

Silicon Carbide Market Set to Grow at 4.70% CAGR, Driving Revenue Beyond \$ 2.99 Billion by 2032

The Silicon Carbide market segmentation, based on type, includes steel & energy, automotive, aerospace & aviation, military & defense.

VA, UNITED STATES, January 16, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The <u>silicon</u> <u>carbide market</u> is expanding rapidly due to its unique properties, such as high thermal conductivity, resistance to high temperatures, and superior hardness. Silicon carbide is widely used across various industries, including electronics, automotive, aerospace,



and energy, as it provides significant performance advantages in demanding applications.

The <u>Silicon Carbide Market Size</u> was valued at USD 1.98 billion in 2023. The Silicon Carbide industry is projected to grow from USD 2.07 billion in 2024 to USD 2.99 billion by 2032, exhibiting a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 4.70% during the forecast period (2024 - 2032).

1. Market Overview

Silicon carbide is a compound of silicon and carbon with exceptional mechanical, thermal, and electrical properties. These attributes make it ideal for high-performance applications in sectors like power electronics, semiconductors, and industrial manufacturing.

2. Key Market Drivers

a) Rising Demand for Power Electronics

Silicon carbide is increasingly used in power electronic devices such as inverters, converters, and MOSFETs due to its superior efficiency and ability to handle high voltages. The growing adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) and renewable energy systems is driving the demand for SiC-based power electronics.

The shift towards electric mobility is a significant driver of SiC demand. SiC semiconductors enable faster charging, improved energy efficiency, and longer driving ranges in EVs. Automakers are increasingly integrating SiC technology into powertrains and charging infrastructure.

c) Expansion in Renewable Energy Applications

SiC is widely used in photovoltaic inverters for solar power systems and in wind turbine converters. Its ability to enhance energy conversion efficiency makes it a critical component in the renewable energy sector.

d) Increasing Industrial Applications

Silicon carbide is extensively used in abrasive and refractory applications due to its hardness and heat resistance. Its use in industrial machinery, cutting tools, and kiln linings continues to grow.

e) Advancements in 5G and IoT

The rollout of 5G networks and the expansion of the Internet of Things (IoT) are driving the need for high-performance semiconductors. SiC-based components are preferred for their ability to operate at high frequencies and temperatures, making them ideal for telecommunications infrastructure.

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3. Market Segmentation
a) By Product Type
Black Silicon Carbide
Primarily used in abrasives, grinding, and polishing applications.
Green Silicon Carbide
Higher purity variant used in ceramics, semiconductors, and specialty applications.

b) By Application
Power Electronics
MOSFETs, diodes, and transistors in EVs, renewable energy systems, and industrial applications. Abrasives
Cutting, grinding, and polishing tools.
Refractories
High-temperature-resistant materials for furnaces and kilns.
Ceramics
Advanced ceramics for aerospace, automotive, and medical industries.
Others
Applications in metallurgy, filtration, and composite materials.

c) By End-Use Industry Automotive EV powertrains, onboard chargers, and fast-charging systems. **Electronics and Semiconductors** High-performance devices and components. Energy Solar inverters, wind turbine converters, and battery systems. Aerospace and Defense Lightweight, heat-resistant components. Industrial Machinery, tools, and structural applications. d) By Region North America Strong presence of EV manufacturers and renewable energy projects. Europe Rapid adoption of SiC in automotive and energy sectors. Asia-Pacific Largest market, driven by the electronics, automotive, and industrial sectors. Latin America Growing renewable energy installations and industrial applications. Middle East and Africa Expanding energy and infrastructure projects.

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4. Key Trends in the Silicon Carbide Market

a) Adoption in Advanced Semiconductors

SiC semiconductors are replacing traditional silicon-based components in high-performance applications. Their ability to operate at higher temperatures and voltages is driving this transition.

b) Growth of EV Charging Infrastructure

With the expansion of EV charging networks worldwide, the demand for SiC-based power devices is increasing. SiC technology supports ultra-fast charging stations that improve energy efficiency and reduce charging times.

c) Sustainability and Energy Efficiency

SiC devices contribute to energy efficiency by minimizing power losses in electronic systems. This aligns with sustainability goals and supports the transition to greener technologies.

d) Expansion of SiC Wafer Production

Manufacturers are investing heavily in expanding SiC wafer production capacity to meet growing demand. Advances in wafer size and quality are improving the scalability of SiC technologies.

e) Integration in High-Frequency Applications

SiC's ability to handle high frequencies makes it a preferred material for RF devices in telecommunications, radar systems, and other high-frequency applications.

Key Players in the Silicon Carbide Companies includes:

CUMI EM

AGSCO Corp

Saint-Gobain

ESD-SIC BV, among others

5. Challenges in the Market

a) High Production Costs

The production of SiC is more expensive than traditional silicon due to the complex manufacturing process. This limits its adoption in cost-sensitive applications.

b) Limited Supply Chain

The SiC supply chain is still developing, with a limited number of suppliers for high-quality SiC wafers. This creates a bottleneck for manufacturers and can lead to supply shortages.

c) Technical Challenges

Achieving consistent quality and scalability in SiC production remains a challenge. Addressing issues like wafer defects and yield rates is critical for market growth.

d) Competition from Alternative Materials

While SiC offers significant advantages, alternative materials such as gallium nitride (GaN) are also gaining traction in power electronics, creating competition.

6. Competitive Landscape

The silicon carbide market is highly competitive, with key players focusing on innovation, capacity expansion, and strategic partnerships to gain market share.

Strategies

R&D Investments: Companies are focusing on research to develop advanced SiC devices with improved efficiency and performance.

Collaborations and Acquisitions: Partnerships between manufacturers and end-users are helping to accelerate technology adoption.

Capacity Expansion: Investments in wafer production facilities to meet growing demand.

Diversification: Exploring new applications and markets for SiC products.

7. Future Outlook

The silicon carbide market is poised for substantial growth as industries increasingly adopt SiC technology for high-performance and energy-efficient applications. Key growth areas include:

a) Electric Mobility

The continued rise of EVs and hybrid vehicles will drive significant demand for SiC-based components in powertrains and charging infrastructure.

b) Renewable Energy

Expansion in solar and wind energy projects will create opportunities for SiC inverters and converters.

c) Advanced Electronics

Emerging applications in 5G networks, IoT, and aerospace will further boost demand for highperformance SiC semiconductors.

d) Infrastructure Development

Increased infrastructure investments, particularly in developing regions, will fuel demand for SiC in industrial and energy applications.

The silicon carbide market is on a trajectory of robust growth, driven by advancements in power electronics, the expansion of electric mobility, and the increasing focus on renewable energy. While challenges like high production costs and supply chain constraints persist, ongoing innovations and investments are expected to overcome these barriers.

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