



CAMX Show 2024: Top Key Take-Aways

Davidson walked the voluminous floor of the 2024 CAMX Composite Show held at the San Diego Convention Center. CAMX meets effectively for three days, September 10-12th. Here are Davidson's Top Take-aways:

KEY TAKE-AWAYS

Alphabet Soup. CAMX stands for Composite & Advanced Materials Expo. Formerly known as SAMPE, which stood for, wait for it, Society for the Advancement of Material & Process Engineering. The name changed to reflect the rebranding and to highlight the expansion of the definition of industry. You just have to embrace those excited engineers and their acronyms.

CAMX Is #1. CAMX is indisputably the premier North American supply chain conference for the composites industry. CAMX connects the composites industry globally, regardless of the dispersion of its incredibly wide array of end markets.

Why Does Davidson Attend CAMX? We are looking for what is the new, new thing. Davidson supports CAMX each year to renew relationships, gain insights on emerging technical achievements and early identification of new end markets.

The CAMX ACE Awards Rock. The ACE Award stands for Award for Composite Excellence. Dozens of entries are reviewed. Only three awards are given out annually on the last day of the show. The winners represent *the crème-de-la-crème* of engineered product prowess.

International Means Global. Over 50 exhibitors from over 30 different countries displayed their products and services at CAMX. Roughly speaking, 10% of the exhibitors are internationally sourced.

What's the 1st Element on the Table? "H", for Hydrogen, it's the first & lightest element. With all the global press about the urgent need for clean fuel, Davidson prowled the hall looking for the composite/hydrogen business intersect. Other than the obvious filament-wound tanks, we did not see much in the way of Hydrogen-centric exhibitors. Hydrogen is one of the technologies we came hopefully to see. Either the hydrogen squad was somewhere else or it's still too early of a technology for this mature conference.

A&D in the House, Sort of. CAMX owes quite a bit of its early popularity to Aerospace and Defense, which used to be a much greater percentage of its larger exhibitors. Today, the end market uses of composites have fanned out so broadly that pure A&D exhibitors have noticeably become a less prominent segment at CAMX

CAMX by the Numbers

Year:	'14	'15	'16	'17*	'18	'19	'20**	'21	'22	'23
City:	Orl	Dal	Ana	Orl	Dal	Ana	Virtual	Dal	Ana	Atl
Attend. 000s:	7.1	7.4	7.9	6.5	7.3	7.6	NA	4.0	6.3	5.7
Exhibitors:	NA	550	544	472	563	521	NA	400	462	525

* Hurricane Irma

** Covid

See You Next Year? CAMX 2025 will be held September 8-11, 2025 in Orlando, FL.

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