

# Prepreg Market Forecasts to 2032 – Global Analysis By Fiber Type (Carbon Fiber Prepreg, Aramid Fiber Prepreg, Glass Fiber Prepreg, and Other Fiber Types), Resin Type, Form, Manufacturing Process, Application and By Geography

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## Abstracts

According to Statistics MRC, the Global Prepreg Market is accounted for \$15.85 billion in 2025 and is expected to reach \$36.85 billion by 2032 growing at a CAGR of 12.8% during the forecast period. Prepreg is a composite material in which reinforcement fibers like carbon, glass, or aramid are pre-coated with a partially cured resin, commonly epoxy. It is preserved under specific conditions to maintain quality until application. Known for uniform resin content, high strength, and lightweight characteristics, prepregs are extensively utilized in aerospace, automotive, sporting goods, and other fields that demand durable, high-performance materials with accurate structural engineering.

Market Dynamics:

Driver:

Rising demand in aerospace and defense sector

Demand for prepreg materials is accelerating in aerospace and defense as manufacturers seek lighter, stronger, and more fuel-efficient solutions. Carbon fiber prepregs are increasingly used in aircraft fuselages, wing assemblies, and rotor systems for their superior mechanical performance. Defense programs are incorporating them into ballistic panels, UAV airframes, and missile components, aided by innovations in thermoset and thermoplastic resin technologies. Advances in automated layup and out-of-autoclave curing are streamlining production while

lowering costs. This momentum is underpinned by global fleet expansion, defense modernization, and stricter environmental regulations in aviation.

#### Restraint:

##### Limited shelf life and storage requirements

Prepregs must be stored under tightly controlled conditions, often at deep freeze temperatures, to preserve resin stability and prevent premature curing. Their finite shelf life creates logistical and cost challenges, particularly in markets with limited cold chain infrastructure. Specialized refrigeration units, temperature tracking systems, and climate-controlled transport add to operational expenses. Any deviation from optimal storage can result in material degradation and costly waste. While research into longer-life resin systems and on-demand prepregging is underway, adoption remains limited. Until these solutions mature, storage constraints will continue to hinder broader market uptake, especially in cost-sensitive sectors.

#### Opportunity:

##### Adoption in renewable energy structures

Carbon and glass fiber prepregs enable longer blades with improved efficiency and durability, critical for both onshore and offshore installations. Offshore projects, in particular, are benefiting from hybrid manufacturing approaches that combine automated fiber placement with resin infusion. Policy incentives in Europe, Asia, and North America are accelerating the shift toward high performance composites in clean energy infrastructure. Development of recyclable thermoplastic prepregs is aligning with sustainability mandates and circular economy goals. As turbine blade lengths surpass 100 meters, prepregs are becoming essential for structural performance and fatigue resistance.

#### Threat:

##### Competition from alternative composite materials

Alternative composite processes such as resin transfer molding (RTM) and vacuum-assisted resin infusion (VARI) are challenging prepregs by offering lower costs and simpler storage requirements. These methods are gaining traction in applications where ultra-high performance is not critical. Advances in high-grade thermoplastics

and hybrid composites are further eroding prepreg exclusivity in some markets. Automotive and marine manufacturers, in particular, are exploring these options for non-primary structural parts. Competitive pressure is intensifying as Chinese producers scale up carbon fiber output, driving down prices.

### Covid-19 Impact

The pandemic initially disrupted prepreg supply chains through factory shutdowns, labor shortages, and delays in aerospace and wind energy projects. Aircraft program slowdowns and postponed turbine installations dampened short-term demand. At the same time, manufacturers accelerated adoption of digital tools for remote quality control and predictive maintenance. Defense sector orders provided some stability, preventing a steeper decline. As restrictions eased, backlogged aerospace and renewable projects reignited material demand. The crisis also highlighted the importance of supply chain diversification and regionalized production to mitigate future disruptions.

