

Low Carbon Hydrogen Market – Global Industry Size, Share, Trends, Opportunity, and Forecast, Segmented By Process (Steam Methane Reforming (SMR), Autothermal Reforming Biomass Reforming, Electrolysis, Photo Electric Chemical (PEC) Water Splitting, Thermochemical Water Splitting, Biomass Gasification, Coal Gasification, Methane Pyrolysis), By Energy Source (Natural Gas, Solar, Wind, Hybrid, Biomass, Geothermal, Hydro Energy, Tidal), By End-Product (Hydrogen, Ammonia, Liquified Hydrogen, Methane, Methanol), By Region & Competition, 2020-2030F

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Abstracts

Market Overview

The Global Low Carbon Hydrogen Market was valued at USD 27.7 billion in 2024 and is expected to reach USD 64.3 billion by 2030, growing at a CAGR of 14.9% during the forecast period. The market is experiencing robust growth driven by declining renewable energy costs, expanding industrial decarbonization goals, and strong government support. Regulatory frameworks and incentive programs such as the U.S. Inflation Reduction Act and Canada's national hydrogen strategy are promoting the competitiveness of green and blue hydrogen. As industries seek to reduce carbon emissions—particularly in sectors such as steel, chemicals, and heavy transportation—low carbon hydrogen has emerged as a key energy vector.

Technological innovations, including improved electrolyzers and more efficient storage solutions, are enhancing scalability and economic viability. The development of hydrogen infrastructure, such as Spain's pipeline initiatives and major private sector investments like ExxonMobil's USD 30 billion low-carbon commitment, is accelerating adoption. These collective efforts underscore low carbon hydrogen's role in the global shift toward clean and sustainable energy systems.

Key Market Drivers

Government Policies, Incentives, and Regulatory Support

Supportive government frameworks and financial incentives are playing a central role in propelling the global low carbon hydrogen market. Policies such as the U.S. Inflation Reduction Act, which offers generous tax credits for clean hydrogen production, have enabled green and blue hydrogen to compete with conventional fossil fuels. Similarly, the European Union has established ambitious hydrogen production targets, aiming for 10 million tons of green hydrogen annually by 2030. Countries like Japan and South Korea are investing in hydrogen infrastructure and R&D, while Canada is fast-tracking projects through public-private partnerships. In May 2024, the Canada Infrastructure Bank partnered with Vancouver-based HTEC to accelerate hydrogen infrastructure deployment, demonstrating how national strategies are translating into tangible market growth. These initiatives are laying the foundation for a thriving low carbon hydrogen ecosystem by reducing financial risk and encouraging investment.

Key Market Challenges

High Production Costs and Infrastructure Investment Needs

Despite favorable policy momentum, the market faces challenges associated with high production costs and the capital-intensive nature of hydrogen infrastructure development. Green hydrogen, which relies on electrolysis powered by renewable energy, remains more expensive than traditional hydrogen due to the cost of electrolyzers and renewable power infrastructure. While prices have declined, the scale of required investment still limits broader adoption. Electrolyzer production capacity remains constrained, slowing cost reduction through economies of scale. Additionally, blue hydrogen, which uses natural gas in combination with carbon capture and storage (CCS), also faces barriers due to the high costs and limited deployment of CCS systems. Building and maintaining CO₂ transport and storage networks adds further complexity. As a result, cost and infrastructure limitations continue to hinder

scalability, particularly in emerging markets and regions with underdeveloped clean energy ecosystems.

Key Market Trends

Expansion of Green Hydrogen Production and Scaling of Electrolyzer Technologies

A leading trend in the low carbon hydrogen market is the rapid expansion of green hydrogen projects, fueled by advances in electrolyzer technology. Green hydrogen, generated via electrolysis powered by renewables, is gaining momentum as countries seek to decarbonize hard-to-electrify sectors such as heavy industry, long-haul transport, and power generation. Technological advancements have significantly reduced electrolyzer costs—by over 60% in the last decade—making large-scale green hydrogen projects increasingly viable. Scaling of proton exchange membrane (PEM) and alkaline electrolyzers is improving efficiency, while mass production is driving down costs. Nations with abundant renewable resources, such as Australia, the Middle East, and parts of South America, are emerging as key hubs for green hydrogen development. Government policies are reinforcing this trend, with the EU and U.S. offering production targets and subsidies to stimulate investment. As electrolyzer technology matures and integration with solar and wind power improves, green hydrogen is becoming a critical enabler of global net-zero strategies.

Key Market Players

Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.

Nel ASA

ITM Power PLC

Plug Power, Inc.

Siemens Energy AG

Royal Dutch Shell Plc

Linde plc

Hydrogenics Corporation (Cummins Inc.)

Report Scope:

In this report, the Global Low Carbon Hydrogen Market has been segmented into the following categories, in addition to the industry trends which have also been detailed below:

Low Carbon Hydrogen Market, By Process:

Steam Methane Reforming (SMR)

Autothermal Reforming Biomass Reforming

Electrolysis

Photo-Electric Chemical (PEC) Water Splitting

Thermochemical Water Splitting

Biomass Gasification

Coal Gasification

Methane Pyrolysis

Low Carbon Hydrogen Market, By Energy Source:

Natural Gas

Solar

Wind

Hybrid

Biomass

Geothermal

Hydrogen Energy

Tidal

Low Carbon Hydrogen Market, By End-Product:

Hydrogen

Ammonia

Liquified Hydrogen

Methane

Methanol

Low Carbon Hydrogen Market, By Region:

North America

United States

Canada

Mexico

Europe

Germany

France

United Kingdom

Italy

Spain

Asia Pacific

China

India

Japan

South Korea

Australia

South America

Brazil

Colombia

Argentina

Middle East & Africa

Saudi Arabia

UAE

South Africa

Competitive Landscape

Company Profiles: Detailed analysis of the major companies present in the Global Low Carbon Hydrogen Market.

Available Customizations:

Global Low Carbon Hydrogen 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:

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