

Global Dimethyl Carbonate Market 2026

Market size, segmentation, competitive landscape and outlook

2021–2031

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Indicator	Value
Market size (2025)	USD 1.5 bn
Forecast (2031)	USD 2.4 bn
CAGR (2021–2031)	8%
Study period	2021–2031
Largest region	Asia-Pacific · 72%
Fastest-growing region	Asia-Pacific · 8.6%
Market concentration	Moderate
Licence	Individual / Company

The global dimethyl carbonate market reaches USD XXX billion in 2025 and USD XXX billion by 2031, expanding at an XX% CAGR. Asia-Pacific accounts for XX% of market value, supported by China's integrated carbonate production, battery manufacturing and polycarbonate supply chains. Battery-grade material creates the strongest qualification and pricing opportunities, while industrial-grade demand maintains the market's volume foundation. This report examines how purification capability, feedstock integration, customer qualification and regional supply diversification determine commercial performance.

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Executive summary

The global dimethyl carbonate market reaches USD XXX billion in 2025 and USD XXX billion by 2031, expanding at an XX% CAGR. Asia-Pacific accounts for XX% of market value, supported by China's integrated carbonate production, battery manufacturing and polycarbonate supply chains. Battery-grade material creates the strongest qualification and pricing opportunities, while industrial-grade demand maintains the market's volume foundation. This report examines how purification capability, feedstock integration, customer qualification and regional supply diversification determine commercial performance.

Indicator	Value
Market size 2025	XXX
Forecast 2031	XXX
CAGR	XXX
Largest region	XXX
Fastest region	XXX

Key findings

- Global DMC market value is USD XXX billion in 2025 and reaches USD XXX billion by 2031, representing an XX% CAGR, according to shev.io Research.
- Global DMC consumption reaches XXX tonnes in 2025 and XXX tonnes in 2031, according to shev.io Research.
- Asia-Pacific contributes XX% of 2025 market value and records the fastest regional growth at XX% through 2031, according to shev.io Research.
- Industrial grade represents XX% of market value, battery grade contributes XX%, and other high-purity grades account for XX%, according to shev.io Research.
- Polycarbonate manufacture accounts for XX% of DMC consumption value, followed by direct battery-electrolyte use at XX%, according to shev.io Research.
- Transesterification routes supply XX% of market value, reflecting the importance of carbonate and glycol integration, according to shev.io Research.
- The International Energy Agency reported that global electric-car sales exceeded XXX in 2024 and surpassed a XX% share of total car sales.
- UBE's February 2024 US investment announcement specified annual capacity of XXX tonnes of DMC and XXX tonnes of ethyl methyl carbonate.

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Market size and forecast

Market value by year, USD bn

Indicator	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	CAGR
Market value, USD bn	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Market volume	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Production	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Imports	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Exports	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Apparent consumption	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX

Source: XXX

Year-over-year value change

Indicator	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	CAGR
Market value	X%	X%	X%	X%	X%	X%
Production	X%	X%	X%	X%	X%	X%
Imports	X%	X%	X%	X%	X%	X%
Exports	X%	X%	X%	X%	X%	X%

Source: XXX

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Global Dimethyl Carbonate Market Trends and Growth Drivers

DMC serves distinct commercial markets within a shared chemical identity. Industrial users purchase a functional intermediate or solvent, while electrolyte customers purchase tightly controlled impurity performance supported by qualification and traceability. This difference explains why rising battery demand can coexist with industrial-grade oversupply and why market value can grow faster than physical consumption.

Manufacturing economics extend beyond the DMC selling price. Feedstock integration, energy requirements, purification losses and glycol coproduct realization influence a producer's ability to operate competitively. Capacity announcements therefore provide an incomplete view of effective supply unless they are connected to operating status, grade capability and customer acceptance.

Demand forecasting requires a similar distinction between installed downstream capacity and actual material consumption. Battery output, electrolyte loading and solvent composition jointly determine DMC requirements, while polycarbonate demand depends on resin utilization and process route. The report connects these operating variables to regional supply balances, price formation and procurement strategy.

Growth drivers

Battery manufacturing expands DMC demand

Growth in electric vehicles and stationary storage increases the requirement for liquid electrolyte solvents. DMC benefits through direct electrolyte use and through conversion into other linear carbonates. Producers serving cell and electrolyte manufacturers gain most where qualification programmes translate announced battery capacity into sustained commercial output.

Battery-grade qualification lifts market value

Electrolyte customers purchase tightly controlled moisture, acidity, metal contamination and batch consistency, rather than purity percentage alone. These requirements support investment in purification, analytical capability and dedicated storage. Suppliers with reproducible specifications can capture a greater share of market value even when industrial-grade prices remain under pressure.

