

Safety Motion Control Market Forecasts to 2032 – Global Analysis By Type (Open-Loop Systems and Closed-Loop Systems), Component, System Function, Application, End User and By Geography

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Abstracts

According to Statistics MRC, the Global Safety Motion Control Market is accounted for \$6.70 billion in 2025 and is expected to reach \$10.42 billion by 2032 growing at a CAGR of 6.5% during the forecast period. Safety Motion Control refers to the integration of safety functions directly into motion control systems to ensure machines operate without posing risks to people, equipment, or processes. It combines functional safety with precise motion management to monitor, control, and safely stop mechanical movements during abnormal conditions. By using safety-rated drives, controllers, sensors, and software, safety motion control enables functions such as safe torque off, safe speed monitoring, and safe positioning. This approach improves productivity, reduces downtime, and ensures compliance with international machine safety standards while maintaining high operational performance.

According to the Motion Control and Motor Association, the global motion control and the motor market experienced record growth in 2018, with USD 3.827 billion in shipments, increasing by 8% from 2017.

Market Dynamics:

Driver:

Rise of collaborative robotics (Cobots)

Cobots are designed to work alongside humans, making precise motion monitoring and

safe speed, position, and torque control essential. Manufacturers are integrating advanced safety motion functions to comply with stringent workplace safety standards while maintaining productivity. As factories move toward flexible and human-centric automation, safety-rated motion control becomes a critical enabler. Industries such as automotive, electronics, and packaging are rapidly adopting cobots for repetitive and high-precision tasks. This trend is pushing OEMs to embed safety directly into drives, motors, and controllers. Consequently, the growth of collaborative robotics is acting as a strong catalyst for the safety motion control market.

Restraint:

Shortage of skilled personnel

Engineers must possess knowledge of functional safety standards such as IEC 61508 and IEC 61800-5-2, along with advanced automation skills. Many end users face challenges in configuring, validating, and certifying safety motion applications. This skills gap increases deployment time and raises overall project costs for manufacturers. Small and mid-sized enterprises are particularly affected due to limited access to trained professionals. Inadequate training can also lead to underutilization of advanced safety features. As a result, the shortage of skilled personnel is constraining broader adoption of safety motion control technologies.

Opportunity:

AI-Driven predictive safety

AI-enabled analytics can predict potential motion-related hazards by analyzing real-time operational data. This allows systems to initiate preventive safety actions before faults or accidents occur. Predictive safety enhances uptime by reducing unplanned shutdowns while maintaining compliance with safety standards. Manufacturers are increasingly combining AI with digital twins and machine learning models to optimize motion behavior. Such capabilities are particularly valuable in high-speed and complex automation environments. The shift toward intelligent, self-adaptive safety systems is opening new avenues for innovation in the market.

Threat:

Cybersecurity vulnerabilities

Networked drives, controllers, and safety PLCs are potential entry points for cyberattacks. A security breach could compromise safety functions, leading to operational disruptions or hazardous situations. Industrial facilities are increasingly exposed due to the convergence of IT and OT systems. Ensuring both functional safety and cybersecurity compliance adds complexity to system design. While standards for industrial cybersecurity are evolving, implementation remains uneven across regions. These vulnerabilities pose a significant threat to market confidence and adoption.

Covid-19 Impact:

The COVID-19 pandemic had a mixed impact on the safety motion control market. Initial lockdowns disrupted manufacturing operations and delayed automation projects across multiple industries. Supply chain interruptions affected the availability of drives, sensors, and control components. However, the crisis accelerated the adoption of automation to reduce dependency on human labor. Companies increasingly invested in safer, more autonomous production lines to ensure business continuity. This shift highlighted the importance of integrated safety motion solutions in resilient manufacturing setups. In the post-pandemic phase, demand has rebounded with a stronger focus on smart and safe automation.

The closed-loop systems segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The closed-loop systems segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period. These systems continuously monitor feedback from encoders and sensors to ensure precise and safe motion execution. Their ability to detect deviations in speed, position, or torque makes them highly reliable for safety-critical applications. Closed-loop control enhances both operational accuracy and worker protection. Industries with high-speed machinery prefer these systems due to their superior performance and fault detection capabilities. Integration with advanced drives and controllers further strengthens their adoption.

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

Over the forecast period, the pharmaceuticals segment is predicted to witness the highest growth rate. Pharmaceutical manufacturing requires extremely precise and contamination-free motion control under strict regulatory oversight. Automated filling, packaging, and inspection systems rely heavily on safety-rated motion functions. The

push toward continuous manufacturing and high-speed production lines is increasing safety requirements. Regulatory compliance and worker protection are critical drivers in this sector. Additionally, rising pharmaceutical demand globally is accelerating investments in advanced automation.

Region with largest share:

During the forecast period, the North America region is expected to hold the largest market share. The region has a high concentration of advanced manufacturing facilities and early adopters of automation technologies. Strong enforcement of occupational safety regulations drives consistent demand for safety solutions. Industries such as automotive, aerospace, and food processing heavily invest in safety-rated motion systems. The presence of leading automation vendors further strengthens market maturity. Continuous upgrades to smart factories are also supporting adoption.

Region with highest CAGR:

Over the forecast period, the Asia Pacific region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR. Rapid industrialization and expansion of manufacturing capacity are key growth drivers. Countries such as China, India, Japan, and South Korea are aggressively investing in factory automation. Rising awareness of worker safety and international compliance standards is boosting demand for safety motion technologies. The growing adoption of robotics across electronics and automotive sectors further accelerates growth. Government initiatives supporting smart manufacturing are also playing a crucial role.

Key players in the market

Some of the key players in Safety Motion Control Market include Siemens AG, Honeywell International Inc., Rockwell Automation, Inc., Lenze SE, Schneider Electric SE, Omron Corporation, ABB Ltd., Yaskawa Electric Corporation, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation, Keyence Corporation, General Electric Company, Eaton Corporation plc, SICK AG, Bosch Rexroth AG, and Pilz GmbH & Co. KG

Key Developments:

In January 2026, Siemens and NVIDIA announced a significant expansion of their strategic partnership to bring artificial intelligence into the real world. Together, the companies aim to develop industrial and physical AI solutions that will bring AI-driven

innovation to every industry and industrial workflow, as well as accelerate each others' operations.

In November 2025, Schneider Electric, and Bloomberg New Economy announced the launch of the Energy Technology Coalition ('Coalition'). This new private sector initiative brings together global decision makers and experts across industries to accelerate the adoption of technologies that make energy consumption more efficient, resilient, and responsive amid soaring global electricity demand.

Types Covered:

Open-Loop Systems

Closed-Loop Systems

Components Covered:

Sensors

Feedback Devices

Motion Controllers

AC Motors

DC Motors

Other Components

System Functions Covered:

Safe Torque Off (STO)

Safe Limited Speed

Safe Stop

Safe Direction

Emergency Stop

Applications Covered:

Assembling

Material Handling

Packaging

Retrofitting of Drive Systems

Machine Building

Motion Control Operations

Servo Presses, Compressors, Pumps

End Users Covered:

Manufacturing

Oil & Gas

Automotive

Logistics & Warehousing

Aerospace & Defense

Pharmaceuticals

Energy & Power

Food & Beverage

Electrical & Electronics

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

Argentina

Brazil

Chile

Rest of South America

Middle East & Africa

Saudi Arabia

UAE

Qatar

South Africa

Rest of Middle East & 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 2024, 2025, 2026, 2028, and 2032
- 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

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- Supply chain trends mapping the latest technological advancements

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Comprehensive profiling of additional market players (up to 3)

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