

# **Aerospace Additive Manufacturing Market Forecasts to 2034 – Global Analysis By Material Type (Metals, Polymers, Ceramics, and Other Material Types), Technology, Platform, Application, End User and By Geography**

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## **Abstracts**

According to Statistics MRC, the Global Aerospace Additive Manufacturing Market is accounted for \$6.2 billion in 2026 and is expected to reach \$21.4 billion by 2034, growing at a CAGR of 14.3% during the forecast period. Aerospace Additive Manufacturing (AM) is an advanced production process used to fabricate aircraft and spacecraft components layer by layer from digital 3D models using specialized materials. This technology enables the creation of lightweight, complex, and highly customized parts with enhanced performance, minimal material waste, and shorter production cycles. By improving design flexibility, structural strength, and cost efficiency, aerospace additive manufacturing supports rapid prototyping, efficient tooling, and on-demand production, driving innovation, sustainability, and competitiveness across the global aerospace industry.

### **Market Dynamics:**

Driver:

Demand for lightweight and fuel-efficient components

Additive manufacturing addresses this by enabling the creation of highly complex, topology-optimized parts that are significantly lighter than their traditionally manufactured counterparts. By consolidating multiple components into a single printed part, it also reduces assembly weight and complexity. This capability is critical for

engine manufacturers and airframers seeking to meet stringent environmental regulations and improve operational efficiency. As fuel costs remain volatile, the adoption of AM for producing lightweight brackets, ducts, and structural components is accelerating across both commercial and military aviation sectors.

#### Restraint:

##### High costs of materials and specialized equipment

Materials like titanium alloys and high-performance polymers, which must meet stringent aerospace quality standards, are expensive to produce and certify. Furthermore, industrial-grade 3D printers capable of producing large, high-precision components require substantial capital investment. Post-processing steps, such as heat treatment and surface finishing, add further to the overall production cost. These financial barriers can be prohibitive for small and medium-sized enterprises, limiting the technology's widespread diffusion across the supply chain.

#### Opportunity:

##### Growth of on-demand and decentralized spare parts production

Additive manufacturing offers a transformative solution by enabling the digital storage of part files and the on-demand production of components at the point of need, whether at maintenance hubs or even on-board naval vessels. This decentralized model drastically reduces warehousing costs, eliminates long lead times associated with traditional supply chains, and mitigates the risk of parts obsolescence for aging aircraft fleets. As digital inventories become more secure and printers more reliable, the shift toward on-demand printing of spare parts presents a massive growth opportunity for the market.

#### Threat:

##### Cybersecurity risks to digital intellectual property

As the aerospace industry transitions to a digital thread for additive manufacturing, the threat of cyber-attacks targeting proprietary design data becomes a critical concern. A compromised file could lead to the production of a defective part with catastrophic safety implications. Ensuring the integrity and security of the digital workflow, from design to printer, requires robust encryption and blockchain technologies. This vulnerability creates a significant operational threat, demanding continuous investment

in cybersecurity measures to protect both physical assets and digital blueprints.

### **Covid-19 Impact:**

The pandemic exposed critical vulnerabilities in global aerospace supply chains, leading to production halts and part shortages. This disruption unexpectedly accelerated the adoption of additive manufacturing as a resilient alternative. Companies turned to 3D printing to produce tooling, personal protective equipment, and even critical flight parts when traditional suppliers were unable to deliver. Post-pandemic, the focus has shifted to building more resilient supply networks, with additive manufacturing firmly established as a strategic tool for mitigating future disruptions and enabling just-in-time manufacturing.

The metals segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The metals segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period, driven by its critical role in producing high-strength, end-use parts for airframes and engines. Titanium, aluminum, and nickel-based superalloys are essential for manufacturing lightweight structural brackets, complex fuel nozzles, and heat exchangers. These materials offer the necessary mechanical properties to withstand the extreme conditions of flight.

