

Non-Halogenated Flame Retardants For Composites Market Forecasts to 2032 – Global Analysis By Type (Phosphorus-Based Flame Retardants, Nitrogen-Based Flame Retardants, Mineral-Based Flame Retardants, Intumescent Flame Retardants and Other Types), Resin Type, Composite Type, Formulation, Application, End User and By Geography

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Abstracts

According to Statistics MRC, the Global Non-Halogenated Flame Retardants For Composites Market is accounted for \$889.7 million in 2025 and is expected to reach \$1,574.9 million by 2032 growing at a CAGR of 8.5% during the forecast period. Non-halogenated flame retardants for composites are environmentally safer additives used to enhance fire resistance in composite materials without relying on halogen-based chemicals. These retardants are typically incorporated into thermoset and thermoplastic matrices to meet stringent fire safety standards across industries such as automotive, aerospace, electronics, and construction. They function by promoting char formation, diluting combustible gases, or absorbing heat, thereby reducing flammability. Their adoption is driven by regulatory compliance, sustainability goals, and demand for low-toxicity, high-performance flame protection solutions.

Market Dynamics:

Driver:

Rising use of lightweight composites in automotive and aerospace

Non-halogenated additives offer thermal stability and low toxicity, making them ideal for

use in structural components, interior panels, and insulation systems. These industries prioritize weight reduction to enhance fuel efficiency and reduce emissions, while maintaining stringent fire safety standards. As electric vehicles and next-generation aircraft designs evolve, the integration of flame-retardant composites is becoming a critical design requirement. This trend is expected to accelerate as manufacturers seek sustainable and regulatory-compliant solutions.

Restraint:

Limited availability of high-performance bio-based alternatives

Many bio-derived additives struggle with thermal degradation, compatibility with composite matrices, or scalability in industrial applications. Additionally, the cost of developing and certifying new bio-based solutions remains high, limiting their commercial adoption. This challenge is particularly evident in sectors requiring high mechanical strength and long-term durability, such as aerospace and marine composites. As a result, manufacturers often rely on mineral- or phosphorus-based alternatives until bio-based options mature.

Opportunity:

Innovation in phosphorus-, nitrogen-, and mineral-based chemistries

Advancements in phosphorus-, nitrogen-, and mineral-based flame retardant technologies are opening new avenues for composite applications. These chemistries offer enhanced fire resistance, reduced smoke emission, and improved environmental profiles compared to halogenated counterparts. Recent developments include synergistic blends that improve char formation and thermal insulation, enabling better performance in high-stress environments. The push for REACH and RoHS compliance is also encouraging manufacturers to invest in safer, non-toxic formulations.

Threat:

Intellectual property barriers

Smaller manufacturers and regional suppliers often face licensing hurdles or limited R&D capabilities, slowing their ability to compete globally. Additionally, the complexity of integrating flame retardants into composite systems without compromising mechanical or aesthetic properties requires specialized know-how that is not widely available.

These IP constraints may hinder collaborative development and delay the commercialization of next-generation, eco-friendly solutions.

Covid-19 Impact:

The COVID-19 pandemic had a dual impact on the non-halogenated flame retardants for composites market. On one hand, disruptions in global supply chains affected the availability of raw materials and delayed production schedules, particularly in sectors like aerospace and automotive. On the other hand, the crisis accelerated demand for safer, sustainable materials in healthcare infrastructure and electronics, where fire safety is paramount. Manufacturers also reevaluated sourcing strategies and began investing in regional supply resilience.

The phosphorus-based flame retardants segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The phosphorus-based flame retardants segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period due to their high thermal stability, low toxicity, and compatibility with various polymer matrices. These retardants function by promoting char formation and reducing flammable gas release, making them ideal for electrical, automotive, and construction sectors. Their effectiveness in thermoset and thermoplastic composites has led to broad adoption across industries seeking halogen-free alternatives. Additionally, regulatory pressure against halogenated chemicals is accelerating the shift toward phosphorus-based solutions.

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

Over the forecast period, the polyester resin segment is predicted to witness the highest growth rate as these compounds are increasingly used in epoxy, polyolefin, and polyester-based composites, offering reliable performance without compromising mechanical integrity. Their versatility across multiple resin systems and ease of integration into existing manufacturing processes make them a preferred choice. Moreover, ongoing innovations in reactive and additive phosphorus formulations are expanding their applicability in high-performance composite structures.

Region with largest share:

During the forecast period, the North America region is expected to hold the largest

market share driven by robust aerospace and automotive industries, stringent fire safety regulations, and early adoption of sustainable materials. The region benefits from advanced R&D infrastructure and strong regulatory frameworks that favor non-halogenated solutions. Key players are investing in high-performance composites for electric vehicles, defense applications, and smart buildings, further boosting market penetration.

Region with highest CAGR:

Over the forecast period, the North America region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR fueled by rapid industrialization, infrastructure development, and expanding electronics manufacturing. Countries like China, India, and South Korea are investing heavily in transportation, renewable energy, and smart city projects, all of which require fire-safe composite materials. Government initiatives promoting environmental compliance and domestic innovation are encouraging local manufacturers to adopt non-halogenated flame retardants.

Key players in the market

Some of the key players in Non-Halogenated Flame Retardants For Composites Market include ICL Group, Clariant AG, Lanxess AG, Albemarle Corporation, BASF SE, Huber Engineered Materials, Thor Group, Italmatch Chemicals, Nabaltec AG, Greenchemicals Srl, ADEKA Corporation, DAIHACHI Chemical Industry Co. Ltd., Jiangsu Yoke Technology Co. Ltd., Shandong Brother Sci.&Tech Co. Ltd., Zhejiang Chitec Technology Co. Ltd., and Sibelco Group.

Key Developments:

In November 2025, Clariant and FUHUA launched a JV in Sichuan for halogen-free flame retardants targeting electronics and construction. The CHF 100M investment includes new production lines at Daya Bay and Cangzhou.

In November 2025, BASF commenced production at its Zhanjiang Verbund site, marking its largest single investment project. The facility will support sustainable chemical manufacturing in South China.-

In April 2025, ICL acquired Evogene's subsidiary Lavie Bio, expanding its ag-biologicals portfolio and AI-driven MicroBoost platform. The deal strengthens ICL's position in sustainable agriculture and microbiome-based solutions.

Types Covered:

Phosphorus-Based Flame Retardants

Nitrogen-Based Flame Retardants

Mineral-Based Flame Retardants

Intumescent Flame Retardants

Other Types

Resin Types Covered:

Epoxy Resin

Polyester Resin

Vinyl Ester Resin

Phenolic Resin

Other Resins

Composite Types Covered:

Glass Fiber Composites

Carbon Fiber Composites

Natural Fiber Composites

Other Composite Types

Formulations Covered:

Compounds

Masterbatches

Liquid Formulations

Powder Formulations

Other Formulations

Applications Covered:

Pultrusion

Filament Winding

Resin Transfer Molding

Lay-up Process

Other Applications

End Users Covered:

Automotive

Aerospace & Defense

Construction

Electrical & Electronics

Textiles

Consumer Goods

Other End Users

Regions Covered:

North America

US

Canada

Mexico

Europe

Germany

UK

Italy

France

Spain

Rest of Europe

Asia Pacific

Japan

China

India

Australia

New Zealand

South Korea

Rest of Asia Pacific

South America

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Rest of South America

Middle East & Africa

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UAE

Qatar

South Africa

Rest of Middle East & Africa

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