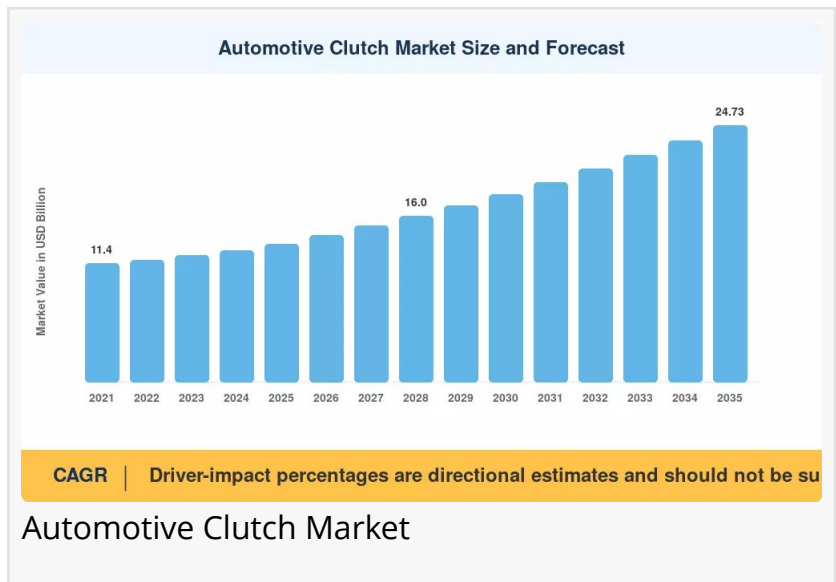


Automotive Clutch Market to Reach USD 24.73 Billion by 2035, Growing at 6.42% CAGR

APAC retained approximately 46.0% of the Automotive Clutch Market in 2025. S. America is projected to log the fastest regional CAGR of 7.35% through 2035.

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, September 3, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- According to Market Research Future, the [Automotive Clutch Market](#) is positioning the sector for a forecast value of USD 14.13 Billion in 2026 and an anticipated USD 24.73 Billion by 2035 at a 6.42% CAGR across the forecast period. This steady growth reflects the enduring importance of clutch systems in global automotive powertrains, even as the industry navigates the transition toward electrification, with manual transmissions, commercial vehicles, and aftermarket replacement sustaining robust demand across diverse vehicle segments .



Market Overview

Automotive clutches are critical drivetrain components that engage and disengage power transmission between the engine and transmission, enabling smooth gear changes, vehicle launches, and torque management across diverse driving conditions. The market encompasses a comprehensive range of clutch systems including manual transmission clutches, dual-clutch transmissions, automated manual transmissions, and torque-converter automatic clutches, serving passenger cars, light commercial vehicles, and medium and heavy commercial vehicles. The [Automotive Transmission Market](#) is closely intertwined with clutch demand, as transmission architectures directly determine clutch specifications and replacement cycles, while the [Dual Clutch Transmission Market](#) represents a high-growth segment where advanced clutch technologies enable faster shifting and improved efficiency.

The key growth drivers propelling this market expansion include the massive and ever-growing global fleet of manual transmission vehicles reaching their wear-and-tear replacement cycles . Supported by ongoing new manual vehicle sales in key segments and regions, demand from

performance upgrades and heavy-duty applications continues to drive clutch consumption across both OEM and aftermarket channels . The rapid growth of online retail has created a massive logistics network, particularly for last-mile delivery, where light commercial vehicles operating in dense urban environments require frequent clutch engagement and replacement . Additionally, the expanding commercial transport sector in developing regions, supported by large-scale road and construction projects, is driving increased procurement of durable commercial vehicle clutch systems .

Market Segmentation

The automotive clutch market is segmented based on transmission type, vehicle type, component, and sales channel to provide comprehensive insights into the industry landscape.

By Transmission Type: The market is categorized into Manual Transmission, Automatic Transmission (Torque-Converter), Automated Manual Transmission (AMT), Dual-Clutch Transmission (DCT), and Other transmission types . Manual transmissions remain the dominant segment in many emerging economies, where their lower manufacturing costs, perceived simplicity, and reliability compared to traditional torque-converter automatics sustain consistent demand for friction clutch assemblies . Dual-clutch transmissions represent the fastest-growing segment, offering faster shifting and improved efficiency, with clutch innovations driving adoption across performance and premium vehicle segments .

By Vehicle Type: The market serves Passenger Cars, Light Commercial Vehicles, and Medium & Heavy Commercial Vehicles . Passenger cars are anticipated to hold a dominant market share, driven by the sheer volume of manual transmission-equipped vehicles in cost-sensitive emerging markets and the growing global vehicle parc, particularly in Asia Pacific and the Middle East . Light commercial vehicles are expected to capture a considerable market share, as the rapid expansion of e-commerce and last-mile delivery creates massive demand for clutch systems in urban delivery vehicles . Medium and heavy commercial vehicles generate above-average demand for heavy-duty clutch components, particularly in logistics, freight transport, and off-highway applications .

