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## Abstracts

The US Electric Vehicle Powertrain market is forecast to grow at a CAGR of 18.0%, reaching USD 41.2 billion in 2031 from USD 18.0 billion in 2026.

The United States electric vehicle (EV) powertrain market has moved decisively beyond its early adoption phase into a high-growth, policy-reinforced expansion cycle. Federal industrial policy, anchored by the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), has restructured the competitive landscape by tying consumer tax credits to strict domestic content requirements for battery components and critical minerals. This regulatory framework is not merely incentivizing demand; it is compelling OEMs and Tier 1 suppliers to execute large-scale capital investment in North American manufacturing infrastructure. The result is a market increasingly defined by domestic technology leadership, vertical integration, and supply chain regionalization.

## Market Drivers

The IRA's Clean Vehicle Credit provides eligible buyers with up to USD 7,500 in tax savings, directly stimulating consumer demand for compliant EV models and, by extension, for U.S.-sourced powertrain components. Total EV sales, including Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) and Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEVs), exceeded 1.14 million units in the first three quarters of 2024, representing 10% of all light vehicle sales. This sustained volume growth provides the necessary demand assurance for large-scale domestic factory investment. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law further supports supply-side expansion through USD 7 billion allocated to domestic battery supply chain and manufacturing, reducing capital expenditure risk for cell manufacturers. Rising consumer preference for light trucks, which represented 80% of the EV market in Q3 2024, is also elevating demand for high-capacity battery packs,

high-torque electric motors, and advanced thermal management systems suited to heavier platforms.

### Market Restraints

The primary constraint on market growth is the vulnerability of the critical mineral supply chain. Concentrated global sourcing for lithium, nickel, and cobalt introduces pricing volatility that directly affects battery pack costs, which remain the most expensive powertrain subsystem. While mineral prices stabilized and declined through 2023, this balance remains fragile. Persistent gaps in public charging infrastructure continue to create hesitation among prospective buyers, limiting the pace of broader EV adoption. The ongoing reliance on Asian midstream processing and cell manufacturing further exposes domestic manufacturers to geopolitical risk and logistical disruption as they work to build out alternative North American supply chains.

### Technology and Segment Insights

The BEV segment leads market demand, requiring the most advanced powertrain configurations, including high-voltage battery packs, sophisticated Battery Management Systems (BMS), and high-efficiency power electronics. As certified vehicle ranges exceed 230 miles on average and federal investment in charging networks expands, consumer range anxiety continues to diminish, supporting further BEV adoption. The commercial vehicle segment is emerging as a high-value growth vector. Medium- and heavy-duty electric trucks require large-format battery packs, often exceeding 400 kWh, and heavy-duty electric drive axles optimized for sustained high-load operation. Corporate fleet decarbonization commitments and municipal electrification grants drive demand in this segment independent of retail price sensitivity. Across components, the market is witnessing a rapid shift toward integrated solutions, particularly 3-in-1 e-Axle units that combine the motor, gearbox, and power electronics into a single compact assembly.

### Competitive and Strategic Outlook

Competition in the US EV powertrain market centers on battery chemistry innovation, component integration, and the depth of vertical integration. General Motors has advanced its Ultium platform to modularize battery architecture across multiple vehicle segments, with its Ultium Cells LLC joint venture securing North American cell production. In July 2025, GM announced plans to add Lithium Iron Phosphate (LFP) battery production at its Tennessee plant, targeting more affordable mass-market

models. Tesla maintains a structural advantage through end-to-end vertical integration, producing its proprietary 4680 battery cells and integrated drive units at scale. With over 1.77 million vehicles produced in 2024, Tesla's internal powertrain volumes drive continuous cost reduction and efficiency gains that apply competitive pressure across the industry. Other key participants, including Ford Motor Company, BorgWarner, Eaton, and Rivian, are actively pursuing strategic partnerships, localization investments, and component portfolio expansion to capture market share.

## Key Takeaways

The US EV powertrain market is entering a period of accelerated structural maturity. Federal policy, growing sales volumes, and supply chain localization are collectively establishing a durable domestic industry. Manufacturers that successfully integrate battery chemistry advances, component consolidation, and supply chain resilience will be best positioned to capture value as the market approaches mid-decade scale.

## 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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