

# **Asia Pacific Scandium Market Forecast to 2031 - Regional Analysis - by Derivative (Oxide, Iodide, Alloy, Zirconia, and Others) and Application (Aerospace and Defense, Solid Oxide Fuel Cells, Electronics, Ceramics, Lighting, Nuclear Applications, 3D Printing, and Others)**

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## **Abstracts**

The Asia Pacific scandium market was valued at US\$ 71.30 million in 2023 and is expected to reach US\$ 520.03 million by 2031; it is estimated to record a CAGR of 28.2% from 2023 to 2031.

### **Advancements in Extraction and Processing Methods Fuel Cells Bolster Asia Pacific Scandium Market**

The limited availability and high cost of scandium extraction have posed challenges for its large-scale commercialization. However, ongoing research and development in extraction technologies are paving the way for more efficient and cost-effective production methods. Novel extraction techniques, such as solvent extraction, ion exchange, and innovative leaching processes, are being developed to improve scandium recovery from various sources, including ores, industrial waste streams, and by-products of other mining operations. These advancements enhance scandium yield alongside reducing energy consumption, environmental impact, and costs involved in the production process. Innovative refining techniques such as chromatography and crystallization enable the production of scandium compounds with precise specifications and tailored properties. Thus, advancements in processing techniques are resulting in scandium products with enhanced purity and quality, potentially expanding their application range in high-tech industries such as aerospace, defense, electronics, and

clean energy.

Research into the alternative sources of scandium, such as the recycling of end-of-life products and secondary materials such as tungsten or vanadium-titanium extraction processes, offers additional growth avenues for the scandium market. Recycling initiatives contribute to resource conservation and waste reduction. They present a sustainable and reliable supply of scandium, in turn mitigating the dependency on primary sources and impacts of market volatility on the production as well as usage of scandium. In addition, strategic collaborations and partnerships between industry players, research institutes, and government agencies are instrumental in driving innovation and fostering the commercialization of advanced scandium technologies. By pooling resources, expertise, and infrastructure, stakeholders can accelerate the development and deployment of extraction and processing solutions. Thus, advancements in extraction and processing methods unlock significant growth opportunities for the scandium market.

#### Asia Pacific Scandium Market Overview

Rapid economic development and industrialization in Asia Pacific bolster the demand for high-performance materials to support infrastructure development, urbanization, and other technological advancements. Asia Pacific is home to some of the world's largest and fastest-growing aerospace and automotive industries, both of which are major consumers of scandium-containing lightweight and high-strength alloys. These alloys are particularly valuable in aircraft components, automotive parts, and structural materials, among other applications, wherein reducing weight while maintaining performance is crucial for enhancing the final products' fuel efficiency, range, and safety standards. Furthermore, the electronics industry in the Asia Pacific creates a significant demand for high-performance semiconductors. As per a study conducted by the Semiconductor Industry Association, ~75% of global semiconductor capacity is based in East Asia. Building manufacturing facilities in the region is likely to benefit semiconductor companies with up to 25-50% cost savings. The unique properties of scandium make it an attractive material for the production of high-speed and energy-efficient electronic devices, such as computers, smartphones, and data centers.

Moreover, the electronics industry in Asia Pacific is experiencing exponential growth, driven by rising consumer demand for smartphones, tablets, laptops, and other electronic devices. Scandium-containing materials play a crucial role in electronic manufacturing, particularly in semiconductor production, where scandium oxide is used as a dopant to enhance the performance and reliability of semiconductor devices.

Additionally, scandium-based materials are utilized in advanced display technologies, such as OLED and LED displays, which are widely used in televisions, smartphones, and automotive displays. Furthermore, governments in countries like China, Japan, and South Korea are actively supporting the research and development of new technologies, particularly those centered around green energy and aerospace. Scandium's unique properties make it a prime material for these industries, leading to a rise in demand.

## Asia Pacific Scandium Market Revenue and Forecast to 2031 (US\$ Million)

### Asia Pacific Scandium Market Segmentation

The Asia Pacific scandium market is categorized into type, application, and country.

Based on type, the Asia Pacific scandium market is segmented into oxide, iodide, alloy, zirconia, and others. The oxide segment held the largest market share in 2023.

By application, the Asia Pacific scandium market is segmented into aerospace and defense, solid oxide fuel cells, electronics, ceramics, lighting, nuclear applications, 3D printing, and others. The others segment held the largest market share in 2023.

By country, the Asia Pacific scandium market is segmented into Australia, China, India, Japan, South Korea, and the Rest of Asia Pacific. China dominated the Asia Pacific scandium market share in 2023.

American Elements Inc, Strategic Metal Investments Ltd, Rio Tinto Ltd, Scandium International Mining Corporation, Otto Chemie Pvt. Ltd, and Hunan Oriental Scandium Co Ltd. are some of the leading companies operating in the Asia Pacific scandium market.

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