The carbon fiber prepreg segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The carbon fiber prepreg segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period, due to their exceptional strength to weight ratio and resistance to fatigue. They are indispensable in aerospace, defense, and wind energy for high load, safety critical components. Ongoing improvements in carbon fiber production, such as more efficient PAN precursor processing, are lowering costs and broadening adoption. Both autoclave and out-of-autoclave curing techniques are being refined to handle larger, more complex parts. Strategic alliances between fiber manufacturers and prepreggers are ensuring consistent supply and quality control. With growing use in electric vehicles and premium sports equipment, carbon fiber prepregs will remain the market's flagship material.

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

Over the forecast period, the wind energy segment is predicted to witness the highest growth rate, fuelled by the global push for renewable power. The trend toward ultra-long blades is pushing composite engineering to new limits. Prepregs made from carbon and glass fibers allow lighter designs that can endure harsh offshore environments. Robotics and automated tape laying are boosting efficiency in large-scale blade production. Government subsidies and corporate sustainability

commitments are accelerating wind farm deployment worldwide. As recycling solutions for composite blades advance, prepregs will gain further traction in sustainable energy applications.

Region with largest share:

During the forecast period, the Asia Pacific region is expected to hold the largest market share supported by its robust aerospace, automotive, and wind energy manufacturing base. China, Japan, and India are leading adopters, investing heavily in both production capacity and application innovation. Regional industries are integrating composites into high-speed rail, shipbuilding, and defense systems. Government programs promoting renewable energy and lightweight transport are further stimulating demand. Local producers are adopting automation and advanced quality control to meet international standards.

Region with highest CAGR:

Over the forecast period, the North America region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR, driven by aerospace, defense, and renewable energy investments. The U.S. aerospace sector's emphasis on composite-intensive aircraft and defense upgrades is a key driver. Offshore wind initiatives along the East Coast are creating new demand for large prepreg blades. Advanced manufacturing clusters in the U.S. and Canada are deploying automation, AI-based defect detection, and rapid-cure systems. Supportive regulations and strong R&D funding are fostering breakthroughs in thermoplastic and recyclable prepregs.

Key players in the market

Some of the key players profiled in the Prepreg Market include Hexcel Corporation, Hankuk Carbon Co., Ltd., Toray Industries, Inc., ACP Composites, Inc., Teijin Limited, Plastic Reinforcement Fabrics Ltd., Mitsubishi Chemical Carbon Fiber and Composites, Inc., Rock West Composites, Inc., SGL Carbon SE, Royal TenCate N.V., Gurit Holding AG, Axiom Materials, Inc., Park Aerospace Corp., Unicarbons, Inc., AND Solvay S.A.

Key Developments:

In June 2025, Kongsberg Defence & Aerospace AS (KONGSBERG) and HEXCEL Corporation (HEXCEL) have signed a long-term partnership agreement at the Paris Air Show for the supply of HexWeb® engineered honeycombs and HexPly® prepregs

for KONGSBERG's strategic production programs over a five-year period.

In April 2025, Toray Industries, Inc. and Major League Pickleball (MLP) announced an agreement naming Toray a platinum partner with Kitchen branding at the professional, coed, and team pickleball league's events. This partnership makes Toray the first-ever Asia-based partner of MLP, expanding the league's brand reach internationally as pickleball continues its unmatched domestic growth.

#### Fiber Types Covered:

Carbon Fiber Prepreg

Aramid Fiber Prepreg

Glass Fiber Prepreg

Other Fiber Types

#### Resin Types Covered:

Epoxy Resin Prepreg

Polyimide Resin Prepreg

Phenolic Resin Prepreg

Thermoplastic Prepreg

Other Resin Types

#### Forms Covered:

Unidirectional (UD) Prepreg

Fabric Prepreg

Tow Prepreg

**Manufacturing Processes Covered:**

Hot-Melt

Solvent Dip

**Applications Covered:**

Aerospace & Defense

Electronics

Wind Energy

Marine

Automotive

Sporting Goods

Other Applications

**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

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Rest of South America

Middle East & Africa

Saudi Arabia

UAE

Qatar

South Africa

Rest of Middle East & Africa

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