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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 PAN-based Carbon Fiber for Aerospace and Military competitive dynamics, regional economic interdependencies, and supply chain reconfigurations.In 2024, global PAN-based Carbon Fiber for Aerospace and Military production reached 36,768 tons, with an average global market price of around US$ 80 per kg. PAN-based carbon fiber for aerospace and military applications refers to a high-performance fiber material produced from polyacrylonitrile (PAN) precursor through multiple high-temperature processes such as spinning, stabilization, carbonization, and graphitization. It features exceptionally high specific strength, stiffness, fatigue resistance, and thermal stability, making it a key structural and thermal-protection material for aircraft fuselages, missile shells, rocket nozzles, and satellite components. With its lightweight structure, strong corrosion resistance, and long-term reliability, it serves as a fundamental material enabling the lightweight design and high durability of aerospace and defense systems.PAN-based carbon fiber for aerospace and military applications represents one of the most technically demanding and value-intensive segments within the advanced composite materials industry. It is widely used in critical load-bearing and thermal protection components such as fighter fuselages, missile shells, rocket structures, satellite antenna supports, and aircraft engine blades. Produced from polyacrylonitrile (PAN) as the main raw material through complex high-temperature oxidation and carbonization processes, it offers extremely high specific strength, stiffness, fatigue resistance, and thermal stability. These properties make it a key enabler for lightweight, stealthy, and highly maneuverable aircraft. The global market has long been dominated by the United States and Japan, while China and Russia have accelerated independent R&D and model certification in recent years,

shifting the landscape from a unipolar to a multipolar structure that emphasizes both ?material security? and ?technological autonomy.?In terms of product structure, PAN-based carbon fiber for aerospace and military use mainly includes high-strength grades (T700/T800) and high-modulus grades (M40/M55J), with some advanced models extending to ultra-high-modulus levels (M60J and above) to meet varying structural and thermal requirements. The production process involves high-purity PAN precursor manufacturing, stabilization, carbonization, graphitization, and surface sizing, each requiring precise control of temperature, tension, and atmosphere. Typical single-line annual capacity ranges from 500 to 1,000 tons, and production consistency, automation, and precision directly determine whether the fiber can pass aerospace-grade qualification and certification.From the perspective of cost and profitability, the cost composition of aerospace-grade PAN-based carbon fiber consists of approximately 35% PAN precursor, 30% energy and equipment depreciation, 15% labor and testing, 10% sizing and auxiliary materials, and 10% management and quality control. Energy consumption during stabilization and carbonization is the main cost driver. Owing to long certification cycles, high entry barriers, and stable downstream demand, gross profit margins typically remain between 45% and 55%. Vertically integrated companies?covering precursor, carbonization, prepreg, and component manufacturing?achieve cost synergy and higher profitability, forming comprehensive advantages across the value chain.In the industrial chain and competitive landscape, the upstream sector includes acrylonitrile monomer, DMF solvent, and advanced polymerization systems; the midstream involves precursor production and carbonization; and the downstream extends to prepregs, composite structures, and final aerospace components. Customer concentration is extremely high, with Boeing, Airbus, Lockheed Martin, CASC, and AECC as major end users. Global leaders such as Toray, Mitsubishi Chemical, and Hexcel maintain technological dominance, while Chinese players like Guangwei Composites, Zhongfu Shenying, and Hengshen Co. are accelerating certification, integrated material supply, and large-scale production, moving steadily into the high-end aerospace and defense markets. The entire value chain exhibits a ?high R&D investment ? high technical barrier ? high added value? pyramid structure.Looking ahead, PAN-based carbon fiber for aerospace and military applications will continue to evolve toward higher modulus, greater thermal stability, and intelligent multifunctional composite systems. As projects such as reusable launch vehicles, hypersonic weapons, and heavy-lift rockets advance, demand for high-strength and high-modulus PAN-based carbon fibers will rise significantly. Meanwhile, innovations in digital manufacturing, intelligent inspection, low-energy carbonization, and precursor recycling will become new technological frontiers. The global market will remain highly concentrated and entry-restricted, while China?s continuous breakthroughs in key equipment, process control software, and quality systems are expected to transform its role from a ?technology follower? to a ?standards leader,? positioning it as one of the most dynamic forces in the global aerospace carbon fiber industry.

The global PAN-based Carbon Fiber for Aerospace and Military market size was estimated at USD 2941.0 million in 2025 and is projected to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.90% during the forecast period.

This report offers a comprehensive and in-depth analysis of the global PAN-based Carbon Fiber for Aerospace and Military 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 PAN-based Carbon Fiber for Aerospace and Military 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 PAN-based Carbon Fiber for Aerospace and Military market.

Global PAN-based Carbon Fiber for Aerospace and Military Market: Market Segmentation Analysis

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

Toray Industries, Inc.
Hexcel
Jilin Tangu Carbon Fiber Co., Ltd.
Mitsubishi Chemical
Teijin
Hyosung Advanced Materials
SGL Carbon
Zhongfu Shenying Carbon Fiber Co.,Ltd.
Weihai Guangwei Composites Co., Ltd.
Aksa Carbon
Jiangsu Hengshen Co.,Ltd.
Sinofibers Technology Co., Ltd.
Formosa Plastic Group
Syensqo
UMATEX
Changsheng (Langfang) Technology Co., Ltd

Market Segmentation (by Type)

Small-tow
Large-tow

Market Segmentation (by Application)

Commercial Aerospace
Defense

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
Potential & niche segments and regions exhibiting promising growth covered
Historical, current, and projected market size, in terms of value
In-depth analysis of the PAN-based Carbon Fiber for Aerospace and Military Market
Overview of the regional outlook of the PAN-based Carbon Fiber for Aerospace and Military Market:

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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 PAN-based Carbon Fiber for Aerospace and Military 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 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 PAN-based Carbon Fiber for Aerospace and Military, 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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Analysis by geography highlighting the consumption of the product/service in the region as well as indicating the factors that are affecting the market within each region
Competitive landscape which incorporates the market ranking of the major players, along with new service/product launches, partnerships, business expansions, and acquisitions in the past five years of companies profiled
Extensive company profiles comprising of company overview, company insights, product benchmarking, and SWOT analysis for the major market players
The current as well as the future market outlook of the industry concerning recent developments which involve growth opportunities and drivers as well as challenges and restraints of both emerging as well as developed regions
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