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Abstracts

The global handheld thermal camera market is projected to grow from USD 1.83 billion in 2026 to USD 2.83 billion by 2032, registering a CAGR of 7.6%. The demand for handheld thermal cameras is growing significantly due to the increasing adoption of predictive maintenance across industries such as manufacturing, energy, automotive, and utilities. Companies are increasingly using handheld thermal cameras to monitor equipment conditions and detect temperature abnormalities in motors, transformers, electrical panels, bearings, and mechanical systems before failures occur. These devices enable non-contact and real-time inspection, helping industries reduce unplanned downtime, minimize maintenance costs, improve operational efficiency, and enhance worker safety. As industries continue to focus on asset reliability, energy efficiency, and preventive maintenance strategies, the adoption of handheld thermal cameras for predictive maintenance applications is rapidly increasing globally.

“Building inspectors & energy audits, by profession type, is expected to record the highest CAGR during the forecast period.”

The building inspection & energy audit segment is expected to witness the fastest growth in the handheld thermal camera market due to increasing focus on energy efficiency, infrastructure modernization, and sustainable building management. Handheld thermal cameras are widely used by building inspectors and energy auditors to detect heat leakage, insulation defects, moisture intrusion, air leakage, and electrical issues in residential, commercial, and industrial buildings. Growing government

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regulations related to energy conservation, rising adoption of green building standards, and increasing awareness regarding energy cost reduction are significantly driving the demand for thermal imaging solutions in building inspection and energy auditing applications. Additionally, the growing construction industry and renovation activities are further supporting segment growth.

“The non-industrial segment is expected to grow fastest, by vertical, during the forecast period.”

The non-industrial segment is expected to witness the fastest growth in the handheld thermal camera market due to increasing adoption across residential, commercial, healthcare, security, firefighting, and outdoor applications. Rising awareness regarding non-contact temperature monitoring, home inspection, energy auditing, and personal safety is driving the use of handheld thermal cameras among consumers and small businesses. In addition, the growing availability of affordable smartphone-compatible thermal cameras, compact portable devices, and user-friendly thermal imaging solutions is expanding adoption beyond traditional industrial users. Increasing use in building diagnostics, surveillance, emergency response, and automotive troubleshooting is further accelerating the growth of the non-industrial segment.

“China secured the largest share of the Asia Pacific handheld thermal camera market in 2025.”

China holds the largest share in the Asia Pacific handheld thermal camera market due to its strong manufacturing base, rapid industrialization, and extensive adoption of predictive maintenance and industrial automation technologies across industries such as electronics, automotive, energy, and manufacturing. The country is home to several thermal imaging manufacturers and electronics production hubs, which supports large-scale production and cost-effective availability of handheld thermal cameras. In addition, rising investments in infrastructure development, smart manufacturing, surveillance systems, and energy management solutions are significantly driving demand for thermal imaging devices in China.

By Company Type: Tier 1 – 30%, Tier 2 – 50%, and Tier 3 – 20%

By Designation: Directors – 40%, C-level Executives – 30%, and Others – 30%

By Region: North America – 20%, Europe – 30%, Asia Pacific – 40%, and RoW – 10%

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Prominent players profiled in this report include Teledyne FLIR (US), Fluke Corporation (US), Hikmicro (China), Testo SE & Co KGaA (Germany), Guide Sensmart (China), Infiray (China), and Seek Thermal (US) among others.

Research Coverage:

The report defines, describes, and forecasts the handheld thermal camera market based on profession type (Electricians, HVAC/R Technicians, Building Inspectors & Energy Auditors, Plumbers & Water/Leak Detection Specialists, Firefighters & Fire Service Personnel, Others), price tier (Entry Level (Below 799), Mid Range (800-2,999), Premium (Above 3,000)), distribution channel (Manufacturer Direct/Web Store, Wholesalers/Industrial Distributors, Specialist Trade Channels (Electrical, HVAC), DIY Superstores/Retail, E-Commerce), application (Electrical Inspection, Building Diagnostics/Energy Audits, HVAC & Mechanical Maintenance, Construction (Moisture & Insulation), DIY/Smartphone Plugins), vertical (Industrial, Non-Industrial), and region (North America, Europe, Asia Pacific, and RoW). It provides detailed information regarding drivers, restraints, opportunities, and challenges influencing the market's growth. It also analyzes competitive developments, including acquisitions, product launches, expansions, and actions taken by key players to grow in the market.

Reasons to Buy this Report:

The report will help market leaders/new entrants with information on the closest approximations of the revenue for the overall handheld thermal camera market and its subsegments. The report will help stakeholders understand the competitive landscape and gain more insight to position their business better and plan suitable go-to-market strategies. The report also helps stakeholders understand the market's pulse and provides information on key drivers, restraints, opportunities, and challenges.

The report will provide insights into the following points:

Analysis of Key DROCs: Drivers (Increasing adoption of predictive maintenance across industrial sectors, Rising demand for non-contact temperature monitoring and electrical inspection applications), restraints (High cost of advanced high-resolution handheld thermal cameras, Competition from low-cost alternative inspection and diagnostic technologies), opportunities (Growing adoption of smartphone-compatible and DIY thermal cameras among consumers,

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Expansion opportunities in emerging Asia Pacific markets driven by industrialization and infrastructure development), and challenges (Maintaining thermal imaging accuracy and performance in harsh environmental conditions, Limited awareness and shortage of skilled professionals for thermal image analysis in developing regions) of the handheld thermal camera market

Product Development/Innovation: Detailed insights into upcoming technologies, research & development activities, and product launches in the handheld thermal camera market

Market Development: Comprehensive information about lucrative markets (The report analyzes the handheld thermal camera market across various regions)

Market Diversification: Exhaustive information about new products launched, untapped geographies, recent developments, and investments in the handheld thermal camera market

Competitive Assessment: In-depth assessment of market share, growth strategies, and offerings of leading players, including Teledyne FLIR (US), Fluke Corporation (US), Hikmicro (China), Testo SE & Co KGaA (Germany), Guide Sensmart (China), in the handheld thermal camera market

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