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Abstracts

Market Overview

India Airport Ground Support Vehicles Market was valued at USD 535.23 million in 2025 and is expected to reach USD 701.82 million by 2031 with a CAGR of 4.62% during the forecast period. The India Airport Ground Support Vehicles market is witnessing steady development due to increasing airport operations and evolving aviation infrastructure. According to the Airports Authority of India (AAI, 2023), India handled over 350 million total passengers in 2023, driving high demand for ground support vehicles such as baggage tractors, aircraft tugs, and belt loaders.

Rising air traffic has intensified the need for efficient ground handling equipment, ensuring smooth passenger and cargo movement. Investment in modernizing airport facilities has led to the deployment of advanced tugs, belt loaders, pushback tractors, cargo loaders, passenger stairs, and aircraft refuelers, optimizing operational performance. Integration of automation and smart technologies in ground support vehicles enhances safety, reduces turnaround times, and streamlines baggage and cargo handling, creating opportunities for improved airport productivity and efficiency. According to the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA, India, 2024), low-cost carriers now operate over 3,500 aircraft in India, increasing the need for specialized GSE like fuel trucks, catering vehicles, and pushback tugs.

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Several factors are influencing market growth. Growing environmental awareness has encouraged the adoption of electric and hybrid vehicles to reduce carbon emissions and operational costs. Technological innovations such as electric propulsion systems, telematics, and fleet management software are enhancing vehicle performance and reliability. Increasing airport construction and modernization projects, along with higher passenger throughput, demand efficient ground support systems. Rising air cargo demand and the need for rapid aircraft turnaround times are driving investments in versatile ground support vehicles capable of handling multiple functions, offering long-term cost benefits and operational flexibility.

Market Drivers

Rising Air Traffic Demand

Increasing passenger and cargo air traffic is creating a strong need for efficient ground support operations. Airports are required to handle higher volumes of aircraft movement, baggage, and cargo with precision. According to CAPA – Centre for Aviation (2023), India's domestic airline passenger traffic grew 12% year-on-year in 2023, creating operational pressure on airports to deploy efficient ground support vehicles for quick turnaround times.

This growth compels the adoption of advanced ground support vehicles such as tugs, pushback tractors, and belt loaders to manage increased operational load. Efficient vehicle deployment ensures faster turnaround times, minimizes delays, and enhances airport service quality. As air travel continues to expand, the consistent demand for reliable and versatile ground support vehicles acts as a primary driver for market development.

Key Market Challenges

High Initial Investment Costs

Acquiring modern ground support vehicles, particularly electric and hybrid types, requires substantial upfront capital. The purchase price, along with installation of charging infrastructure for electric vehicles, increases financial burden for airports and ground handling operators. Budget constraints may limit fleet expansion or delay replacement of outdated vehicles. While long-term operational savings exist, the initial cost barrier can restrict adoption rates, particularly for smaller airports. Decision-makers

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must balance performance, sustainability, and budget considerations, making high initial investment a persistent challenge for market growth and modernization initiatives.

Key Market Trends

Electrification of Ground Support Vehicles

Airports are increasingly adopting electric vehicles to reduce emissions and operational costs. According to the Airports Authority of India (AAI, 2024), over 15% of newly procured ground support vehicles in major airports are electric, reflecting a gradual shift from diesel-powered fleets to reduce emissions. Electrification covers tugs, refuelers, belt loaders, and pushback tractors, supported by improved battery technology and charging infrastructure. Electric vehicles offer quieter operation, lower maintenance needs, and compliance with environmental regulations. This trend aligns with sustainability goals and rising global focus on green aviation. Operators are gradually transitioning diesel fleets to electric alternatives, fostering long-term energy efficiency while meeting regulatory and operational requirements. The shift toward electrified ground support vehicles is transforming fleet management strategies across airports.

Key Market Players

ASI AG Airport Systems

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Elettricar Sud

Goldhofer AG

JBT Corporation

Kalmar (Cargotec)

Menzies Aviation

Textron GSE

TLD Group

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Tronair, Inc.

Report Scope:

In this report, the India Airport Ground Support Vehicles Market has been segmented into the following categories, in addition to the industry trends which have also been detailed below:

India Airport Ground Support Vehicles Market, By Vehicle Type:

Tugs & Tractors

Belt Loaders

Pushback Tractors

Cargo Loaders

Passenger Stairs

Aircraft Refuelers

Others

India Airport Ground Support Vehicles Market, By Propulsion Type:

Electric

Diesel

Hybrid

India Airport Ground Support Vehicles Market, By Region:

North

South

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West

East

Competitive Landscape

Company Profiles: Detailed analysis of the major companies presents in the India Airport Ground Support Vehicles Market.

Available Customizations:

India Airport Ground Support Vehicles Market report with the given market data, TechSci Research, offers customizations according to the 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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