

Expandable Graphite Market - Global Industry Size, Share, Trends, Opportunity, and Forecast, Segmented by Product Form (Flame Retardant Additives, Graphite Foil & Sheets, and Others), By Flake Size (Jumbo Flakes, Medium & Large Flakes, and Small & Fine Flakes), By End User Industry (Building & Construction, Consumer Electronics, Chemical Processing, and Others), By Region and competition, 2020-2030F

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Market Overview

The Global Expandable Graphite Market, valued at USD 235.95 Million in 2024, is projected to experience a CAGR of 3.32% to reach USD 287.08 Million by 2030. Expandable graphite, an intercalated form of natural flake graphite, is chemically treated to significantly expand when subjected to heat, forming an intumescent layer that provides fire-retardant properties. This material finds extensive use in flame retardants, flexible graphite products, and thermal management solutions across various industries. The global market for expandable graphite is primarily driven by the escalating demand for advanced fire-resistant materials, particularly due to increasingly stringent fire safety regulations worldwide.

Key Market Drivers

The increasing demand for flame retardant materials is a primary driver for the expandable graphite market. Stringent fire safety regulations across industries such as construction, textiles, and electronics drive the integration of effective fire suppression and intumescent solutions. Expandable graphite serves as a crucial non-halogenated flame retardant, offering environmental advantages over traditional halogenated compounds. Its ability to expand significantly when exposed to heat, forming a protective char layer, makes it highly effective in preventing fire spread in critical applications.

Key Market Challenges

The global expandable graphite market faces a notable impediment stemming from geopolitical risks and the concentrated sourcing of its primary raw material, natural graphite. This heavy reliance on a limited number of production regions creates a

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vulnerable supply chain, making the consistent availability of essential inputs prone to disruption. Such a precarious supply situation generates uncertainty for manufacturers downstream in the expandable graphite sector.

This inherent instability directly hampers market growth by introducing significant raw material cost volatility. According to Fastmarkets, a leading price reporting agency, flake graphite prices (94% C, -100 mesh, fob China) dropped by 33.43% from January to December 2023, falling from \$830 per tonne to \$530-575 per tonne. These substantial and unpredictable price fluctuations complicate long-term business planning, elevate operational expenditures, and constrain investment in new production capacities for expandable graphite, thereby impeding stable market expansion.

Key Market Trends

The emergence of expanded graphite in advanced composites and thermal interface solutions represents a significant market trend, addressing the increasing need for lightweight, high-performance materials in diverse sectors. Expanded graphite's exceptional thermal conductivity and low density make it an ideal choice for enhancing thermal management in compact electronics and improving structural integrity in advanced composite materials used in aerospace and industrial applications. According to the Japan Carbon Association, domestic special graphite production capacity reached 180,000 tons in 2024, with 40% exported to regional markets, highlighting the material's increasing importance. This trend is further underscored by SGL Carbon, which signed a contract with E-Works Mobility in January 2023 to supply battery cases made of glass fiber-reinforced plastic, demonstrating concrete industry movement towards graphite-reinforced composite solutions.

Key Market Players

- SGL Group
- NeoGraf Solution
- Yichang Xincheng Graphite Co. Ltd.
- HP Materials Solution Inc.
- Braide Graphite Group Co. Ltd.
- GEORG H. LUH GmbH
- Shijiazhuang ADT Carbonic Material Factory
- Qingdao Black Dragon Graphite Co. Ltd

Report Scope:

In this report, the Global Expandable Graphite Market has been segmented into the following categories, in addition to the industry trends which have also been detailed below:

-□Expandable Graphite Market, By Product Form:

- o Flame Retardant Additives
- o Graphite Foil & Sheets
- o Others

-□Expandable Graphite Market, By Flake Size:

- o Jumbo Flakes
- o Medium & Large Flakes
- o Small & Fine Flakes

-□Expandable Graphite Market, By End User Industry:

- o Building & Construction
- o Consumer Electronics
- o Chemical Processing
- o Others

-□Expandable Graphite Market, By Region:

- o Asia Pacific
- China
- India
- Japan
- Australia

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- South Africa
- Saudi Arabia
- UAE

Competitive Landscape

Company Profiles: Detailed analysis of the major companies presents in the Global Expandable Graphite Market.

Available Customizations:

Global Expandable Graphite Market report with the given market data, TechSci Research offers customizations according to a company's specific needs. The following customization options are available for the report:

Company Information

-□Detailed analysis and profiling of additional market players (up to five).

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