

# **Tungsten Carbide Market Forecasts to 2032 – Global Analysis By Product Type (Tungsten Carbide Powder, Tungsten Carbide Wear Parts, Tungsten Carbide Tooling and Other Product Types), Grade, Application, End User and By Geography**

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## **Abstracts**

According to Statistics MRC, the Global Tungsten Carbide Market is accounted for \$20.7 billion in 2025 and is expected to reach \$36.2 billion by 2032 growing at a CAGR of 8.3% during the forecast period. Tungsten carbide is a dense, highly durable compound made from tungsten and carbon, known for its extreme hardness and resistance to wear. It is widely used in industrial applications such as cutting tools, mining equipment, and aerospace components due to its ability to withstand high temperatures and mechanical stress. This material is favored in manufacturing for its longevity and efficiency in machining tough metals. Additionally, tungsten carbide is utilized in jewelry, medical instruments, and military applications, offering superior strength compared to conventional metals. Its exceptional durability makes it an essential material in industries requiring high-performance, wear-resistant components.

According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, the total value added by the construction industry in the United States in the first three quarters of 2022 was around USD 2,980 billion, which was roughly 5% higher than the previous year for the same period.

Market Dynamics:

Driver:

Rising demand from the automotive and aerospace industries

Tungsten carbide is widely utilized in engine components, cutting tools, and wear-resistant parts due to its exceptional hardness and durability. The automotive sector relies on tungsten carbide for precision machining, improving fuel efficiency and extending component lifespan. Similarly, the aerospace industry integrates tungsten carbide in critical applications, such as turbine blades and high-performance drills.

Restraint:

Supply chain constraints and raw material availability

Tungsten, a critical component of tungsten carbide, is primarily sourced from a few key regions, making the market vulnerable to geopolitical risks and trade restrictions. Fluctuations in raw material prices can impact production costs, affecting profitability for manufacturers. Additionally, environmental regulations governing tungsten mining and processing add complexity to supply chain management.

Opportunity:

Increased adoption in 3D printing and additive manufacturing

As industries seek advanced materials for high-performance applications, tungsten carbide's exceptional hardness and wear resistance make it an ideal choice for additive manufacturing. Innovations in powder metallurgy and binder jetting technologies are enabling the production of complex tungsten carbide components with enhanced precision. Additionally, the ability to customize tungsten carbide parts through additive manufacturing is driving interest among manufacturers looking for cost-effective and efficient production methods.

Threat:

Substitution by Advanced Ceramics and Coated Carbides

Materials such as silicon carbide and titanium carbide are gaining traction in high-performance applications, particularly in cutting tools and wear-resistant coatings. These alternatives provide enhanced thermal stability and corrosion resistance, making them attractive substitutes for tungsten carbide in certain industries. While tungsten carbide remains a preferred choice for many applications, the threat of substitution necessitates continuous innovation to maintain its competitive edge.

### Covid-19 Impact:

The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the tungsten carbide market by affecting supply chains, production capacities, and demand across industries. Lockdowns and restrictions led to delays in raw material procurement and manufacturing operations, impacting market growth. The decline in automotive and aerospace production during the pandemic further reduced demand for tungsten carbide-based components. However, the market has since rebounded, with industries prioritizing efficiency and durability in material selection.

The tungsten carbide powder segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The tungsten carbide powder segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period due to its widespread use in cemented carbide production. This material serves as the foundation for various applications, including cutting tools, wear-resistant coatings, and industrial machinery components. The exceptional hardness and wear resistance of tungsten carbide powder make it indispensable in metalworking and mining industries.

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

Over the forecast period, the cutting tools segment is predicted to witness the highest growth rate driven by the increasing demand for precision machining in automotive, aerospace, and industrial applications. Tungsten carbide cutting tools offer superior durability and efficiency, reducing downtime and improving productivity in manufacturing processes. The rise of automated machining and CNC technology has further boosted the adoption of tungsten carbide-based cutting tools.

### Region with largest share:

During the forecast period, the North America region is expected to hold the largest market share driven by strong demand from the automotive, aerospace, and defense industries. The region's advanced manufacturing infrastructure and technological innovations contribute to the widespread adoption of tungsten carbide-based components. Additionally, government initiatives supporting domestic tungsten production and material research are strengthening market growth. The presence of

leading industry players and research institutions focused on material advancements further reinforces North America's market position.

Region with highest CAGR:

Over the forecast period, the Asia Pacific region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR fueled by rapid industrialization and increasing investments in manufacturing and infrastructure development. Countries such as China, Japan, and South Korea are leading the adoption of tungsten carbide in automotive, electronics, and construction sectors. The region's thriving mining industry also supports tungsten carbide production, ensuring a stable supply of raw materials.

Key players in the market

Some of the key players in Tungsten Carbide Market include Ceratizit S.A., China Tungsten Online (Xiamen) Manu. & Sales Corp., Chongyi ZhangYuan Tungsten Co., Ltd, Extramet, Federal Carbide Company, Guangdong Xianglu Tungsten Co., Ltd., H.C. Starck GmbH, Hitachi Metals, Japan New Metal Co., Ltd, Kennametal Inc., Merck KGaA, Nanchang Cemented Carbide Co., Ltd, Reade International Corp., Sandvik AB, Sumitomo Corporation, and Umicore.

Key Developments:

In February 2025, Guangdong Xianglu Tungsten Co., Ltd announced its February 2025 long-term contract prices for tungsten products, including 55% black tungsten ore at 142,500 yuan/standard mt and APT at 212,000 yuan/mt.

In December 2024, H.C. Starck was officially acquired by Mitsubishi Materials Corporation, expanding MMC's global tungsten capabilities across Germany, Canada, and China.

In September 2024, Xianglu Tungsten launched a project to produce 30 billion meters of ultra-fine tungsten alloy wire for photovoltaic applications, investing 515 million yuan, with the first phase expected to be operational by October 2024.

Product Types Covered:

Tungsten Carbide Powder

Tungsten Carbide Wear Parts

Tungsten Carbide Tooling

Other Product Types

Grades Covered:

Rotary Drilling & Mining Grade

Metal Forming & Wear Grades

Submicron Grade

Corrosion Resistant Grades

General Purpose Grades

Applications Covered:

Cutting Tools

Wear Parts

Mining & Construction Tools

Mill Products

Surgical Instruments

Sports Equipment

Jewelry & Fashion Items

Other Applications

**End Users Covered:**

Automotive

Mining &amp; Construction

Oil &amp; Gas

Aerospace &amp; Defense

Industrial Manufacturing

Electronics

Healthcare

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

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Saudi Arabia

UAE

Qatar

South Africa

## Rest of Middle East & Africa

What our report offers:

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