Non-phosgene polycarbonate supports base demand

DMC serves as an intermediate in established non-phosgene polycarbonate production chains. This application provides a substantial industrial demand base whose purchasing economics depend on resin utilization, plant integration and the competitiveness of alternative production routes. Integrated operators can coordinate DMC production and downstream consumption to reduce exposure to merchant-market volatility.

Regional sourcing creates new supply positions

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Battery-material buyers increasingly examine geographic concentration, shipping reliability and qualification redundancy in their procurement decisions. Regional carbonate projects create opportunities for suppliers able to combine production with local technical support and controlled logistics. UBE's announced US DMC and ethyl methyl carbonate investment illustrates the strategic importance of serving electrolyte supply chains closer to customers.

Solvent substitution broadens addressable demand

Formulators evaluate DMC where its solvency, evaporation characteristics and process compatibility meet application requirements. Restrictions affecting incumbent solvents can accelerate reformulation programmes, particularly in selected coatings, cleaning and chemical-processing uses. Adoption depends on performance testing and workplace controls because DMC's flammability remains a practical formulation constraint.

Integrated production improves cost competitiveness

Integration with carbonate intermediates, methanol supply, utilities and glycol coproduct markets can strengthen plant economics. Competitive production costs expand the range of applications in which DMC is commercially attractive. The benefit is strongest for operators that manage purification requirements and coproduct realization alongside nameplate capacity.

Restraints

Excess industrial capacity pressures prices

Capacity additions can outpace consumption growth, particularly in industrial-grade material that lacks battery qualification. Lower utilization and aggressive export pricing then compress producer revenue even while physical consumption expands. The resulting pressure makes operating discipline and access to higher-value customers central to investment returns.

Qualification delays restrict premium-market access

A plant's ability to manufacture DMC does not establish its ability to supply qualified battery-grade material. Customer audits, analytical reproducibility and contamination control create additional steps between commissioning and commercial acceptance. These requirements extend commercialization schedules and can leave new capacity dependent on lower-value industrial sales.

Feedstock and coproduct swings weaken margins

Methanol, energy and carbonate-intermediate costs influence DMC production economics, while glycol coproduct prices affect the net cost position of relevant routes. A deterioration in coproduct realization can offset lower feedstock prices. Producers with inflexible operating configurations face greater exposure when these price relationships move against them.

Electrolyte reformulation limits demand intensity

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Cell chemistry, operating voltage and electrolyte formulation determine the amount of DMC used per unit of battery output. Changes in solvent blends, higher-concentration electrolytes and alternative electrolyte technologies can reduce DMC intensity in selected applications. Forecasts therefore track solvent composition and material efficiency alongside battery production.

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Dimethyl Carbonate Market Growth: Driver and Restraint Impact

Drivers — impact on forecast

Driver	Impact on CAGR	Geography	Horizon
Battery manufacturing expands DMC demand	XXX	XXX	XXX
Battery-grade qualification lifts market value	XXX	XXX	XXX
Non-phosgene polycarbonate supports base demand	XXX	XXX	XXX
Regional sourcing creates new supply positions	XXX	XXX	XXX
Solvent substitution broadens addressable demand	XXX	XXX	XXX
Integrated production improves cost competitiveness	XXX	XXX	XXX

Source: XXX

Restraints — impact on forecast

Restraint	Impact on CAGR	Geography	Horizon
Excess industrial capacity pressures prices	XXX	XXX	XXX
Qualification delays restrict premium-market access	XXX	XXX	XXX
Feedstock and coproduct swings weaken margins	XXX	XXX	XXX
Electrolyte reformulation limits demand intensity	XXX	XXX	XXX

