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Aerospace Manufacturing Advantages

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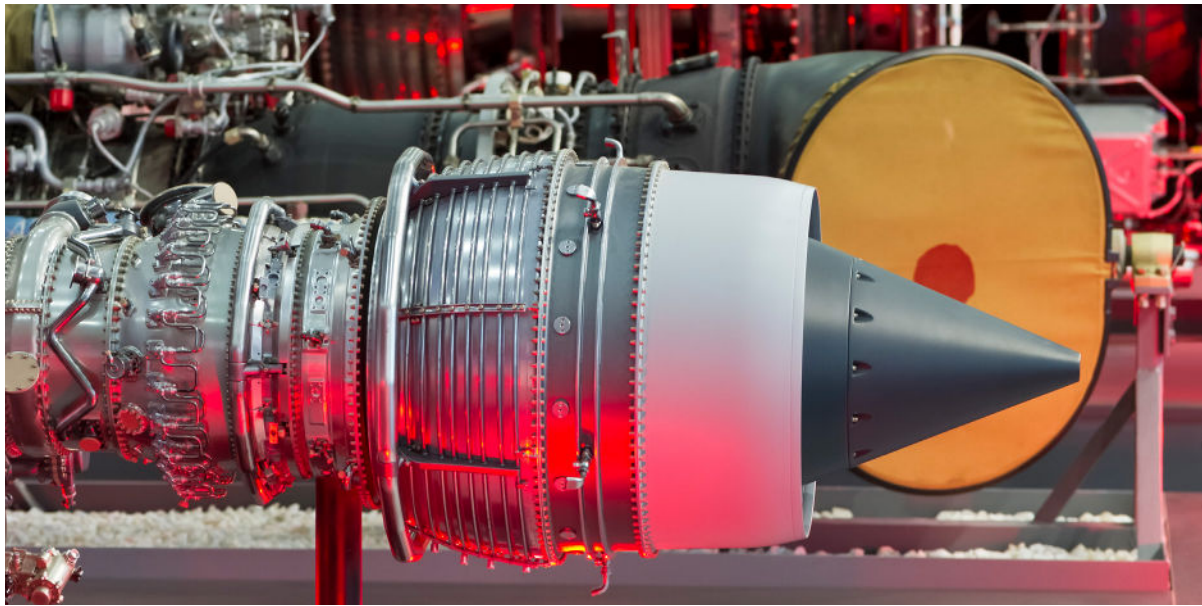
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Aerospace Industry in Mexico

The aerospace industry has grown substantially over the years, making Mexico a global hub for manufacturing activity. The growing demand for modernized global airline fleets, as well as the rise of commercial aviation, continues to boost expansion.



Aerospace Manufacturing in Mexico: By the Numbers

4th

largest exporter of
aerospace products on
a global level

12th

in the global ranking
of production

\$10.7

billion in overseas
shipments

14%

average growth rate
for the sector
since 2004

Source: trade.gov

Aerospace Clusters, Specialties, & Key Players

According to the International Trade Administration, by mid-2023, Mexico's aerospace sector expanded from 100 manufacturing firms in 2004 to 368.

Projected growth for the industry is \$22 billion within the next three years. When segmented by geography, aerospace clusters within Mexico include:



1) Baja California - Mexico's largest aerospace cluster focuses on precision machining, composites, and assembly.

Key players: Honeywell, Gulfstream, Collins Aerospace, and GKN Aerospace

2) Sonora - Global manufacturers have a strong presence specializing in engine components, wiring harness, avionics, and landing gear.

Key players: GE Aerospace and Collins Aerospace

3) Chihuahua - Its proximity to the U.S. creates a binational stronghold for the aerospace industry for the production of aerospace machining and subassembly manufacturing.

Key players: GKN Aerospace, Honeywell Aerospace, Safran, Karman Aerospace, and Textron

4) Nuevo Leon - A growing cluster with Monterrey at its center, focusing on machining and composite manufacturing.

