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Abstracts

The global quadruped robots market is undergoing a decisive transition from proof-of-concept deployments to recurring, revenue-generating commercial operations across some of the world's most demanding industrial environments. This comprehensive market research report provides an in-depth analysis of the quadruped robotics ecosystem — spanning hardware platforms, autonomy and AI software, system integration, fleet management, and the component supply chain — over an eleven-year forecast horizon from 2026 to 2036.

Quadruped robots are four-legged mobile robotic platforms engineered to replicate animal locomotion, enabling stable navigation across uneven terrain, confined spaces, staircases, and hazardous environments that are inaccessible or impractical for wheeled, tracked, or aerial alternatives. Equipped with multi-degree-of-freedom actuated joints, onboard sensor suites — typically LiDAR, RGB and depth cameras, inertial measurement units, and increasingly acoustic, thermal, and gas detection sensors — and edge computing modules running AI-driven autonomy stacks, modern quadrupeds function as general-purpose mobile platforms onto which a broad range of inspection, patrol, delivery, and data-collection tasks can be layered.

The critical catalyst underpinning the market's growth trajectory is the emergence of Level 2 autonomy — where quadruped robots can plan, navigate, and position themselves for task execution with minimal human intervention. This shift transforms quadrupeds from remotely teleoperated tools requiring dedicated operators into genuinely autonomous inspection and monitoring agents, unlocking the unit economics necessary for large-scale fleet deployments. The rise of robotics foundation models from companies such as FieldAI and Skild AI — whose combined valuations now exceed those of all quadruped hardware manufacturers — signals a structural migration of ecosystem value from hardware toward software and intelligence, a defining trend explored in depth throughout the report.

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The report examines the competitive dynamics of an increasingly bifurcated market. Chinese manufacturers, led by Unitree Robotics, dominate global unit shipments through vertically integrated supply chains and dramatically lower bill-of-materials costs, while Western platforms from Boston Dynamics and ANYbotics command premium pricing through certification depth (cleanroom, ATEX Zone 1), enterprise integration, and global support infrastructure. Ghost Robotics occupies a distinct defence-focused position, backed by a major South Korean defence acquisition and US military deployments across multiple installations. European challengers including Keybotic and MAB Robotics bring differentiated capabilities — DARPA SubT-winning autonomy and underwater operation, respectively — to emerging industrial niches. The report provides granular analysis of market share by units and revenue, competitive positioning, pricing dynamics, product specifications, strategic groupings, and the M&A and funding landscape shaping the industry's trajectory.

Detailed bill-of-materials (BoM) analysis is a core feature of the report, with component-level cost breakdowns for Chinese and Western platforms, cost index comparisons across actuators, sensors, compute, and structural components, and projections of component cost trajectories to 2036. Regional analysis covers North America, Europe, China, Asia Pacific (ex-China), the Middle East and Africa, and the Rest of World, with country-level detail for key markets including the United States, Germany, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, South Korea, Japan, Australia, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE. Market forecasts are presented across three scenarios (conservative, base, and optimistic) and segmented by application, region, robot type, and component.

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Executive Summary — market overview and definition, global market size and forecast, quadrupeds vs other mobile robot form factors, levels of autonomy, regional ecosystem dynamics, investment momentum, deployment status, market drivers and challenges, key findings and strategic implications

Introduction — definition and classification, historical evolution (MIT Cheetah, Boston Dynamics BigDog to Spot, rise of Unitree), advantages over drones, wheeled robots, tracked robots and humanoids, key technology enablers, business models (RaaS, direct purchase, platform licensing)

Technology Assessment — actuator design (QDD vs high-ratio gearbox), sensors and perception (LiDAR, cameras, ToF, IMU, acoustic, thermal, gas detection),

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computing and edge AI, power systems and battery technology, software architecture (ROS, proprietary stacks, direct motor control), autonomy and AI (reinforcement learning, sim-to-real transfer, foundation models), safety and certification (IP ratings, ATEX/IECEx, cleanroom, cybersecurity)

Bill of Materials Analysis — BoM structure and cost breakdown, Unitree Go2 and B2 deep dives, Western quadruped BoM estimates (Spot, ANYmal), China's manufacturing cost advantage, component cost evolution projections to 2036

Applications and End-Use Markets — oil and gas, semiconductor fabrication, data centres, construction, mining, utilities and energy, security and surveillance, last-mile delivery and logistics, defence and military, agriculture, search and rescue, research and education

The Quadruped Ecosystem — ecosystem architecture and value chain, hardware platforms, autonomy and model vendors, system integrators, fleet management, component supply chain, ecosystem dynamics

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Company Profiles — 30 company profiles with overview, products/technology, revenue/funding, deployments, strategy, and SWOT analysis

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Companies Profiled include AMC Robotics, Anduril Industries, ANYbotics AG, Boston Dynamics (Hyundai Motor Group), Chironix, DeepCloud AI, DEEP Robotics, Faraday Future, FieldAI, Formant, General Autonomy, Ghost Robotics and more...

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