

Cardboard Drone Market is Expected to Reach a Valuation of USD 384 Million With 22.6% CAGR by 2035.

Cardboard Drone Market surges with sustainable innovation: Lightweight design and eco-conscious demand drive expansion, States Fact.MR

ROCKVILLE, MD, UNITED STATES, July 11, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- According to Fact.MR, a market research and competitive intelligence provider, the [cardboard drone market](#) was valued at USD 41 million in 2024 and is expected to grow at a CAGR of 22.6% during the forecast period of 2025 to 2035.



The Cardboard Drone industry is soaring on the wings of cost-efficiency and an eco-conscious approach to the problem of airborne solutions. These electric-powered micro-drones are finding their ground as standard shifters in prototyping and STEM education classrooms as they are lightweight, more recyclable, and less dangerous than traditional craft drones. They are cheap and biodegradable, unlike conventional UAVs to be made of plastic, and thus can be potentially a good option both to environmentally conscious consumers and DIY drone builders.

These cardboard drones are then designed with laser-cut corrugated cardboard frames and fitted with lightweight propulsion systems and GPS modules as well as programmable flight controllers. They are not aimed at making heavy-duty or long-range applications, but their main importance is education, low-intensity aerial experimentation and rapid prototyping.

The market relates well to the ascending demand of eco-engineering and practical maker brisk. Modular structure, the presence of both open-source firmware and AR/VR support in piloting simulation are additional appealing features. there is also an increased adoption of classroom drone kits that come with safe flights inside and interactive coding workshops.

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Key Takeaways from Market Study

The cardboard drone market is projected to grow at 6% CAGR and reach USD 384 million by 2035.

The market created an absolute \$ opportunity of USD 333.6 million between 2025 to 2035. South Asia & Pacific is a prominent region that is estimated to hold a market share of 1% in 2035.

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“Cardboard drones reflect a deeper consumer shift toward green technologies and experiential learning” says a Fact.MR analyst.

Leading Players Driving Innovation in the Cardboard Drone Market:

Key players in the cardboard drone industry include SYPAQ Systems, Otherlab, Skykrafts Aerospace, Metasaga, and PapyDrone, among others.

Market Development

Companies are using collaborations with learning systems and green projects to promote in the market. The cardboard drones are starting to seem like a reality as some startups are already including AI flight stabilization and crash tolerant forms meaning that such drones are ready to be used at tech based summer camps and in cities at STEM festivals. Limited outdoor utility is also being facilitated by the use of biodegradable coatings and water resistant corrugated board. The concept of a replaceable drone skin and parts are becoming available through subscription schemes and creating circular product lifecycle.

For example, in December 2024, in response to emerging threats and the effectiveness of low-cost drones, South Korea's military announced plans to procure 100 cardboard drones for reconnaissance purposes. These drones are valued for their affordability and radar evasion capabilities.

Cardboard Drone Industry News:

In October 2024, South Korean startup Peach introduced the PapyDrone-800 at the KADEX 2024 exhibition. This fixed-wing drone, built from lightweight cardboard, offers a low-cost option for reconnaissance and potential kamikaze operations. It can reach speeds of up to 100 km/h and has an effective range of 50 km.

Earlier, in September 2023, SYPAQ Systems unveiled the Corvo Precision Payload Delivery System (PPDS), a flat-pack drone crafted from waxed cardboard. Designed for quick assembly

and deployment, it can transport payloads up to 3 kg across distances of up to 120 km. Ukrainian forces have employed the PPDS for logistics support, surveillance, and precision-targeted missions.

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Fact.MR, in its new offering, presents an unbiased analysis of the cardboard drone market, presenting historical data for 2020 to 2024 and forecast statistics for 2025 to 2035.

The study reveals essential insights on the basis of Type (Fixed-Wing, Rotary-Wing, Hybrid), By Range (Short Range, Medium Range, Long Range), By End Use (Defense & Security, Environmental Monitoring, Research & Development (R&D), Disaster Relief & Emergency Use, Commercial (e.g., aerial photos)), and across major regions of the World (North America, Latin America, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, East Asia, South Asia & Pacific, and Middle East & Africa).

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