Key players: PCC Aerostructures, Parker, and Frisa

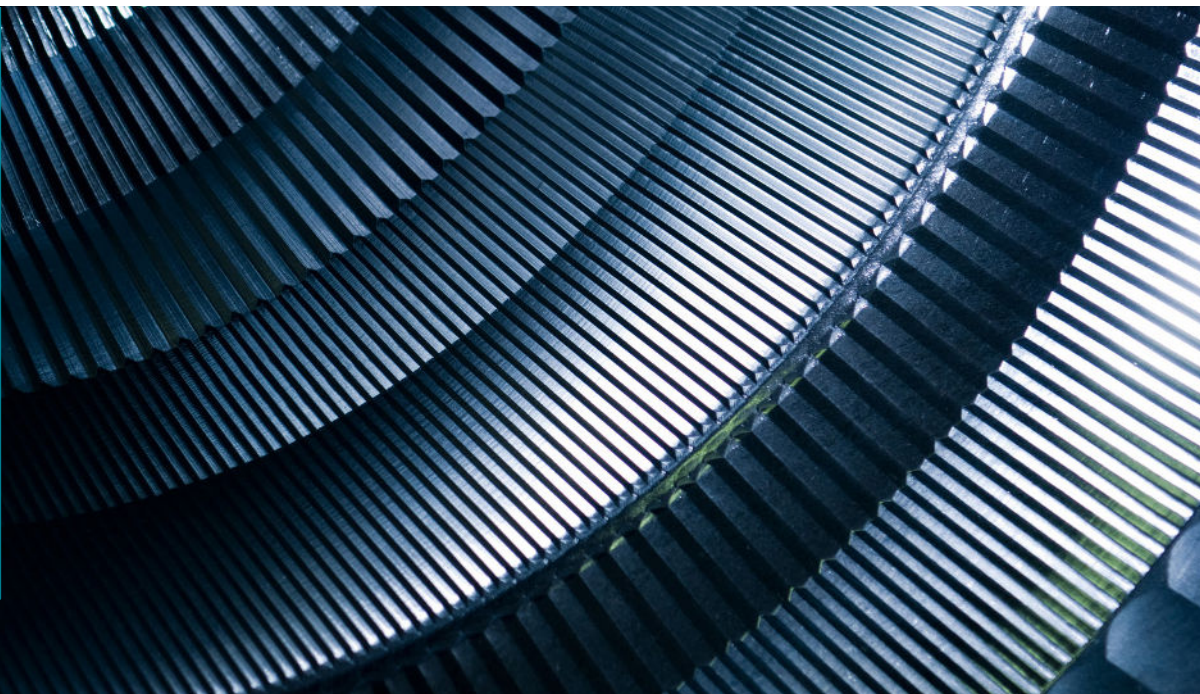
5) Queretaro - Clusters in the region capitalize on engineering services, MRO, design, aerostructures, and aircraft interiors.

Key players: Bombardier and Airbus

Mexico Aerospace Industry Market Size



Mexico has consolidated its aerospace position as the global leader. This industry alone has recorded a 17.2% annual growth in the last 10 years. Currently, there are 302 companies and support entities in the country. Most of which are NADCAP and AS9100 certified.



Why Choose Mexico for Aerospace Manufacturing

For over 30 years, Mexico has been a manufacturing center for aerospace manufacturers and suppliers from around the world. The reasons for this are wide-ranging and include:

Labor Savings and Availability

- 21% of total graduates in Mexico in the last decade have been in engineering
- 40-50% labor cost savings comparable to U.S. salaries
- Younger manufacturing population and availability of talent willing to work in manufacturing roles

Additionally, when compared to overall lower operational costs, the labor rate is an even better value. And, thanks to the lower cost of living in Mexico, the labor rate is a win-win for all.



After an objective evaluation, IVEMSA was simply the best value, and not only is IVEMSA well established and connected, we were also very impressed with the professionalism and transparency with which they do business.

Loren Engel,
General Manager,
GKIN Aerospace
Compostis



Average Monthly Wages for Manufacturing Personnel

IVEMSA will create labor and benefit packages customized to keep you competitive and make you an attractive employer, regardless of where in Mexico you choose to set up your business.