By Component: The market covers Clutch Disc & Hub, Pressure Plate, Release Bearing, Flywheel, and Actuation Systems . The clutch disc segment leads the market, driven by massive replacement demand from the global fleet of manual vehicles reaching their wear-and-tear replacement cycles . The pressure plate segment is expected to witness rapid growth, as manual transmissions remain popular in many emerging economies, with economic growth and a rising middle class directly contributing to increased demand for vehicles that depend on conventional clutch pressure plates . Actuation systems, including hydraulic, electro-hydraulic, and electronic solutions, represent a key growth area as vehicles increasingly adopt advanced driver assistance features and automated transmission technologies .

By Sales Channel: The market is divided into OEM and Aftermarket segments. OEM holds the largest market share, as vehicle manufacturers account for the majority of clutch system

purchases through long-term supply agreements, just-in-time delivery capabilities, and deep engineering collaboration with clutch suppliers . The aftermarket segment is expected to witness significant growth, driven by the increasing global vehicle parc, rising average vehicle age, and growing demand for replacement clutches across independent repair shops, national service chains, and online parts distributors .

By Region: The market analysis covers North America, Europe, South America, Asia Pacific, and the Middle East and Africa.

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Regional Analysis

Asia Pacific stands as the foremost regional contributor to the global automotive clutch market, capturing approximately 59.4% of global revenue in 2025, driven by its unmatched scale of vehicle production and consumption . The region encompasses leading vehicle-manufacturing economies that collectively account for the majority of global automobile output, creating immense demand for clutch components at the OEM level . Rising vehicle ownership rates, expanding urban populations, and growing disposable incomes across key markets continue to accelerate demand for passenger and commercial vehicles, directly fueling clutch system procurement . The strong preference for manual and automated manual transmission vehicles across cost-sensitive markets ensures that friction clutch assemblies remain the dominant product specification . China, as the largest automotive market, is expected to reach USD 5.25 billion by 2026, while Japan is anticipated to reach USD 1.47 billion and India USD 0.92 billion .

North America contributes approximately 17.54% to the global market, with the United States representing the largest individual country market for automotive clutches in the region . The country's automotive industry, concentrated in the Midwest and Southeast, produces millions of vehicles annually, with consumer demand for trucks, pickup vehicles, and sport utility vehicles creating a sustained need for high-performance clutch assemblies capable of handling elevated torque loads . Following pandemic disruptions, vehicle miles traveled have largely rebounded, with increased driving activities translating directly into wear and tear on automotive components, including clutch systems . The robust aftermarket ecosystem, encompassing independent repair shops, national service chains, and online parts distributors, ensures consistent demand for replacement clutch components across a wide range of vehicle makes and models .

Europe represents a significant regional market, supported by a well-established automotive manufacturing base that includes some of the world's most prominent vehicle-producing nations . The region's strong heritage in automotive engineering has fostered sophisticated demand for clutch systems that combine mechanical precision with advanced materials technology . In October 2025, French supplier Valeo won the International Automotive

Innovation Award at EQUIP AUTO Paris for its remanufactured dual wet clutch, used in over 5 million European vehicles, highlighting clutch remanufacturing innovation and aftermarket demand . Germany leads the region, with commercial vehicle registrations increasing by approximately 8.8% for vans, 6.2% for trucks, and 7.5% for buses during 2025, reflecting strong recovery and expansion in the commercial transport ecosystem . The United Kingdom retains aftermarket and performance-clutch relevance, while France reflects electrification-led drivetrain change .

South America is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR over the forecast period due to expanding vehicle manufacturing, higher disposable incomes, and increased demand for both passenger and commercial vehicles in nations like Brazil and Mexico . The region's strong preference for manual transmission vehicles, driven by vehicle affordability considerations, sustains consistent demand for friction clutch assemblies across all vehicle categories . Rising urbanization, improving road infrastructure, and the expansion of commercial transport networks are further contributing to vehicle fleet growth, reinforcing the long-term demand outlook . Brazil supports clutch demand through local vehicle production, flex-fuel vehicles, manual transmission affordability, and a large replacement market .

The Middle East and Africa market is supported by growing vehicle ownership, expanding commercial transport fleets, and increasing infrastructure development activity across the region . The prevalence of manual and light commercial vehicles across many markets sustains steady demand for replacement clutch components in the aftermarket segment . Rising prosperity in Gulf Cooperation Council states has accelerated vehicle imports and fleet expansion, contributing to aftermarket clutch demand, while the rapidly growing logistics and transportation sector supports large-scale road and construction projects driving increased procurement of durable commercial vehicle clutch systems .