Source: XXX

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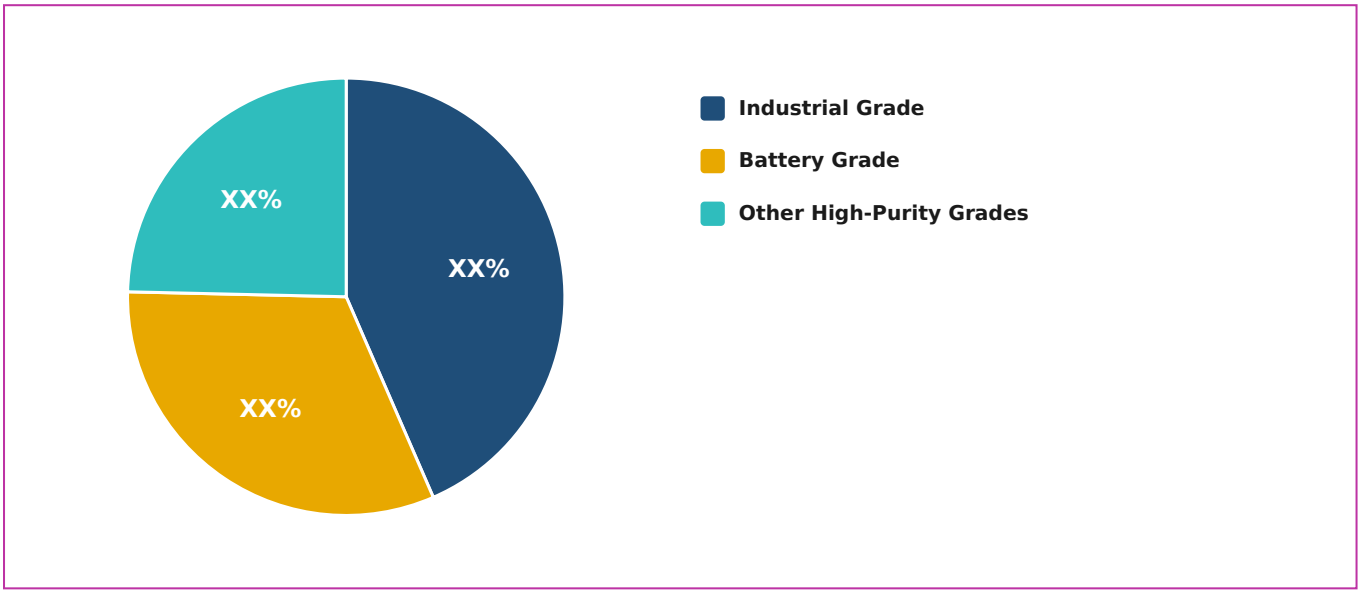
Dimethyl Carbonate Market Segmentation by Grade, Application and Production Route

By Purity Grade

Industrial-grade DMC benefits from established polycarbonate, solvent and synthesis demand. Battery-grade material accounts for XX% of value because electrolyte customers require reproducible control of moisture, acidity and trace contaminants. Other high-purity grades serve specialty synthesis and laboratory-related requirements. Grade assignment follows the specification under which material is supplied, allowing battery-grade DMC used in downstream carbonate synthesis to remain in the battery-grade category.

Value share by purity Grade, 2025



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Value by purity Grade, USD bn

Segment	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Share 2025	CAGR
Industrial Grade	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Battery Grade	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Other High-Purity Grades	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX

Source: XXX

By Application

Polycarbonate provides the largest established application through integrated non-phosgene production chains. Direct battery-electrolyte use grows fastest as cell production expands and solvent suppliers

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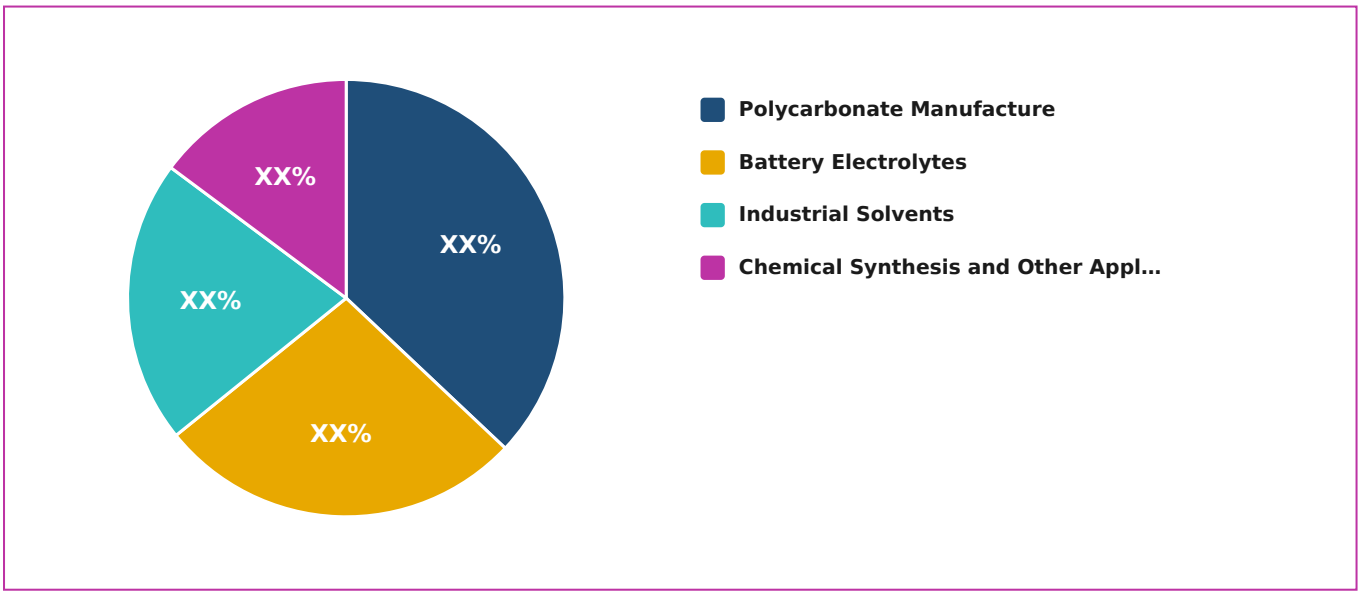
complete customer qualification. Solvent applications depend on reformulation economics and performance, while chemical synthesis includes DMC converted into other products, including other linear carbonates. Each tonne is assigned to its immediate consuming application to prevent double counting.