Position	Hourly Salary USD	Weekly Salary USD	Monthly Salary USD	Annual Salary USD
Non-Skilled Operator	\$6.44	\$309.33	\$1,340.45	\$16,085.40
Semi-Skilled Operator	\$6.98	\$334.96	\$1,451.51	\$17,418.12
Skilled Operator	\$7.70	\$369.66	\$1,601.85	\$19,222.15
Forklift Driver	\$7.98	\$382.88	\$1,659.15	\$19,909.74
Shipping Receiving Clerk	\$8.77	\$421.08	\$1,824.69	\$21,896.27
Line Leader	\$9.39	\$450.67	\$1,952.90	\$23,434.85
QA Inspector	\$7.88	\$378.12	\$1,638.52	\$19,662.25
Maintenance Tech	\$12.21	\$586.30	\$2,540.63	\$30,487.59
Receptionist	\$10.77	\$516.81	\$2,239.52	\$26,874.29
Production Supervisor	\$21.33	\$1,023.86	\$4,436.73	\$53,240.73
Manufacturing Engineer	\$32.65	\$1,567.00	\$6,790.33	\$81,483.98
Quality Supervisor	\$22.72	\$1,090.32	\$4,724.73	\$56,696.71
Buyer	\$24.57	\$1,179.30	\$5,110.30	\$61,323.63
Production Manager	\$54.15	\$2,599.06	\$11,262.58	\$135,151.02

All wages are unburdened and do not include benefits.



50+
border crossings
with the U.S.

76
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117
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27K
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Strategic Site Selection

For decades, Mexico has served as a key manufacturing hub for companies worldwide with established sectors and supply chains. The country boasts:

- 50+ border crossings with the U.S.
- 76 operational airports
- 117 seaports
- 27,000 km of railroads

In addition to this advantageous connectivity, manufacturers benefit from state-of-the-art industrial facilities equipped with the infrastructure and technology necessary to meet rising market demand.

The majority of the new available buildings are Class A facilities located in either gated industrial parks or secured and standalone buildings. Existing industrial sites are available in A / new buildings, B / buildings that are 5 to 10 years old, and C / buildings that are 10+ years old. Lease terms are available from 3 to 10 years, with leasing rates ranging from:

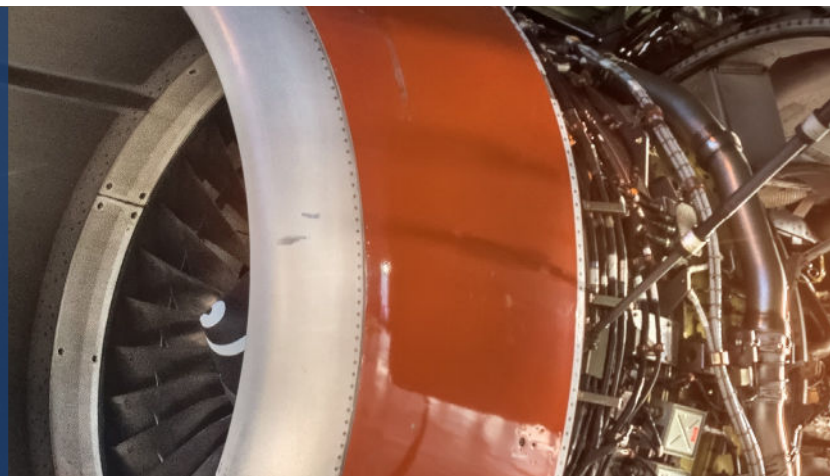
CLASS A	CLASS B	CLASS C
\$0.65 – \$0.75/sq. ft.	\$0.59 – \$0.64/sq. ft.	\$0.55 – \$0.60/sq. ft.

In line with the class of building, sites have systems and capacities that meet both current tenant needs and future growth or upgrade needs. IVEMSA's site selection and negotiation team has over 45+ years of experience in assisting companies to make the right choices and get what they need to meet their manufacturing specifications.



Once we started talking to IVEMSA, we realized we were very comfortable with their team and, didn't feel the need to look any further. They were with us every step of the way and made the set up easy.

Brad Nelson,
Plant Manager, LMI Aerospace Mexicali





We realized that with IVEMSA we would be dealing with not only a highly experienced company, but also with a professional and honest group who reflects our own values and emphasis on integrity.

Technically speaking Wonderbar doesn't exist in Mexico – IVEMSA handles it all. They step in, take over and get it done.

Rick Martindale,
President of
Wonderbar

Strong, Pro-Business Environment

- Competitive costs for utilities, leases, and support services
- World-class infrastructure and a growing, stable supply chain
- One of the strongest IP and trademark protections in the world, with agreements in force with over 40 nations

Aerospace Trade Compliance Under the USMCA

U.S. manufacturers benefit from the rules of origin as laid out in the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), as well as competitive advantages available when manufacturing in Mexico.

