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Hydrogen Steel Manufacturing Market Forecasts to 2034 – Global Analysis By Production Route (Direct Reduced Iron (DRI) with Hydrogen, Hydrogen-Based Blast Furnace, Electric Arc Furnace with Hydrogen and Other Production Routes), Component, Hydrogen Source, Application, End User and By Geography

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Abstracts

According to Stratistics MRC, the Global Hydrogen Steel Manufacturing Market is accounted for $1.5 billion in 2026 and is expected to reach $35 billion by 2034 growing at a CAGR of 48% during the forecast period. Hydrogen Steel Manufacturing refers to the production of steel using hydrogen as a reducing agent instead of carbon-intensive coke in traditional blast furnace processes. This method significantly reduces carbon dioxide emissions, making steel production more environmentally sustainable. Technologies such as direct reduced iron (DRI) use green hydrogen to convert iron ore into steel. Although still in early stages of adoption, hydrogen-based steelmaking is gaining momentum due to climate regulations and industry commitments to decarbonization, offering a pathway toward low-carbon industrial production.

Market Dynamics:

Driver:

Decarbonization of steel production processes

Traditional steelmaking methods, particularly blast furnace-based routes, are highly carbon-intensive and contribute substantially to global emissions. Hydrogen-based steel production offers a low-carbon alternative by replacing coke with hydrogen in the

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reduction process. This approach can significantly reduce or eliminate carbon dioxide emissions when green hydrogen is used. Governments, steel manufacturers, and environmental organizations are increasingly supporting the transition toward cleaner production technologies. Therefore, the urgent need to decarbonize the steel industry is expected to strongly accelerate the adoption of hydrogen-based steel manufacturing.

Restraint:

Limited hydrogen infrastructure availability

Large-scale hydrogen production, storage, and transportation systems are still under development in many regions. Establishing hydrogen supply chains requires significant investment in pipelines, storage facilities, and distribution networks. The lack of existing infrastructure can hinder the seamless integration of hydrogen into steel production processes. Additionally, logistical challenges related to hydrogen handling and safety further complicate implementation. Consequently, infrastructure limitations may slow the pace of market adoption.

Opportunity:

Partnerships for hydrogen supply chains

Steel manufacturers, energy companies, and technology providers are increasingly collaborating to establish integrated hydrogen ecosystems. These partnerships aim to ensure a reliable and cost-effective hydrogen supply for industrial applications. Joint ventures and long-term agreements can help accelerate infrastructure development and reduce operational risks. Additionally, collaboration with renewable energy providers supports the production of green hydrogen. Therefore, the formation of strong hydrogen supply partnerships is expected to play a pivotal role in market expansion.

Threat:

Volatility in hydrogen production costs

The cost of hydrogen production varies depending on the energy source, technology used, and market conditions. Green hydrogen, while environmentally sustainable, is currently more expensive than conventional fuels. Fluctuations in renewable energy prices and electrolyzer costs can further impact hydrogen pricing. These uncertainties

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may affect the economic feasibility of hydrogen-based steel production. As a result, cost volatility could influence investment decisions and market growth.

Covid-19 Impact:

The COVID-19 pandemic had a moderate impact on the Hydrogen Steel Manufacturing Market. During the initial phase, disruptions in industrial operations and supply chains affected steel production and project timelines. However, the pandemic also accelerated the focus on sustainable industrial practices and green recovery strategies. Governments introduced stimulus packages emphasizing clean energy and low-carbon technologies. This created increased interest in hydrogen-based industrial applications, including steel manufacturing. Investments in hydrogen infrastructure and pilot projects gained momentum in the post-pandemic period.

The blue hydrogen segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The blue hydrogen segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period as it offers a transitional solution toward low-carbon steel production. Blue hydrogen is produced from natural gas with carbon capture and storage, reducing emissions compared to traditional methods. It is currently more commercially viable and scalable than green hydrogen in many regions. Steel manufacturers are adopting blue hydrogen as an intermediate step toward full decarbonization. Additionally, existing natural gas infrastructure can support blue hydrogen production and distribution.

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

Over the forecast period, the energy sector segment is predicted to witness the highest growth rate due to its critical role in hydrogen production and supply. Energy companies are investing heavily in hydrogen generation technologies, including electrolysis and carbon capture systems. The integration of renewable energy sources with hydrogen production is further driving innovation in this sector. Increasing demand for green hydrogen across industries is encouraging energy providers to expand their capabilities. Additionally, collaborations between energy firms and steel manufacturers are strengthening supply chains.

Region with largest share:

During the forecast period, the Europe region is expected to hold the largest market

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share owing to the region has established ambitious climate targets and strong regulatory frameworks aimed at reducing industrial carbon emissions. European countries are actively investing in hydrogen technologies and green steel initiatives. Several pilot projects and large-scale hydrogen-based steel plants are being developed across the region. Additionally, government funding and policy support are accelerating the adoption of low-carbon production methods.

Region with highest CAGR:

Over the forecast period, the Asia Pacific region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR driven by rapid industrialization and expanding steel production capacity. Countries such as China, Japan, South Korea, and India are major contributors to global steel output. Increasing pressure to reduce carbon emissions is encouraging these nations to explore hydrogen-based production technologies. Governments are also investing in hydrogen infrastructure and renewable energy development. Additionally, growing demand for sustainable steel in construction and manufacturing sectors supports market growth.

Key players in the market

Some of the key players in Hydrogen Steel Manufacturing Market include ArcelorMittal S.A., SSAB AB, Tata Steel Limited, POSCO Holdings Inc., Nippon Steel Corporation, Thyssenkrupp AG, HBIS Group, China Baowu Steel Group, Voestalpine AG, JFE Steel Corporation, Nucor Corporation, United States Steel Corporation, Salzgitter AG, Hyundai Steel Company, JSW Steel Ltd. and Eramet Group.

Key Developments:

In September 2025, SSAB partnered with GE Vernova to supply SSAB Zero™ steel for nearly 700 onshore wind towers in the United States for the SunZia Wind Farm project, marking the first commercial application of near-zero CO? steel in the wind energy sector. The collaboration aims to build a clean energy supply chain and support both companies' decarbonization targets.

In July 2025, ArcelorMittal announced a collaboration with U.S.-based Utility Global to pilot a clean hydrogen production system at its Juiz de Fora facility in Brazil, which has entered the Front-End Engineering and Design (FEED) phase.

Production Routes Covered:

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- Direct Reduced Iron (DRI) with Hydrogen
- Hydrogen-Based Blast Furnace
- Electric Arc Furnace with Hydrogen
- Other Production Routes

Components Covered:

- Electrolyzers
- Hydrogen Storage Systems
- Reduction Furnaces
- Carbon Capture Systems
- Other Components

Hydrogen Sources Covered:

- Green Hydrogen
- Blue Hydrogen
- Turquoise Hydrogen
- Other Hydrogen Sources

Applications Covered:

- Flat Steel Production
- Long Steel Production

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- Specialty Steel Production
- Automotive Steel
- Construction Steel
- Other Applications

End Users Covered:

- Infrastructure Development
- Shipbuilding
- Energy Sector
- Industrial Machinery
- Other End Users

Regions Covered:

- North America
  - United States
  - Canada
  - Mexico
- Europe
  - United Kingdom
  - Germany
  - France

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- Italy
- Spain
- Netherlands
- Belgium
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Poland
- Rest of Europe

Asia Pacific

- China
- Japan
- India
- South Korea
- Australia
- Indonesia
- Thailand
- Malaysia
- Singapore
- Vietnam

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- 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

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What our report offers:

- Market share assessments for the regional and country-level segments
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