

Electronic Warfare Market to Grow Sharply USD 35.8 billion by 2035 Amid Rising Defense Budgets and Tech Innovations

Electronic warfare market is expanding as nations invest in advanced tech and defense systems to counter evolving global threats and digital warfare.

NEWARK, DE, UNITED STATES, May 30, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [electronic warfare market](#) is projected to expand significantly over the next decade, primarily fueled by increasing demand for advanced defense technologies and escalating geopolitical tensions across various regions. The global market is expected

to grow from USD 20.7 billion in 2025 to USD 35.8 billion by 2035, registering a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 5.5% during the forecast period. As national security becomes increasingly digitized, the role of electronic warfare systems—designed to detect, disrupt, deceive, or deny enemy use of the electromagnetic spectrum—continues to evolve.

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As global conflicts grow more complex, electronic warfare is becoming central to defense strategy—driven by tech innovation, real-time threat detection, and secure communication systems.”

Sudip Saha

Governments and defense contractors around the world are investing in cutting-edge EW capabilities that include electronic attack (EA), electronic protection (EP), and electronic support (ES) systems, all of which are essential in both conventional and asymmetric warfare.

Modern warfare strategies now prioritize control over the electromagnetic spectrum, where EW capabilities allow for advanced threat detection, jamming of communication systems, suppression of enemy air defenses, and safeguarding of military assets. The integration of EW

systems into naval, land, air, and space platforms is increasing rapidly. Major defense agencies, especially in the U.S., China, Russia, and NATO member states, are enhancing their EW assets in response to rising regional conflicts and the militarization of new warfare domains such as cyber



and space. The market's growth is further reinforced by the global shift towards multi-domain operations, where electronic warfare plays a pivotal role in joint-force execution.

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Key Takeaways from the Electronic Warfare Market

The electronic warfare market is set to experience steady growth at a CAGR of 5.5% between 2025 and 2035, with overall market value climbing from USD 20.7 billion to USD 35.8 billion. This expansion is being driven by several factors, including the modernization of military forces, adoption of next-generation combat systems, and the urgent need for countermeasures against increasingly sophisticated threats. National defense budgets are being redirected toward electronic defense initiatives that include situational awareness systems, signal intelligence platforms, and cyber-electromagnetic activities. Furthermore, as commercial technologies become more integrated with military systems, EW platforms are also evolving with AI-powered signal analysis and autonomous response mechanisms to detect and counter threats in real-time.

Airborne electronic warfare systems are currently leading the market share due to their deployment on fighter jets, drones, and surveillance aircraft, which require precision jamming and signal disruption capabilities. Naval platforms are also rapidly adopting EW technologies to enhance survivability in contested waters, particularly in the Indo-Pacific region. On the ground, mobile EW units are becoming vital assets in border surveillance and counter-terrorism operations. Meanwhile, space-based EW initiatives are gaining traction with the launch of specialized satellites for electronic intelligence gathering and jamming support in space-enabled warfare.

Emerging Trends in the Global Market

Key trends transforming the global electronic warfare market include the integration of artificial intelligence and machine learning in threat detection and decision-making processes. Autonomous EW systems capable of real-time threat analysis and automated jamming responses are entering development pipelines, promising reduced operator workload and increased efficiency. Another significant trend is the growing use of directed energy weapons and high-power microwave systems that can disable electronic infrastructure without kinetic damage. Additionally, miniaturization of EW payloads has enabled their deployment on small drones and unmanned systems, expanding the scope of electronic combat operations in urban and remote terrains.

The convergence of electronic and cyber warfare domains is creating a hybrid battlefield where information dominance is crucial. EW capabilities are now being built to defend against not only physical threats but also signal intrusion, data corruption, and GPS spoofing. Military agencies are also investing in spectrum management tools to ensure frequency agility, better

coordination among allied forces, and more effective deployment of EW assets. Commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) components are playing a growing role in speeding up R&D and deployment timelines, especially among emerging economies.

Significant Developments: Trends and Opportunities

Recent years have seen a surge in defense R&D funding focused on electronic warfare. For instance, NATO has expanded its joint electronic warfare initiatives in response to heightened Russian and Chinese military posturing. The U.S. Department of Defense has allocated substantial budgets towards the modernization of the Army's Terrestrial Layer System and the Navy's Next-Generation Jammer program. In Asia, countries like India, Japan, and South Korea are actively developing indigenous EW capabilities to counter regional threats and reduce reliance on imports.

This ongoing global modernization wave presents significant opportunities for defense contractors, system integrators, and software firms specializing in advanced signal processing, antenna technologies, and cybersecurity. Opportunities also lie in dual-use technologies, where EW systems can be adapted for homeland security, air traffic control, and critical infrastructure protection. Furthermore, international collaboration and joint exercises between allied nations are promoting interoperability and driving cross-border technology transfer in EW platforms.

Recent Developments in the Market

Recent developments in the electronic warfare sector include Lockheed Martin's enhancements to its Multi-Function Electronic Warfare-Air Large (MFEW-AL) system and BAE Systems' upgrades to the AN/ALQ-239 Digital EW System used on F-15 fighter jets. In Europe, Leonardo has launched a new line of modular electronic warfare suites for export, targeting Middle Eastern and Asian defense markets. Israeli firms such as Elbit Systems and Rafael Advanced Defense Systems have secured contracts to supply EW equipment for armored vehicles and UAVs. Additionally, defense start-ups are emerging as agile innovators, leveraging AI, quantum sensing, and 5G compatibility to offer new EW capabilities.

Nations are also increasingly investing in training programs and EW simulation environments to enhance operator readiness. Collaborations between defense ministries and private industry are facilitating the rapid prototyping and field-testing of EW systems to meet urgent operational requirements. The emergence of cyber-electromagnetic activities (CEMA) commands in countries like the U.S. reflects the growing institutional importance of electronic warfare in defense strategy.

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Competition Outlook

The electronic warfare market is highly competitive and characterized by both global defense conglomerates and specialized technology firms. Market leaders are focusing on strategic acquisitions, R&D investments, and international partnerships to maintain technological superiority and fulfill long-term defense contracts.

Key Players

Key players in the electronic warfare market include Northrop Grumman Corporation, Raytheon Technologies Corporation, Lockheed Martin Corporation, BAE Systems, Thales Group, Saab AB, L3Harris Technologies, Leonardo S.p.A., Elbit Systems Ltd., and Cobham Limited. These firms offer a range of electronic support, attack, and protection systems for land, air, naval, and space applications.

Key segmentations

The market is segmented by capability into electronic attack, electronic support, and electronic protection. By platform, it includes airborne, naval, ground, and space-based systems. Regional segmentation covers North America, Europe, Asia-Pacific, Latin America, and the Middle East & Africa. Airborne platforms and the North American region are expected to dominate due to robust defense infrastructure and advanced R&D ecosystems.

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