Competitive Landscape and Key Players

The automotive clutch market is characterized by a moderately consolidated competitive landscape, with a mix of global tier-one suppliers and regional manufacturers competing on the basis of product quality, technical innovation, pricing, and supply chain efficiency . Leading market participants focus on expanding their product portfolios to serve diverse vehicle categories, including passenger vehicles, commercial trucks, and off-highway equipment, ensuring broad market coverage across varied geographic territories .

Key players operating in this market include Schaeffler AG, Valeo SA, ZF Friedrichshafen AG, Exedy Corporation, Aisin Corporation, Eaton Corporation plc, BorgWarner Inc., Magneti Marelli SpA, Continental AG, and F.C.C. Co. Ltd. . ZF Friedrichshafen AG, Aisin Corporation, and BorgWarner Inc. are among the leading suppliers, leveraging their integrated drivetrain capabilities and deep OEM relationships to secure long-term contracts and co-engineer clutch systems precisely optimized for specific powertrain configurations .

Strategic developments are reshaping the competitive landscape. In April 2026, Schaeffler AG

advanced its MultiMode hybrid transmission technology, featuring a selectable clutch system enabling seamless transitions between electric, serial, and parallel driving modes, enhancing hybrid powertrain performance . In October 2025, Valeo expanded its transmission portfolio by enhancing its FullPack™ Dual Mass Flywheel and clutch system range, supporting improved durability, reduced vibrations, and better shift performance across passenger and light commercial vehicle applications in the aftermarket . In September 2025, EXEDY Corporation commenced mass production of a newly developed high-performance drive unit for three-wheeled battery electric vehicles in India, integrating CVT-based transmission technology to support growing electrified mobility demand .

Innovation and technology initiatives are accelerating across the industry. Companies are investing heavily in dual-clutch, hybrid-compatible, heavy-duty, and performance product lines, improving friction material durability, and reducing noise, vibration, and harshness . Suppliers are strengthening aftermarket coverage through complete clutch kits, digital catalogs, VIN-based fitment, technician training, and regional warehousing . AI-enabled quality control, demand forecasting, and warranty analytics are being deployed where they improve measurable outcomes . The market also witnesses significant competitive pressure from low-cost regional manufacturers in Asia, who offer price-competitive clutch assemblies targeting aftermarket and value-tier OEM segments, intensifying margin competition among established global players .

Latest Industry News and Developments

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Market Challenges and Opportunities

The automotive clutch market faces several key challenges that could impact growth trajectories.

Battery electric vehicles are reducing long-term demand for conventional clutch systems in some passenger-car segments, though hybridization, commercial transport, two-wheelers, and off-highway equipment continue to sustain meaningful demand . Standardization and compatibility issues across vehicle platforms force suppliers to engineer dozens of variant configurations rather than benefiting from mass production efficiencies . Counterfeit products in the aftermarket and longer EV maintenance intervals restrain aftermarket value growth . Persistent margin erosion from aggressive pricing strategies employed by manufacturers in low-cost production regions continues to pressure profitability for established global brands that must maintain rigorous quality standards and invest heavily in research and development .

Emerging opportunities are abundant in the evolving automotive landscape. The rapid growth of online retail and last-mile delivery is creating massive demand for clutch systems in light commercial vehicles operating in dense urban environments . The expansion of hybrid powertrains, particularly in Europe and Asia, is creating demand for specialized clutch systems that enable seamless transitions between electric and combustion modes . The growing adoption of dual-clutch transmissions in performance and premium vehicles offers opportunities for advanced clutch technologies . The robust aftermarket, driven by an aging global vehicle parc and increasing replacement cycles, represents a significant growth opportunity for clutch suppliers who invest in complete clutch kits, digital catalogs, and technician training . Hydrogen ICE injectors, two-wheeler micro-pumps, and off-highway electrification present white spaces where scale is less decisive than materials science and control algorithms .

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Final Market Summary

The long-term industry potential remains robust, with advancements in friction materials, dual-clutch technologies, and hybrid transmission systems continuing to expand the addressable market. The convergence of clutch technology with broader vehicle electrification, including hybrid powertrains and automated transmissions, is creating opportunities for suppliers that invest in modular, scalable clutch platforms and advanced actuation systems.

Key factors expected to influence future development include the pace of hybrid vehicle adoption, the evolution of manual transmission demand in emerging economies, and the advancement of dual-clutch and automated manual transmission technologies. The development of affordable, high-durability clutch systems and complete clutch kits for the aftermarket will support continued demand across both OEM and aftermarket channels. As vehicles become increasingly connected, electrified, and software-defined, the role of advanced clutch systems will continue to evolve, ensuring sustained innovation and growth throughout the forecast period and beyond.

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