 and multi-national NATO platforms. Since 2002, General Dynamics has supplied all US F/A-18 airborne mission computers. Collins Aerospace specializes in ARINC 653 architecture and multi-mission flight control computing platforms. HENSOLDT holds a large market share in European defense electronics and unmanned aerial vehicle systems, primarily supplying the German Bundeswehr. Curtiss-Wright specializes in modular military computing platforms and possesses strong system integration capabilities.ExampleOn July 22, 2025, Curtiss-Wright was awarded a $31 million firm-fixed-price, indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity contract by the National Security Council (NSWC) to provide Airborne Mission Processors (AMPs) and spare parts for the MQ-4C Triton aircraft and the PMA-290 Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance aircraft, both part of the PMA-262 Persistent Maritime Unmanned Aircraft System. Minor modifications significantly increase the processing power of the aircraft, enhancing ISR capabilities and enabling it to host the Navy's Minotaur software platform.ApplicationsIts market share is high in the tactical fighter and unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) systems sector, with major customers including Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Boeing, Dassault Aviation, and Israel Aerospace Industries. In the civil and general avionics modification sector, it serves customers such as Airbus, Embraer, Textron Aviation, Collins Aerospace, and Saab Aircraft, using its products for flight control and mission data management. In the field of special aircraft and electronic reconnaissance platforms, its products are widely used in NATO AEW&C, ASELSAN electronic intelligence systems, and Britannia 2000 Holdings surveillance platforms. This multi-tiered customer structure ensures stable demand and a long-term maintenance market.Technology TrendsAirborne mission computers are evolving towards modularity, open architecture (MOSArt/OpenVPX), AI-enabled data fusion, and real-time edge processing. Next-generation equipment integrates AI accelerator chips and multi-core parallel real-time operating systems (RTOSs) to support autonomous decision-making and adaptive control for flight missions. Fiber optic interconnects and high-speed Ethernet buses are gradually replacing traditional serial buses. Furthermore, modular design with scalable I/O and airborne cloud collaboration are becoming mainstream trends, enabling cross-platform sharing of mission data and threat situational awareness. Over the next five years, AI-assisted mission computers (AIMCs) will become a core feature of new-generation military aircraft and high-end unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).Market Influencing FactorsThe expansion of the airborne mission computer market is directly correlated with global defense budget growth. The United States, Europe, and many countries in the Asia-Pacific region continue to increase investment in avionics and unmanned combat systems. The US military's avionics budget for fiscal year 2025 is projected to increase by approximately 9% year-over-year,

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while Japan and India's budgets will increase by 7% and 11%, respectively. Furthermore, the upgrade cycle for avionics systems (typically 8?12 years) and the promotion of next-generation mission computing architecture standards (such as FACE and CMOSS) are driving demand for upgrades. Key limiting factors include high R&D and certification costs, complex system integration requirements, and export control policies of various countries. Overall, the airborne mission computer market is at a critical stage of transition from traditional centralized architecture to distributed intelligent computing networks. With the development of "digital fighters" and autonomous flight systems in many countries, this field will maintain stable medium-to-high growth in the next five years.

The global Airborne Mission Computer market size was estimated at USD 3325.0 million in 2025 and is projected to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.20% during the forecast period.

This report offers a comprehensive and in-depth analysis of the global Airborne Mission Computer market, covering all critical facets from a broad macroeconomic overview to detailed micro-level insights. It examines market size, competitive landscape, emerging development trends, niche segments, key drivers and challenges, as well as conducts SWOT and value chain analyses.

The insights provided enable readers to understand the competitive dynamics within the industry and formulate effective strategies to enhance profitability and market positioning. Additionally, the report presents a clear framework for evaluating the current status and future outlook of business organizations operating in this sector.

A significant focus of this report lies in the competitive landscape of the global Airborne Mission Computer market. It offers detailed profiles of major players, including their market shares, performance metrics, product portfolios, and operational status. This enables stakeholders to identify leading competitors and gain a nuanced understanding of market rivalry and structure.

In summary, this report serves as an essential resource for industry participants, investors, researchers, consultants, and business strategists, as well as anyone planning to enter or expand their presence in the Airborne Mission Computer market.

Global Airborne Mission Computer Market: Market Segmentation Analysis

This research report provides a detailed segmentation of the market by region (country),

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key manufacturers, product type, and application. Market segmentation divides the overall market into distinct subsets based on factors such as product categories, end-user industries, geographic locations, and other relevant criteria.

A clear understanding of these market segments enables decision-makers to tailor their product development, sales, and marketing strategies more effectively to meet the unique needs of each segment. Leveraging market segmentation insights can significantly enhance targeted approaches, optimize resource allocation, and accelerate product innovation cycles by aligning offerings with the specific demands of diverse customer groups.

Key Company

HENSOLDT
Lockheed Martin
Argon
Collins Aerospace
Israel Aerospace Industries
General Dynamics Mission Systems
Britannia 2000 Holdings
Saab
Mercury
Airborne Technologies GmbH
Curtiss-Wright
7Starlake
Advanced Embedded Solutions
S-PLANE
ASELSAN
ZMicro
SDT

Market Segmentation (by Type)

4 Cores
8 Cores

Market Segmentation (by Application)

Military

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Civil

Geographic Segmentation

North America (USA, Canada, Mexico)
Europe (Germany, UK, France, Russia, Italy, Rest of Europe)
Asia-Pacific (China, Japan, South Korea, India, Southeast Asia, Rest of Asia-Pacific)
South America (Brazil, Argentina, Columbia, Rest of South America)
The Middle East and Africa (Saudi Arabia, UAE, Egypt, Nigeria, South Africa, Rest of MEA)

Key Benefits of This Market Research:

Industry drivers, restraints, and opportunities covered in the study
Neutral perspective on the market performance
Recent industry trends and developments
Competitive landscape & strategies of key players
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Chapter Outline

Chapter 1 mainly introduces the statistical scope of the report, market division standards, and market research methods.

Chapter 2 is an executive summary of different market segments (by region, product type, application, etc), including the market size of each market segment, future development potential, and so on. It offers a high-level view of the current state of the Airborne Mission Computer Market and its likely evolution in the short to mid-term, and long term.

Chapter 3 makes a detailed analysis of the market's competitive landscape of the

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market and provides the market share, capacity, output, price, latest development plan, merger, and acquisition information of the main manufacturers in the market.

Chapter 4 is the analysis of the whole market industrial chain, including the upstream and downstream of the industry, as well as Porter's five forces analysis.

Chapter 5 introduces the latest developments of the market, the driving factors and restrictive factors of the market, the challenges and risks faced by manufacturers in the industry, and the analysis of relevant policies in the industry.

Chapter 6 provides the analysis of various market segments according to product types, covering the market size and development potential of each market segment, to help readers find the blue ocean market in different market segments.

Chapter 7 provides the analysis of various market segments according to application, covering the market size and development potential of each market segment, to help readers find the blue ocean market in different downstream markets.

Chapter 8 provides a quantitative analysis of the market size and development potential of each region and its main countries and introduces the market development, future development prospects, market space, and capacity of each country in the world.

Chapter 9 shares the main producing countries of Airborne Mission Computer, their output value, profit level, regional supply, production capacity layout, etc. from the supply side.

Chapter 10 introduces the basic situation of the main companies in the market in detail, including product sales revenue, sales volume, price, gross profit margin, market share, product introduction, recent development, etc.

Chapter 11 provides a quantitative analysis of the market size and development potential of each region in the next five years.

Chapter 12 provides a quantitative analysis of the market size and development potential of each market segment in the next five years.

Chapter 13 is the main points and conclusions of the report.

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