The space segment is expected to have the highest CAGR during the forecast period

Over the forecast period, the space segment is predicted to witness the highest growth rate, fueled by the new space economy and satellite constellation deployments. Additive manufacturing enables production of complex, lightweight components for rocket engines and spacecraft, reducing launch costs significantly. Private space companies are leveraging 3D printing for rapid prototyping and producing end-use parts with advanced materials. The technology supports on-demand manufacturing of custom components in remote locations, including potential lunar or Martian habitats.

### **Region with largest share:**

During the forecast period, the North America region is expected to hold the largest market share, driven by the presence of major aerospace primes and a robust defense budget. The United States, in particular, is a hub for innovation, with significant government and private investment in AM technologies from companies like GE Aviation and Boeing. Strong collaboration between research institutions, material

suppliers, and manufacturers accelerates technology readiness.

### **Region with highest CAGR:**

Over the forecast period, the Asia Pacific region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR, fueled by rapidly expanding commercial aviation fleets and increasing defense spending. Countries like China and India are investing heavily in modernizing their aerospace manufacturing capabilities and reducing import dependence. Government initiatives are promoting the adoption of Industry 4.0 technologies, including additive manufacturing, to build self-sufficient aerospace supply chains.

### **Key players in the market**

Some of the key players in Aerospace Additive Manufacturing Market include Stratasys Ltd., 3D Systems Corporation, GE Additive, EOS GmbH, Renishaw plc, SLM Solutions Group AG, Materialise NV, Optomec Inc., ExOne Company, Arcam AB, Voxeljet AG, Sciaky Inc., Additive Industries, H?gan?s AB, and GKN Aerospace.

### **Key Developments:**

In February 2026, 3D Systems announced three new NextDent® Jet Base shades for its NextDent Jetted Denture Solution: Dark Pink (DP), Light Pink (LP), and Red Pink (RP). The new shade materials join the existing NextDent Jet Base LT, providing a total of four shades to more accurately match diverse natural gum tones from lighter to deeper and ruddier variations. This expanded portfolio enables dental laboratories to address real patient diversity with great confidence, delivering highly personalized, esthetically superior restorations that improve fit, comfort, and case acceptance rates.

In January 2026, GKN Aerospace in Sweden has entered a long-term partnership with Edvin Anger, one of Sweden's most promising cross country skiing talents. GKN Aerospace highlights that the collaboration is based on shared values of development and innovation. Development and innovation are core values driving the company's ambition to shape the future of flight, values that also reflect Edvin's commitment to the World Championships in Falun. The company looks forward to supporting his long term journey.

### **Material Types Covered:**

Metals

Polymers

Ceramics

Other Material Types

Technologies Covered:

Powder Bed Fusion

Directed Energy Deposition

Binder Jetting

Material Extrusion

Material Jetting

Vat Photopolymerization

Platforms Covered:

Aircraft

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)

Spacecraft

Applications Covered:

Prototyping

Tooling

Production

Maintenance & Repair

Other Applications

End Users Covered:

Commercial Aviation

Military & Defense

Space

Other End Users

Regions Covered:

North America

United States

Canada

Mexico

Europe

United Kingdom

Germany

France

Italy

Spain

Netherlands

Belgium

Sweden

Switzerland

Poland

Rest of Europe

#### Asia Pacific

China

Japan

India

South Korea

Australia

Indonesia

Thailand

Malaysia

Singapore

Vietnam

Rest of Asia Pacific

#### South America

Brazil

Argentina

Colombia

Chile

Peru

Rest of South America

Rest of the World (RoW)

Middle East

Saudi Arabia

United Arab Emirates

Qatar

Israel

Rest of Middle East

Africa

South Africa

Egypt

Morocco

Rest of Africa

**What our report offers:**

- Market share assessments for the regional and country-level segments
- Strategic recommendations for the new entrants

- Covers Market data for the years 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2030, 2032 and 2034
- Market Trends (Drivers, Constraints, Opportunities, Threats, Challenges, Investment Opportunities, and recommendations)
- Strategic recommendations in key business segments based on the market estimations
- Competitive landscaping mapping the key common trends
- Company profiling with detailed strategies, financials, and recent developments
- Supply chain trends mapping the latest technological advancements

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Comprehensive profiling of additional market players (up to 3)

SWOT Analysis of key players (up to 3)

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