

# Fluorspar Market Size to Approach USD 3.84 Billion by 2034, Fueled by Steady 6% CAGR

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PUNE, MAHARASHTRA, INDIA, September 4, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Fluorspar (also known as fluorite, chemical formula CaFI) is an essential industrial mineral supplying fluorine to a wide range of applications. It serves as a key feedstock for hydrofluoric acid



(HF), aluminum smelting, steelmaking flux, and fluorinated chemicals used in refrigerants, lithium-ion batteries, and advanced polymers.

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1. Market Introduction

Fluorspar occurs naturally as calcium fluoride and is classified by grade:

Acid Grade (Acidspar, >97 % CaFI) – precursor to HF, which is further processed into refrigerants, fluoropolymers, and electrolyte salts.

Metallurgical Grade (Metspar, 60–96 % CaF□) – flux in steel, iron, and ferroalloy smelting. Ceramic Grade – enamels, glass, specialty ceramics.

Given the energy transition, EV supply chain pressures, and sustainability mandates, fluorspar's role in high-performance materials is expanding beyond traditional metallurgy.

## Key Insights:

As per the analysis shared by our research analyst, the global fluorspar market is estimated to grow annually at a CAGR of around 6.00% over the forecast period (2025-2034) In terms of revenue, the global fluorspar market size was valued at around USD 2.14 billion in 2024 and is projected to reach USD 3.84 billion by 2034.

The fluorspar market is projected to grow at a significant rate due to the rising applications in steel and iron production.



Based on the product, the acidspar segment is growing at a high rate and will continue to dominate the global market as per industry projections.

Based on the application, the hydrofluoric acid segment is anticipated to command the largest market share.

Based on region, Asia-Pacific is projected to dominate the global market during the forecast period.

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# 2. Market Dynamics

#### 2.1 Drivers

Refrigerant Sector Evolution

HF-derived HFOs (hydrofluoro-olefins) replace high-GWP HFCs, sustaining acid-grade demand.

**EV Battery Boom** 

HF processed into LiPF electrolyte salts, a critical EV battery material.

Steel & Aluminum Recovery

Infrastructure investments drive steel output, stimulating metallurgical-grade fluorspar.

Fluoropolymer Growth

Rising use in semiconductors, solar panels, membranes, non-stick coatings.

Strategic Resource Interest

Classified as a critical mineral in the U.S., EU, and others 

funding for domestic mining.

#### 2.2 Restraints

Supply Concentration – Dominated by China; export quotas and tariffs can disrupt markets.

Environmental Regulations – Stricter mining rules, HF handling requirements.

Price Volatility – Influenced by energy costs, logistics, and global demand swings.

## 2.3 Opportunities

Recycling HF & Industrial Fluorides – Circular economy benefits.

New Mining in Africa & North America – Diversifies supply chains.

Downstream Integration – Producers moving into HF and specialty chemicals.

# 3. Market Segmentation

## 3.1 By Grade

Acid Grade (Acidspar) – Largest share; HF production, lithium-ion battery chemicals.

Metallurgical Grade (Metspar) – Steelmaking flux, ferroalloys.

Ceramic Grade - Glass, enamel frits, specialty glazes.

# 3.2 By Application

Hydrofluoric Acid & Derivatives – Refrigerants, fluoropolymers, LiPF salts.

Metallurgy - Steel deoxidation, slag fluidity improvement.

Chemicals – Aluminum fluoride, cryolite, fluorochemicals.

Ceramics & Glass – Opacifiers, flux in enamel coatings.

Others - Cement, welding rods, water fluoridation in niche cases.

## 3.3 By End-Use Industry

Chemical & Petrochemical

Metallurgy & Steel

Automotive & EV Battery

Construction & Infrastructure

Consumer Goods & Appliances

# 4. Regional Analysis

# 4.1 Asia-Pacific (APAC) - Dominant Market

China – >50 % of global production; controls acidspar exports, dominates HF and refrigerant value chains.

India & Southeast Asia – Infrastructure growth 🛘 robust metallurgical grade uptake.

#### 4.2 North America

U.S. lists fluorspar as a critical mineral 

support for domestic mining (Utah, Arizona).

Growth in HFO refrigerants and EV gigafactories drives acid-grade demand.

# 4.3 Europe

EU Green Deal & F-Gas Regulations phase-down high-GWP refrigerants; shift to next-gen HFOs sustains HF consumption.

Focus on local sourcing to reduce dependency on Asia.

#### 4.4 Latin America

Mexico's Las Cuevas and new deposits support U.S. supply; steady regional metallurgy demand.

#### 4.5 Middle East & Africa

Morocco and South Africa show resource potential; infrastructure-led steel production fosters metspar trade.

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# 5. Competitive Landscape

The fluorspar market is moderately concentrated with a few large suppliers dominating exports. Integration into HF and downstream fluorochemicals provides margin stability.

### **Key Players:**

Mongolrostsvetmet LLC (Mongolia) – Large open-pit mines, acidspar exports.

China Kings Resources Group - Vertical integration into HF and refrigerants.

Tertiary Minerals plc – UK-based developer (Storuman, Sweden; Nevada prospects).

Mexichem Fluor (Orbia) – Mexican mines, global HF & fluorochemical production.

Kenya Fluorspar Company – High-purity metspar, East Africa.

Canada Fluorspar Inc. - Restarting St. Lawrence operations for North American supply.

Minersa Group (Spain) – Acid- and metspar for Europe and overseas.

Luoyang Fluoride Co. Ltd. (China) – Integrated acidspar, HF, AlF ...

Masan Resources (Vietnam) – Nui Phao polymetallic mine, fluorspar coproduct.

Seaforth Mineral & Ore Co. (U.S.) – Trading, custom blending, North American distribution.

# Competitive Strategies:

Long-Term Offtake Agreements with HF plants & refrigerant makers.

Sustainability & ESG reporting to meet Western buyer standards.

Exploration & Reserve Expansion in Africa, Canada, U.S.

Downstream Investments [] HF, LiPF[], aluminum fluoride.

# 6. Industry Trends

Battery-Grade Fluorides – EV boom spurs LiPFI, LiFSI electrolyte salt capacity.

HF Supply Chain Localization – Reduce reliance on Chinese acidspar.

Fluoropolymer Demand Surge – Semiconductor etching, membranes, coatings.

Refrigerant Transition – CFCs  $\hfill \Box$  HFCs  $\hfill \Box$  low-GWP HFO blends.

Digital Mining & Automation – Ore sorting, remote operations cut costs.

# 7. Outlook (2025-2034)

Stable CAGR of 6 % driven by HF, refrigerants, EVs, and steel.

Greater focus on critical mineral policies in U.S., EU, Japan.

Supply diversification via Mexico, Mongolia, Africa.

Carbon-neutral fluorochemical initiatives gain traction.

#### 8. Conclusion

Fluorspar's strategic role as a fluorine feedstock is intensifying as industries pursue low-GWP refrigerants, EV battery salts, and high-performance polymers. The next decade will be shaped by supply security, environmental compliance, and value-chain integration. Producers leveraging sustainable mining and battery-grade processing will capture outsized growth as the market expands toward USD 3.84 billion by 2034.

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