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Abstracts

Military and Aerospace Communication Systems denote highly secure networks and technologies, which allow real-time communication and exchange of data, command, and control over both land, air, sea, and space operations. The systems comprise hardware, software, and satellite connectivity to maintain uninterrupted, encrypted communication in mission-critical settings.

The Military and Aerospace Communication Systems market is set to show a growth rate of about 7.87% during the forecast period (2025-2033F). The market is driven by the growing defense modernization efforts, the growing usage of network-centric warfare strategic plans, and the expanding demand for secure, encrypted information transmission in complicated battlefields. The growth of satellite communication infrastructure, the proliferation of unmanned aerial systems and autonomous systems, and the constant development of high-bandwidth fiber and optical communication networks are also driving market demand.

On October 21, 2025, L3Harris Technologies successfully completed the Critical Design Review (CDR) for the U.S. Army's Large Wideband Satellite Communications Terminal (LWST) program, setting the stage for first-article testing and certification of the new terminal for integration into the Wideband Global Satellite Communications (WGS) network next year.

Based on the component, the military and aerospace communication systems market is segmented into transmitters and receivers, antennas, fiber optic cables and connectors, modems and routers, encryption devices, software and network management systems, and others. In 2024, the fiber optic cables and connectors market held a dominant share of the market. The fiber optic cables

and connectors drive the market by providing high-bandwidth, secure, and low-latency communication that is essential for real-time surveillance and command operations. Their resistance to electromagnetic interference makes them essential to contemporary military systems operating in hostile environments. As forces digitize their communication networks, the adoption is expected to further increase, as fiber infrastructure is created as a backbone for high-speed data, sensor fusion, and advanced defense applications.

Based on the application, the market is categorized into fixed base/campus networks, flight line & hangar connectivity, shipyard/port & pier networks, tactical/deployable nodes, defense healthcare facilities, and others. Among these, tactical/deployable nodes are expected to grow at a significant CAGR during the forecast period (2025-2033), driven by fast and robust communication in isolated or unpredictable mission locations. These mobile systems enhance the deployment of networks, ensure flawless interoperability, and maintain consistent connectivity among surface, air, and naval forces. Moreover, the demand for an adaptable battlefield network and operations that are responsive in nature is growing; companies are investing heavily in these nodes to enhance situational awareness and mission agility. For instance, on September 11, 2025, Nokia and Kongsberg Defence & Aerospace (KONGSBERG) announced the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to collaborate on enhancing tactical communications solutions for the defence sector. The agreement brings together KONGSBERG's expertise in military tactical communications and Nokia's leadership in commercial 4G, 5G, and private wireless technologies to deliver secure, resilient, and high-performance networks for defence organizations and allied nations.

Based on the end user, the market is segmented into military, aerospace, defense contractors and integrators, and others. Among these, the military segment holds the largest market share in 2024. This is mainly due to its constant updates of communication systems, enabling it to meet the demands of modern warfare, unmanned systems, and multi-domain operations. Their concentration on safe, encrypted, and speedy networks drives their requirement for next-generation communication equipment and programs. With the defense forces focusing on modernization processes, integration of command structures, and the implementation of new communication solutions is rapidly increasing in the land-based, air, and naval platforms. For instance, on June 17, 2025, Airbus Defence & Space selected Thales to supply the safety satcom system of the A400M military transport aircraft programme. The A400M is a military airlifter

that combines the ability to fly long distances, carrying loads too heavy or too large for medium airlifters. Extended connectivity is thus critical for ensuring mission success and operational effectiveness.

For a better understanding of the demand of military and aerospace communication systems, the market is analyzed based on its worldwide adoption in countries such as North America (U.S., Canada, and the Rest of North America), Europe (Germany, U.K., France, Spain, Italy, Rest of Europe), Asia-Pacific (China, Japan, India, and the Rest of Asia-Pacific), and Rest of World. Among these, the Asia-Pacific region is expected to grow with a significant CAGR during the forecast period (2025-2033). This is mainly due to the increasing defense spending, undertaking massive military modernization, and experiencing heightened geopolitical tension, which is compelling nations to modernize their communication facilities at a rapid rate. The region is rapidly approaching the network-centric warfare that drives the needs of secure, high-bandwidth, and mobile communication networks. The rise in investment in satellites, tactical communication, and the manufacturing of indigenous defenses offers good prospects for the technology providers. With modernization processes being extended to air, land, and naval forces, the region is poised to become a key beneficiary of global growth and long-term implementation in the military and aerospace communication systems market. For example, on March 05, 2025, Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd., a worldwide leader in satellite networking technology, solutions, and services, announced its Defense Division secured an order valued at USD 6 million to provide the SkyEdge II-c platform to a military organization in the Asia-Pacific region. The advanced satellite communications solution will support both fixed and mobile sites, ensuring secure and reliable connectivity for critical defense operations with enhanced air interface cybersecurity. Delivery is expected over the next 3 months.

Some major players running in the market include L3Harris Technologies, Inc., Thales, RTX Corporation, Lockheed Martin Corporation, General Dynamics Mission Systems, Inc., LIG Nex1, Amphenol Corporation, Timbercon, Inc., Canyon AeroConnect, and COMSYSTEMS.

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