Value share by application, 2025



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Value by application, USD bn

Segment	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Share 2025	CAGR
Polycarbonate Manufacture	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Battery Electrolytes	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Industrial Solvents	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Chemical Synthesis and Other Applications	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX

Source: XXX

By Production Route

Transesterification benefits from integration with carbonate intermediates and glycol coproduct markets. Oxidative carbonylation remains an established alternative whose economics depend on process configuration, utilities and feedstock access. Other routes form a smaller technology category and require assessment of commercial operating evidence. Route comparisons account for purification and coproduct credits so that nominal feedstock cost does not obscure the actual cost of saleable DMC.

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Value by production Route, USD bn

Segment	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Share 2025	CAGR
Transesterification	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Oxidative Carbonylation	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Other Production Routes	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX

Source: XXX

By Supply Arrangement

Direct merchant contracts support large electrolyte, chemical and industrial customers requiring specification control and delivery continuity. Captive transfers remain significant in integrated polycarbonate and carbonate-derivative complexes. Distributor-mediated supply serves smaller lots, fragmented industrial users and specialty customers. Each arrangement is valued at the producer gate, and distributor resale revenue is excluded.

Value by supply Arrangement, USD bn

Segment	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Share 2025	CAGR
Direct Merchant Supply	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Captive Consumption	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Distributor-Mediated Supply	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX

Source: XXX

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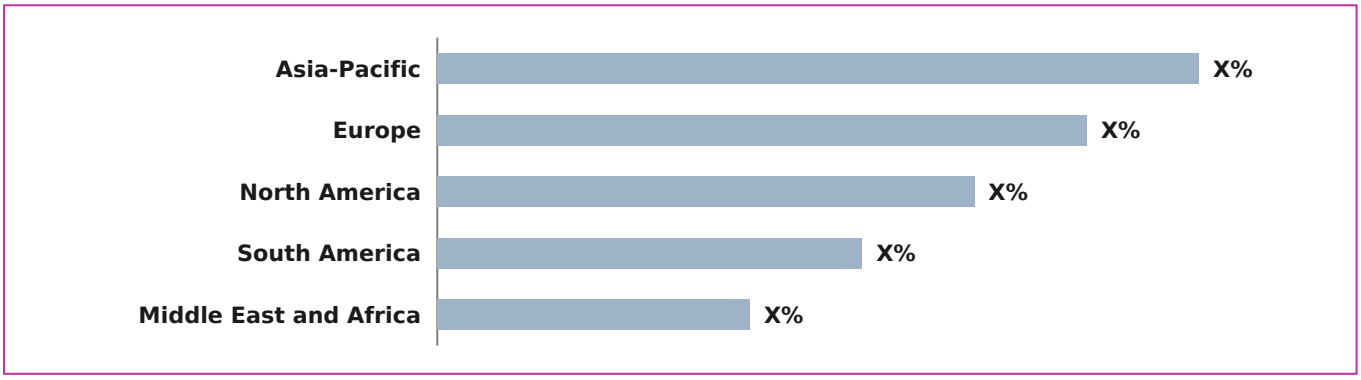
Dimethyl Carbonate Market Regional Analysis and Country Outlook

Asia-Pacific accounts for XX% of global DMC market value in 2025 and expands at an XX% CAGR through 2031. China anchors production economics through integrated chemical complexes, carbonate intermediates and concentrated battery-material demand. Japan and South Korea contribute established chemical-processing expertise and demanding electrolyte customers, while India offers a developing demand opportunity linked to cell manufacturing and industrial applications. Regional analysis separates announced cell capacity from operating output and identifies where DMC imports remain necessary despite local battery investment.