Additional savings are possible through Chapter 98 of Mexico's tariff schedule, specifically codes 9806.00.05 and 9806.00.06. These provisions allow for duty exemptions on goods used for aircraft maintenance, subassembly, or production—with prior authorization. For aerospace companies facing steep tariff hikes, these tools offer a critical cost-avoidance strategy.

IMMEX

The IMMEX Program (Manufacturing, Maquiladora, and Export Services Industry) is essential to manufacturing in Mexico. Manufacturers can temporarily import equipment, raw materials, and components as long as they're used to produce goods for export.

VAT Certification – 16% Tax Exemption

As a companion to the IMMEX program approval, VAT Certification grants 16% VAT exemption on temporary imports of machinery, equipment, and raw materials used in the production, which accelerates cost savings for the aerospace industry and has been a significant factor in its growth and continued foreign direct investment into Mexico.

Additional Cost Savings and Streamlined Setup with a Mexico Shelter Company

Mexico’s shelter program is a unique way to do business in a foreign country and many international companies choose to operate their manufacturing facilities under this program. The shelter option is one of three choices to operate legally in Mexico. It’s proven to be the safest, fastest and the most cost competitive way to start and run manufacturing in Mexico. If you operate under a shelter you will enjoy numerous benefits including:

	Working with IVEMSA	Working Alone
Management Team	No need to hire personnel for administrative functions	Hire full administrative team
IT Administrative Platform	Included under IVEMSA Shelter Service	Licenses must be purchased and adapted to your MX operation
Consulting Advising	All Administrative consulting support included	Need to hire external advisors with different specialties
Supervision	Less training & supervision from HQ	Will significantly increase the need for supervision from HQ
Risk & Liability	45+ Years of experience in setting up new operations in Mexico	Longer learning curve higher risk
Focus	Your team focus on manufacturing, quality and production	Managers will be distracted with daily administrative issues
Timing	Established team expert in manufacturing start-ups, typically 3 months after lease is executed	New team with limited experience on start-ups typically 6 to 7 months
Cost	Shelter cost is estimated to cost you 20% to 30% less vs operating alone	Higher overhead cost with less experience

An additional benefit of operating under the shelter umbrella in Mexico is that it allows for a rapid start up to operations. In as little as three months you can be up and running. IVEMSA can provide the following services when you operate under our shelter:



- Site selection
- Start-up project management
- Legal advice
- Human resources recruitment, hiring, retention and compliance
- Payroll processing
- Tax and fiscal compliance
- Mexican accounting
- Environmental and health compliance
- State and federal incentive programs negotiations
- Import/export services including forms, costs and interface with warehousing and brokers
- Import / export compliance
- Government and legal compliance

Other companies that are incorporated independently in Mexico can still select individually from the above services to take advantage of the economies of scale offered by a shelter's administrative services team. Either way, small and large operations receive the benefit of local experts and the cost savings created by a shelter.

Having a knowledgeable expert in Mexico allows your company to tap into networks and resources that assure you are getting the best value for your investment, as well as meeting all local, state and federal regulations. Many companies start out with the shelter program then transition to a standalone entity. Whatever your choice, IVEMSA will fully support you with compliance and expertise every step of the way.

Is Mexico Manufacturing Right for You?

Is setting up a manufacturing operation in Mexico the right step for your company? Only you can make that decision. But if cutting costs or moving operations from Asia or the U.S. to a more strategic location is a factor in your growth, Mexico is an option that deserves to be considered. For a more detailed analysis of cost savings for your operation, or to see for yourself how Mexico can fit into your cost reduction plans, we can help plan a visit tailored to your specific requirements. Contact us to schedule a consultation.



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About IVEMSA

IVEMSA is a comprehensive administrative services provider with nearly 40+ years of supporting foreign companies' manufacturing operations in Mexico. We offer both shelter and standalone support services with a dedicated team of professionals in six functional areas. Many of the IVEMSA team members have been with the company for many years, building and mining the resources and network necessary to provide the smoothest manufacturing operations and shipping possible for companies from around the world. And no matter how the company has grown, the core values of honesty, integrity, hard work and customer satisfaction, remain at the heart of everything IVEMSA does.

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