

Free Space Photonics Equipment Market is Projected to Increase at a CAGR of 13.1% Through 2025-2029

The Business Research Company's Free Space Photonics Equipment Global Market Report 2025 - Market Size, Trends, And Global Forecast 2025-2034

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[The market size for free space photonics equipment](#) has experienced substantial expansion in the past few years. There is an anticipated increase from \$1.11 billion in 2024 to \$1.26 billion in 2025, demonstrating a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 13.4%. The previous growth can be linked to the increased adoption of high-speed wireless communication technologies, the rise in defense and military communication uses, growth of smart city infrastructure projects, escalating utilization of lidar in the automotive and aerospace sectors, and heightened investments in space exploration and satellite communication.

[The market for free space photonics equipment](#) is projected to experience significant expansion in the coming years. The market is estimated to reach a value of \$2.07 billion in 2029, growing at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 13.1%. The expansion is forecasted to be driven by factors such as the increased need for satellite-to-ground communication links, the growing relevance of secure communication in the financial sector, the proliferation of industrial automation, increasing usage in maritime and offshore communication systems and the

increasing implementation of optical links for cloud computing applications. Key trends for the forecast period are expected to be the integration of free space optical communication with fifth-generation networks, the increasing use of quantum communication systems, advancements in satellite-to-ground optical communication links, the rise of terahertz photonics communication technologies and the integration of photonics with edge computing architectures.

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What Is The Crucial Factor Driving The Global Free Space Photonics Equipment Market?

The anticipated surge in the use of 5G networks is likely to spur on the expansion of the free space photonics equipment industry. Representing the newest wave in wireless tech, 5G networks promise higher speed data, minimal communication lag, and the capability for multi-device connectivity. High-speed, low-latency connections offered by 5G to accommodate the needs of cutting-edge tech like self-driving cars, smart cities, and instantaneous remote healthcare are driving its rise. Further, the demand for free-space photonics equipment is driven by 5G, as it necessitates ultra-rapid, high-capacity data transmission and densely packed small-cell links, which can only be met by effective, high-bandwidth optical wireless backhaul connections. Citing a report released by the GSM Association, a not-for-profit organization from the UK, the quantity of 5G connections is forecasted to surpass 1 billion in 2021, and expected to reach 2 billion by 2025. By the end of 2025, over 20% of all mobile connections are expected to be 5G, and more than 40% of people worldwide will likely have access to a 5G network. As a result, the proliferating use of 5G networks is fueling [the progression of the space photonics equipment industry](#).

Who Are The Emerging Players In The Free Space Photonics Equipment Market?

Major players in the Free Space Photonics Equipment Global Market Report 2025 include:

- Broadcom Inc.
- Fujitsu Limited
- L3Harris Technologies Inc.
- Corning Incorporated
- Mynaric AG
- Acuity Brands Inc.
- Trimble Inc.
- Lumentum Holdings Inc.
- Applied Optoelectronics Inc.
- EC SYSTEM

What Are The Future Trends Of The Free Space Photonics Equipment Market?

Leading companies in the field of free space photonics equipment are concentrating on the creation of advanced solutions, such as adaptive optics systems. These solutions aim to bolster the performance and reliability of free-space optical communication links by dynamically correcting atmospheric distortion. Adaptive optics systems are techniques that leverage sensors

and deformable optics to identify and adjust atmospheric turbulence immediately, thereby enhancing beam quality, data throughput, and link stability over extended distances. For example, in April 2023, Viasat Inc., an American communications firm, introduced the Mercury Expeditionary Free Space Optical Communications (FSOC) Terminal. The Mercury terminal includes an automated pointing, acquisition, and tracking (PAT) gimbal system, facilitating quick setup and exact beam positioning. The terminal can achieve a very high throughput of up to 40 Gbps over line-of-sight distances up to 70 km while maintaining a minimal electromagnetic footprint. It is highly resistant to jamming, spoofing, and atmospheric interference, thus ensuring connectivity in contested settings. The system is specifically engineered for expeditionary and tactical missions, offering secure, fiber-like performance in various communication scenarios, including ground-to-ground, ground-to-air, ship-to-ship, and ship-to-shore.

What Segments Are Covered In The Free Space Photonics Equipment Market Report?

The free space photonics equipment market covered in this report is segmented as

- 1) By Type of Equipment: Transmitters, Receivers, Optical Amplifiers, Modulators, Filters, Switches
- 2) By Technology: Free-Space Laser Communication, Fiber Optic Solutions, Optical Wireless Technology, Advanced Modulation Techniques, Quantum Key Distribution Technologies
- 3) By Application: Corporate Networks, Education, Energy, Utilities, Industrial, Other Applications
- 4) By End-User: Telecommunications Operators, Aerospace And Defense Contractors, Healthcare Providers, Automotive Manufacturers, Other End Users

Subsegments:

- 1) By Transmitters: Laser Diode Transmitters, Light Emitting Diode Transmitters, Vertical Cavity Surface Emitting Laser Transmitters, Quantum Cascade Laser Transmitters
- 2) By Receivers: Photodiode Receivers, Avalanche Photodiode Receivers, PIN Photodiode Receivers, Coherent Detection Receivers
- 3) By Optical Amplifiers: Erbium Doped Fiber Optical Amplifiers, Semiconductor Optical Amplifiers, Raman Optical Amplifiers, Fiber Bragg Grating Optical Amplifiers
- 4) By Modulators: Electro Absorption Modulators, Lithium Niobate Modulators, Electro Optic Modulators, Acousto Optic Modulators
- 5) By Filters: Thin Film Optical Filters, Fiber Bragg Grating Optical Filters, Acousto Optic Tunable Filters, Liquid Crystal Tunable Filters
- 6) By Switches: Optical Cross Connect Switches, Micro Electro Mechanical System Optical Switches, Liquid Crystal Optical Switches, Thermo Optic Optical Switches

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Which Region Is Projected To Hold The Largest Market Share In The Global Free Space Photonics

Equipment Market?

In 2024, North America dominated the global market for free space photonics equipment. It's anticipated that the fastest growth will be seen in the Asia-Pacific region during the forecasted period. The report encompasses several regions including Asia-Pacific, Western Europe, Eastern Europe, North America, South America, Middle East, and Africa.

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