

South Korea Pigments Market Size, Share, Trends and Forecast by Product Type, Color Index, Application, and Region, 2026-2034

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Abstracts

The South Korea pigments market size reached USD 640.3 Million in 2025. The market is projected to reach USD 1,143.0 Million by 2034, exhibiting a growth rate (CAGR) of 6.45% during 2026-2034. The market is expanding steadily, driven by diverse applications across industries like the automotive, coatings, plastics, and printing sectors. The demand for sustainable and high-performance pigments is driving innovations in product manufacturing and manufacturing processes. Market growth is also supplemented by investments in research, along with growing consumer realization of using sustainable materials. Improvements in regional infrastructure and initiatives by the government also support market development. All these factors together are solidifying the South Korea pigments market share.

SOUTH KOREA PIGMENTS MARKET TRENDS:

Eco-Friendly Pigments in Coatings

In August 2024, the South Korean government announced a major housing initiative tied to new construction, creating demand for sustainable paints and coatings. This push has increased demand for low-VOC and bio-based pigments that minimize environmental impact. Regulatory emphasis on air quality and indoor safety is prompting manufacturers to adopt eco-friendly pigment formulations. Waterborne coatings using biodegradable pigments are becoming mainstream, as they align with both public health goals and environmental standards. The expanding building sector now relies on pigments that retain durability and color stability without heavy metals. As policymakers support greener construction materials, pigment producers are accelerating the transition toward sustainable raw materials and processes. This shift is

influencing purchasing decisions among coatings producers in residential and commercial construction. By emphasizing greener pigment use in construction and industrial coatings, the sector is strengthening demand patterns that support long-term South Korea pigments market growth.

Durable Pigments for Plastics & Construction

South Korea is increasingly adopting high-performance pigments designed for plastics and building products. These pigments offer excellent UV resistance, high heat, and chemical corrosion resistance, which is particularly important for plastic composites employed in construction infrastructure and exterior building elements. The Trade, Industry and Energy Ministry has highlighted the importance of these new pigment technologies to boost the competitiveness of domestic manufacturing, particularly in industries such as precast concrete panels and exterior systems based on plastics. These long-lasting pigments allow materials to maintain color stability and structural integrity over extended periods, essentially reducing maintenance and replacement costs. Parallel to that, regulations by the government favor pigments that combine performance with environmentally responsible attributes, including lower ecological impact and enhanced recyclability. This blend of robustness and sustainability is remodeling the selection of pigments for plastics, sealants, and building composites. These trends are an indication of wider South Korea pigments market tendencies with a distinct emphasis by the industry on innovation, long-term product performance, and sustainability in various uses.

Safe Pigments in Printing Inks

South Korea is increasingly focusing on non-toxic and safe pigments in the printing inks industry, particularly for packaging and special coatings. In the early 2025, the Ministry of Environment implemented more stringent regulations to cut down on harmful chemicals in printing ink used in recyclable packaging products with the goal of enhancing environmental safety and enabling circular economic objectives. This has led manufacturers to move towards mineral and plant-derived pigments that meet emerging standards for safety, particularly in food-contact and medical package applications. Safer pigments enable both domestic and international regulatory compliance while delivering high color vibrancy and durability performance. New technologies now enable environmentally friendly pigments to provide consistent ink performance, while mitigating toxicity and environmental impact concerns. The regulatory environment, in addition to increasing consumer demand for transparency and sustainability, is driving the adoption of clean pigments in printing inks. The trend highlights the changing

landscape of South Korea's pigments market, driven by innovation and sustainable production methods.

SOUTH KOREA PIGMENTS MARKET SEGMENTATION:

IMARC Group provides an analysis of the key trends in each segment of the market, along with forecasts at the country and regional levels for 2026-2034. Our report has categorized the market based on product type, color index, and application.

Product Type Insights:

Organic Pigments

- Azo Pigments

- Phthalocyanine Pigment

- Quinacridone Pigment

- Others

Inorganic Pigments

- Titanium Dioxide Pigments

- Iron Oxide Pigments

- Cadmium Pigments

- Carbon Black Pigments

- Chromium Oxide Pigments

- Complex Inorganic Pigments

- Others

Specialty Pigments

Classic Organic Pigments

Metallic Pigments

High-Performance Pigments

Light Interference Pigments

Fluorescent Pigment

Luminescent Pigments

Thermo-Chromic Pigments

The report has provided a detailed breakup and analysis of the market based on the product type. This includes organic pigments (azo pigments, phthalocyanine pigment, quinacridone pigment, and others), inorganic pigments (titanium dioxide pigments, iron oxide pigments, cadmium pigments, carbon black pigments, chromium oxide pigments, complex inorganic pigments, and others), and specialty pigments (classic organic pigments, metallic pigments, high-performance pigments, light interference pigments, fluorescent pigment, luminescent pigments, and thermo-chromic pigments).

Color Index Insights:

Red

Orange

Yellow

Blue

Green

Brown

A detailed breakup and analysis of the market based on the color index have also been

provided in the report. This includes red, orange, yellow, blue, green, brown, and others.

Application Insights:

Paints and Coatings

Plastics

Printing Inks

Construction Materials

The report has provided a detailed breakup and analysis of the market based on the application. This includes paints and coatings, plastics, printing inks, construction materials, and others.

Regional Insights:

Seoul Capital Area

Yeongnam (Southeastern Region)

Honam (Southwestern Region)

Hoseo (Central Region)

The report has also provided a comprehensive analysis of all the major regional markets, which include the Seoul Capital Area, Yeongnam (Southeastern Region), Honam (Southwestern Region), Hoseo (Central Region), and others.

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE:

The market research report has also provided a comprehensive analysis of the competitive landscape. Competitive analysis such as market structure, key player positioning, top winning strategies, competitive dashboard, and company evaluation quadrant has been covered in the report. Also, detailed profiles of all major companies have been provided.

KEY QUESTIONS ANSWERED IN THIS REPORT

How has the South Korea pigments market performed so far and how will it perform in the coming years?

What is the breakup of the South Korea pigments market on the basis of product type?

What is the breakup of the South Korea pigments market on the basis of color index?

What is the breakup of the South Korea pigments market on the basis of application?

What is the breakup of the South Korea pigments market on the basis of region?

What are the various stages in the value chain of the South Korea pigments market?

What are the key driving factors and challenges in the South Korea pigments market?

What is the structure of the South Korea pigments market and who are the key players?

What is the degree of competition in the South Korea pigments market?

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