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## Abstracts

The Mexico Advanced Battery market is forecast to grow at a CAGR of 11.6%, reaching USD 1.9 billion in 2031 from USD 1.1 billion in 2026.

The Mexican advanced battery market is navigating a pivotal structural transformation, shifting from a primarily import-dependent supply chain toward an emerging regional manufacturing hub. This shift is driven by the strategic convergence of North American automotive electrification mandates, nearshoring investment trends, and domestic clean energy policy reforms. Mexico's established position as a global automotive manufacturing centre, its geographic proximity to the United States, and its obligations under the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement are collectively elevating its significance within the broader North American battery ecosystem. The market is anchored by lithium-ion battery demand from electric vehicle production and utility-scale energy storage systems, with government policy playing an increasingly direct role in shaping both demand creation and supply chain development.

## Market Drivers

Electric vehicle manufacturing expansion is the paramount growth driver, generating immediate and large-scale demand for advanced battery packs. Global automotive OEMs are co-locating battery assembly operations alongside vehicle production facilities in key industrial states including Nuevo Le?n and San Luis Potos?, driven by the need to meet USMCA regional content value requirements and shorten logistics routes from overseas supply chains. Electrified vehicle production in Mexico surged from 6,717 units in 2020 to over 200,000 units in 2024, establishing a powerful and sustained pull on high-capacity lithium-ion battery supply. BMW Group's USD 540 million battery manufacturing facility investment in San Luis Potos?, commenced in May

2024, is a concrete validation of this structural demand trajectory and a direct commitment to domestic battery production capacity aligned with next-generation EV platform requirements.

Mandatory energy storage integration for renewable energy projects is the second major driver. The National Energy Commission's regulatory framework requiring Battery Energy Storage Systems for large-scale solar generation, anchored by the 30% solar storage rule, creates legally mandated demand for utility-scale advanced batteries. This regulation directly compels renewable energy developers to procure battery systems as a non-discretionary component of project interconnection, providing a durable and growing demand stream that is independent of consumer EV adoption rates.

The nearshoring dynamic amplified by USMCA provides a third structural driver. As global manufacturers seek to reduce exposure to Asian supply chain risk and qualify for North American trade preferences, Mexico is capturing foreign direct investment in battery assembly and component manufacturing that would otherwise have remained in Asia. This trend is reinforcing Mexico's position as a critical node in the North American battery value chain, particularly for final battery pack assembly destined for export to the US market.

### Market Restraints

Reliance on imported critical raw materials including lithium, cobalt, and nickel is the primary structural constraint. Mexico lacks significant domestic refining and processing infrastructure for battery-grade materials, rendering local battery manufacturers vulnerable to global commodity price volatility and supply disruptions. This import dependency elevates production costs and constrains affordability in domestic consumer segments. The nationalization of lithium resources under LitoMX, while intended to build a domestic value chain from Sonora's lithium deposits, introduces regulatory uncertainty for private sector mining investment and creates near-term supply ambiguity that complicates long-term procurement planning for local manufacturers.

The advanced battery supply chain remains heavily concentrated at the assembly and integration stages, with cells and modules sourced predominantly from Asian production hubs. This limits Mexico's economic value capture within the battery production cycle and sustains a structural dependency on foreign cell supply that exposes domestic assemblers to geopolitical and logistics disruptions. Developing domestic cell manufacturing capacity is the critical missing link in achieving genuine supply chain resilience and competitive cost structures.

## Technology and Segment Insights

By technology, lithium-ion batteries dominate with an overwhelming share, driven by automotive OEM procurement requirements and utility-scale energy storage preferences. LFP chemistry is gaining traction in stationary storage applications for its cost efficiency and safety profile, while high-nickel NMC and NCA cathode variants serve premium automotive applications requiring maximum energy density. Solid-state, sodium-ion, nickel-metal hydride, and flow battery technologies represent emerging and niche segments at varying stages of commercial development.

By capacity, high-capacity batteries above 200 Ah are the fastest-growing category, driven by utility-scale BESS procurement and large automotive battery pack requirements. By application, automotive holds the dominant share, comprising EVs, HEVs, and PHEVs assembled for both domestic use and US export. Energy storage systems, led by utility-scale deployments, represent the second-largest and fastest-growing application segment. Industrial motive power, served by local specialists such as Prime Power Omega in the electric forklift segment, provides a stable additional demand stream alongside consumer electronics, medical, and aerospace and defence applications.

## Competitive and Strategic Outlook

The competitive landscape features a mix of global Tier 1 automotive suppliers, specialised energy storage providers, and emerging local assembly companies. LG Energy Solution, Samsung SDI, Panasonic, BYD, and Tesla are the primary global players competing for supply contracts with major automotive OEMs. BMW Group's vertical integration strategy through its in-house battery facility directly reduces its dependency on third-party cell suppliers and sets a precedent for captive battery production co-located with vehicle assembly. Jabil leverages its established Mexican manufacturing footprint to provide battery management systems and electronic components for EV battery packs. Prime Power Omega addresses the industrial motive power niche with locally produced lithium batteries for logistics and material handling applications.

The February 2025 announcement regarding a potential agreement with a major international manufacturer to establish an electric battery factory in Ciudad Obregón, Sonora, as part of the Olinia affordable EV initiative, represents a significant potential inflection point for domestic cell manufacturing capability. If realised, this investment

would meaningfully advance Mexico's position from battery assembler to cell producer within the North American battery supply chain.

## Key Takeaways

The Mexico advanced battery market is positioned for strong and structurally supported growth through 2031, driven by automotive electrification investment, mandatory energy storage regulation, and the sustained nearshoring momentum of the North American industrial ecosystem. Building domestic cell manufacturing capacity, advancing the LitoMX lithium value chain, and reducing critical mineral import dependency will be the defining strategic challenges and opportunities shaping the market's long-term trajectory.

## Key Benefits of this Report

**Insightful Analysis:** Gain detailed market insights across regions, customer segments, policies, socio-economic factors, consumer preferences, and industry verticals.

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