Europe represents XX% of market value and grows at a XX% CAGR through 2031. Germany provides an important intersection of automotive, chemical and battery-material demand, while France's battery investments and the United Kingdom's specialty-chemical activity create distinct procurement requirements. European buyers place particular emphasis on supply documentation, chemical compliance and dependable product qualification. Local production proposals must demonstrate competitiveness against imported material after accounting for energy, purification, logistics and utilization.

North America contributes XX% of market value and grows at a XX% CAGR, with the United States central to supply diversification and electrolyte localization. UBE's announced Louisiana carbonate investment provides a concrete example of regional supply-chain development; project announcements and qualified commercial output remain separate entries in the supply assessment. South America and the Middle East and Africa represent XX% and XX% of market value, respectively, with demand concentrated in industrial solvents, chemical processing and emerging battery-related applications.

Growth rate by region, 2025-2031



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Market value by region, USD bn

Region	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Share 2025	CAGR
Asia-Pacific	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Europe	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
North America	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
South America	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Middle East and Africa	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX

Source: XXX

Market value by leading country, USD bn

Country	2025	2031	Share 2025	CAGR
United States	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Germany	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
United Kingdom	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Belgium	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Netherlands	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Japan	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
China	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Mexico	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX

Source: XXX

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Dimethyl Carbonate Market Competitive Landscape and Company Share

The DMC market has moderate concentration, with competitive positions differing substantially between industrial supply and customer-qualified battery material. Chinese integrated suppliers, including Shinghwa Advanced Material Group and Haike-affiliated operations, are important to the cost and availability of merchant material. UBE competes through chemical-process expertise and carbonate integration, while established Japanese chemical suppliers participate in differentiated technical and customer relationships. The report evaluates producers on operating assets, qualified grades, customer access and net manufacturing economics.

Competitive expansion increasingly combines DMC with adjacent carbonate products because electrolyte customers purchase solvent systems and supply reliability. UBE's announced US DMC and ethyl methyl carbonate project demonstrates this integrated approach. The capacity ledger distinguishes announced, under-construction, commissioned and customer-qualified assets, and the transaction review separates acquisitions from internal investment, licensing and commercial partnerships. Corporate ownership is mapped to avoid counting affiliated producers twice.

The supplier universe also includes laboratory and specialty distributors such as Merck, Thermo Fisher Scientific and Tokyo Chemical Industry. Their profiles explain catalogue coverage, technical documentation and customer reach, while producer market-share calculations exclude repeated distribution sales. The competitive dashboard therefore distinguishes production leadership, qualified battery supply and specialty-channel positioning so buyers can compare commercially relevant peer groups.

Leading companies

Company	HQ	Est. revenue 2025	Market share 2025	YoY
UBE Corporation	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Haike Chemical Group	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
LOTTE Chemical Corporation	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Jiangsu Sopo (Group) Co., Ltd.	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Merck KGaA	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Tokyo Chemical Industry Co., Ltd.	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX

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Dimethyl Carbonate Market Forecast and Investment Opportunities

Global DMC market value reaches USD XXX billion by 2031 as physical consumption expands to XXX tonnes. Battery-related applications strengthen the market's value mix, while polycarbonate remains a major source of industrial consumption. The central commercial issue is the conversion of manufacturing capacity into reliably qualified output: purification yield, batch consistency and customer acceptance determine how much nominal supply can serve premium applications.

The 2031 scenario framework places market value at USD XXX billion in the downside case and USD XXX billion in the upside case. The downside combines weaker battery utilization, lower DMC intensity and prolonged industrial-grade price pressure. The upside combines faster electrolyte demand, stronger qualified-grade penetration and improved regional supply execution. Scenario comparisons show separately how volume, grade mix and producer-gate prices move the market.

Investment priorities favour technically differentiated capacity, integrated carbonate portfolios and contracts tied to clearly specified acceptance criteria. Buyers benefit from qualifying alternative suppliers before supply interruptions and from tracking delivered cost alongside impurity performance. Producers that demonstrate reliable qualification, transparent product documentation and competitive operating economics are best positioned to convert demand growth into durable returns.

Opportunities

- Battery-grade purification and contamination-controlled logistics
- Regional DMC and ethyl methyl carbonate production complexes
- Long-term supply agreements with electrolyte formulators
- Application development in coatings, cleaning and synthesis
- Toll purification of industrial DMC into qualified specialty grades
- Digital certificates of analysis and batch-level impurity traceability
- Verified process-emissions improvements supported by plant-level data

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