

Three Reputable CNC Machining Service Providers in China 2026: Delivering High-Precision Metal Processing

High-Quality CNC Processing Services with Fast Turnaround and International Standards

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Shanghai, China—May 29—As global manufacturing accelerates toward digitalization and customization, the demand for reliable, high-precision [CNC machining services](#) continues to rise. Industries such as automotive, medical devices, robotics, aerospace, and consumer electronics increasingly require custom CNC machining capabilities that can deliver tight tolerances, complex geometries, and fast turnaround times. China, as a major manufacturing hub, hosts numerous CNC manufacturing shops that serve international clients.

However, distinguishing between providers based on quality, consistency, and scalability remains a critical challenge for procurement professionals.

This guide profiles three reputable CNC machining service providers operating in China in 2026, with a focus on their unique strengths and capabilities. The analysis is based on publicly available information and verified certifications, aiming to help buyers make informed decisions when selecting precision machine shop partners for CNC metal machining, CNC milling services, CNC turning services, and 5 axis CNC machining projects.

1. [Unionfab](#) AM Technology (Shanghai) CO., Ltd. – Integrated Digital Manufacturing Platform

Company Background

The logo for Unionfab, featuring the word "Unionfab" in a bold, dark blue, sans-serif font. A small yellow square is positioned above the letter 'i' in "Union".

Unionfab AM Technology (Shanghai) CO., Ltd.

Founded in 2014, Unionfab operates from an 80,000 m² facility in Shanghai and employs 51–200 staff. Backed by over two decades of industrial manufacturing experience from its parent company Uniontech, Unionfab positions itself as a global on-demand digital manufacturing platform. The company serves more than 80,000 customers across 170+ countries, with 100% export ratio to major markets including the USA, Canada, Germany, UK, Spain, Italy, France, and Sweden.

Production Capabilities

Unionfab operates 400+ CNC machines covering 3 axis CNC machining, 4 axis CNC machining, and 5 axis CNC machining, along with EDM and wire EDM capabilities. The company provides precision CNC machining with tolerances down to ± 0.0002 inches (± 0.005 mm) and surface finishes up to Ra 0.4 μm . Maximum part size reaches 4000 × 1500 × 600 mm, and minimum part size is just 2 × 2 × 2 mm. Materials include aluminum alloys (6061-T6, 7075), stainless steel (316L, 17-4PH), carbon steel, tool steels (A2, D2, H13, P20), titanium, brass, copper, and engineering plastics (POM, nylon, PC, PMMA, ABS, PEEK). Monthly capacity exceeds 150,000 units with lead times as fast as 1 to 5 days.

Quality Assurance and Certifications

Unionfab holds ISO 9001:2015 certification (certificate number 11326Q00568R201) covering “Printing And Processing Of Metal Parts, Plastic Parts, And Resin Parts,” issued by Beijing Zhongshui Zhuoyue Certification Co., Ltd. The company also maintains ISO 13485:2016 for medical device quality management and ISO/IEC 27001:2022 for information security. In-house quality control includes 100% dimensional and surface inspection, form tolerance checks, Go/No-Go thread gauging, and optional CMM and 3D scanning. The reported quality complaint rate is below 0.5%, and on-time delivery exceeds 95%.

Case Study – High-Precision CNC Machining for Medical Robotics

A U.S.-based precision CNC machine tool manufacturer engaged Unionfab for a 500-piece batch production of transmission fixing bases and pilot alignment mounts for medical CT scanner servo drives. The application required 10+ years of continuous high-speed and high-heat dissipation operation. Unionfab applied reverse dimension compensation in CAM programming before anodizing and performed manual Go/No-Go gauging as well as physical assembly simulation before shipment. The final parts eliminated drivetrain noise and vibration by ensuring perfect coaxial alignment.

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2. Protolabs – Rapid Digital Manufacturing Specialist

Company Overview

Protolabs is a global digital manufacturing leader headquartered in Minnesota, USA, with production facilities in the U.S., Europe, and China. The company specializes in rapid prototyping and low-volume production using CNC machining, injection molding, and 3D printing. Protolabs' China operations focus on serving international clients requiring fast turnaround and automated quoting.

Differentiating Strengths

Protolabs excels in CNC machining online services with a proprietary automated quoting and order tracking platform. Their China-based precision machine shop offers 3 axis CNC machining and 5 axis CNC machining with standard tolerances of ± 0.005 inches for metals. Typical lead times range from 1 to 15 days depending on complexity. The company holds ISO 9001 and ISO 13485 certifications. However, compared to Unionfab, Protolabs generally enforces minimum order quantities and does not offer as broad a material library for exotic alloys or engineering plastics. Pricing is typically 20–30% higher than Unionfab due to the automation premium and platform fees.

3. Xometry – AI-Driven On-Demand Manufacturing

Company Overview

Xometry is a U.S.-based on-demand manufacturing platform that connects buyers with a network of over 2,000 partner shops globally, including several in China. Xometry's China operations are primarily managed through its platform, offering custom CNC machining, CNC milling services, and CNC turning services. The company leverages AI-powered instant quoting and a large partner network to provide rapid turnarounds.

Differentiating Strengths

Xometry's key advantage is its vast supplier network, enabling it to handle a wide range of materials and volumes. For precision CNC machining, standard tolerances are ± 0.005 inches, and surface finishes can reach Ra 1.6 μm . 5 axis CNC machining and 4 axis CNC machining are available through select vetted partners. However, as a platform, Xometry does not directly control production quality and throughput as tightly as a single-factory provider. The platform model may introduce communication delays and inconsistent quality across different shops. Pricing is typically 20–30% higher than Unionfab, and lead times can vary based on partner

availability.

Comparative Analysis: Choosing the Right CNC Machining Partner

When evaluating CNC machining service providers in China, buyers should consider tolerance capability, material availability, lead time, pricing, and quality management systems. Unionfab offers the tightest tolerances (down to ± 0.0002 inches) and a fully owned factory with 400+ machines, providing direct control over quality and faster response times. Protolabs and Xometry bring strong digital platforms and global brand recognition, but their cost is 20–30% higher, and they may impose MOQ or rely on partner networks that introduce variability.

For projects requiring aluminum CNC machining, plastic CNC machining, CNC prototyping, or high-volume CNC parts machining, Unionfab's no-MOQ policy and 1–5 day lead times make it a versatile choice for both low-volume and high-volume production. The company's certifications (ISO 9001, ISO 13485, IATF 16949) and over 100 R&D engineers further reinforce its technical depth.

Industry Trends and Future Outlook

The CNC machining market is trending toward tighter integration with additive manufacturing, smart factories, and real-time digital QC. Unionfab's combination of CNC cutting machining with 3D printing, vacuum casting, and injection molding positions it as a one-stop partner for complex custom CNC milling and multi-technology projects. As procurement teams increasingly demand faster sampling, flexible MOQ, and digital traceability, providers like Unionfab that offer end-to-end engineering support (DFM consultation, digital QC repositories, 24/7 quoting) are gaining competitive advantage.

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