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Automotive Clutch Pressure Plate Market ? Global Industry Size, Share, Trends, Opportunity, and Forecast, Segmented By Vehicle Type (Two-Wheeler, Passenger Car, Light Commercial Vehicle, Medium & Heavy Commercial Vehicle Market), By Demand Category (OEM vs Replacement), By Product Type (Coil Spring Type, Diaphragm Type) By Region & Competition, 2021-2031F

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Abstracts

The Global Automotive Clutch Pressure Plate Market is projected to expand from USD 3.82 Billion in 2025 to USD 5.84 Billion by 2031, reflecting a CAGR of 7.33%. This component serves as a critical mechanical assembly within manual and automated manual transmission systems, responsible for exerting force on the clutch disc to engage engine power with the drivetrain. Market growth is primarily supported by the consistent manufacturing of heavy commercial vehicles that rely on manual gearboxes, alongside a continuous need for aftermarket replacements due to the frictional wear inherent to component operation. Highlighting the sector's scale, the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India reported that the automotive component industry turnover reached USD 80.2 billion in 2025, with drive transmission parts distinguishing themselves as a leading export segment.

However, the market faces a substantial structural challenge due to the accelerating global shift toward vehicle electrification and the rising adoption of automatic transmissions in passenger cars. Battery electric vehicles generally operate without multi-speed gearboxes and traditional friction clutch mechanisms, which directly eliminates the necessity for pressure plates in these new platforms. This transition

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compels suppliers to adapt their manufacturing capabilities as the dominance of internal combustion engines diminishes in major automotive hubs, fundamentally altering the long-term landscape for traditional drivetrain suppliers.

Market Driver

Rising global automotive production acts as a primary catalyst for the clutch pressure plate market, particularly in manufacturing powerhouses where internal combustion engines remain dominant. As original equipment manufacturers ramp up assembly lines to meet renewed consumer demand, the procurement of drivetrain sub-assemblies has intensified, directly boosting orders for friction clutch systems. This surge is quantitatively evident in China, the world's largest automotive production hub, where the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers reported in July 2025 that automobile output totaled 15.62 million units in the first half of the year, representing a 12.5 percent year-on-year increase. Such robust manufacturing volumes ensure a steady baseline demand for pressure plates required for new vehicle installations.

Concurrently, growing aftermarket demand for clutch replacement serves as a vital market sustainment factor, driven by an aging global fleet that necessitates periodic maintenance. Pressure plates are subject to frictional wear, and as vehicles extend their operational service life, the frequency of component replacement in the secondary market accelerates, particularly in cost-conscious regions where repair is prioritized over new vehicle purchase. According to the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India's July 2025 review, the automotive aftermarket turnover grew by 6 percent to reach USD 11.8 billion. Additionally, global trade facilitates this availability, with auto component exports growing by 8 percent to USD 22.9 billion in 2025, underscoring the resilience of the international drivetrain supply chain.

Market Challenge

The accelerating global transition toward vehicle electrification and the rising preference for automatic transmissions present a fundamental structural hurdle for the automotive clutch pressure plate market. Battery electric vehicles typically utilize single-speed transmissions that operate via direct drive mechanisms, completely eliminating the need for the friction clutch assemblies found in manual internal combustion engines. This technological shift directly reduces the addressable market for pressure plates, as every electric vehicle produced represents a lost opportunity for traditional transmission component suppliers to secure placement in new fleets.

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This contraction in demand is most evident in major automotive manufacturing hubs where electrification rates are surging and displacing internal combustion engines. According to the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers, in 2024, the sales of new energy vehicles reached 12.87 million units, representing 40.9 percent of the total new vehicle market. With nearly half of the new vehicles in the world's largest auto market requiring no clutch pressure plates, manufacturers face immediate volume constraints. This widespread displacement of manual gearboxes significantly hampers revenue potential for conventional drivetrain parts in the original equipment sector.

Market Trends

The proliferation of Dual-Clutch Transmission (DCT) systems is significantly reshaping the market by increasing component content per vehicle, as these architectures require dual pressure plate assemblies to operate odd and even gear sets independently. This technology is increasingly favored by OEMs to improve drivetrain efficiency and shift dynamics without the energy losses inherent to traditional torque converters, creating a high-value niche for specialized friction modules. Highlighting this shift, BorgWarner Inc. announced in May 2025 that it had secured a new contract with a Chinese transmission manufacturer and a seven-year extension with a German OEM for the supply of dual-clutch modules, reinforcing the strategic importance of this technology.

Concurrently, the development of specialized solutions for hybrid powertrains provides a critical counterbalance to full electrification, as hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs) retain the need for friction coupling devices to manage the interaction between the combustion engine and the electric motor. Manufacturers are engineering robust pressure plates capable of withstanding the frequent engagement cycles and instant torque delivery characteristic of hybrid drive modes, ensuring the component remains relevant in the transitionary era. According to the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association's January 2025 report, hybrid-electric vehicles strengthened their market position in the European Union, capturing a significant 30.9 percent market share of all new car registrations in 2024.

Key Market Players

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BorgWarner Inc.

EXEDY Corporation

ANAND Group

Raicam Clutch Ltd.

Setco Automotive Ltd.

AP Racing

Report Scope

In this report, the Global Automotive Clutch Pressure Plate Market has been segmented into the following categories, in addition to the industry trends which have also been detailed below:

Automotive Clutch Pressure Plate Market, By Vehicle Type

Two-Wheeler

Passenger Car

Light Commercial Vehicle

Medium & Heavy Commercial Vehicle Market

Automotive Clutch Pressure Plate Market, By Demand Category

OEM vs Replacement

Automotive Clutch Pressure Plate Market, By Product Type

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Diaphragm Type

Automotive Clutch Pressure Plate Market, By Region

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United States

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Europe

France

United Kingdom

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Germany

Spain

Asia Pacific

China

India

Japan

Australia

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Brazil

Argentina

Colombia

Middle East & Africa

South Africa

Saudi Arabia

UAE

Competitive Landscape

Company Profiles: Detailed analysis of the major companies present in the Global Automotive Clutch Pressure Plate Market.

Available Customizations:

Global Automotive Clutch Pressure Plate Market report with the given market data, TechSci Research offers customizations according to a company's specific needs. The following customization options are available for the report:

Company Information

Detailed analysis and profiling of additional market players (up to five).

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