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2026 Industrial 3D Printer Market Report

Published asking prices, manufacturer and process mix, machine age and the operating questions behind used additive equipment.

192 listing records | 179 qualified prices | Median \$15,000

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Market findings

The MBB category snapshot contains **192** indexable records and **179** qualified asking prices. The median is **\$15,000**; the middle 50 percent runs from **\$5,700** to **\$45,000**.

These are published asking prices—not completed-sale prices, appraisals or offers. Exact configuration, condition, documentation and production-readiness cost must be evaluated for a specific machine.

LISTING RECORDS	QUALIFIED PRICES	Q1	MEDIAN	Q3
192	179	\$5,700	\$15,000	\$45,000

What this equipment does

Additive manufacturing builds parts from digital designs by adding material layer by layer. NIST describes a family of processes—not one interchangeable machine class—including powder bed fusion, directed energy deposition, material extrusion, vat photopolymerization, binder jetting and material jetting.

A category-wide additive median mixes different materials, processes, build volumes and production purposes. Polymer material extrusion, photopolymer, powder-bed and metal systems can have radically different facility, software, safety and post-processing requirements.

Manufacturer evidence

Median asking price by manufacturer



Manufacturer	Listings	Qualified	Q1	Median	Q3
Stratasys	82	73	\$4,000	\$12,000	\$27,500
3D Systems	31	31	\$3,500	\$8,000	\$15,000
Desktop Metal	20	20	\$6,250	\$31,200	\$95,750
Markforged	12	12	\$6,075	\$11,500	\$21,250
Hp	7	5	\$10,500	\$30,000	\$35,000
Eos	5	5	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
Bigrep	4	4	\$24,000	\$30,000	\$35,312
Massivit	4	3	\$57,500	\$70,000	\$100,000
Uniontech	4	4	\$69,500	\$84,500	\$99,500
Nexa3D	3	3	\$17,500	\$20,000	\$26,500

Age, configuration and condition

Indexed listings by production-year range



What changes value

- Additive process, qualified materials, build volume, resolution, throughput and intended applications
- Open or restricted material ecosystem, consumable pricing and remaining manufacturer support
- Software licenses, build preparation, parameter access, service contracts and data portability
- Print heads, lasers, optics, recoaters, motion systems, sensors and calibration status
- Included wash, cure, depowdering, sieving, furnace, extraction and post-processing equipment
- Installation history, usage, preventive maintenance, operating demonstration and facility requirements

Age helps organize comparisons, but it cannot establish control condition, remaining support, geometry, maintenance, installed options or the cost to make a machine productive again.

Buyer and seller decision guide

Buyer inspection framework

1. Identify the exact additive process, materials, serial number, software and support status.
2. Verify machine utilization, service history, calibration and the condition of process-critical components.
3. Run an appropriate build or review current build-quality evidence, not only a powered control screen.
4. Confirm which software licenses, parameter sets, accessories and post-processing systems transfer.
5. Review material age, storage, contamination controls and safe handling requirements for the process.
6. Price the complete workflow: preparation, printing, cleaning, curing or heat treatment, inspection and waste handling.

Seller evidence package

Describe the process and workflow, not merely the printer. Identify materials run, build volume, installed software, transferable licenses, service status, utilization, calibration and all wash, cure, powder, furnace or extraction equipment included. A current sample build and maintenance record are stronger evidence than a generic specification sheet.

Production readiness

Additive site planning varies by process. Review electrical and ventilation needs, temperature and humidity control, inert gas or compressed air, material storage, powder or resin handling, fire and exposure controls, post-processing, inspection, waste and software infrastructure with qualified professionals.

Methods, safety and sources

MBB filtered the September 25, 2026 catalog snapshot to indexable records whose normalized category equals '3D Printer'. Price statistics include numeric asking prices from \$500 through \$5 million. The records are not a probability sample of all machines, and source mix, missing prices, stale listings and incomplete machine facts can bias the result.

Safety context

Material and process hazards vary. NIST provides process definitions and standards context; site-specific ventilation, fire protection, chemical or powder handling, personal protective equipment and hazardous-energy controls require qualified review and the applicable manufacturer and regulatory guidance.

Sources

NIST: What is additive manufacturing?: <https://www.nist.gov/additive-manufacturing/what-additive-manufacturing>

NIST additive technologies: <https://www.nist.gov/additive-manufacturing/research-areas/technologies>

NIST additive manufacturing standards: <https://www.nist.gov/additive-manufacturing/standards>

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