



European Semiconductor Industry Association

Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release

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Sales of semiconductors dip in February

In the context of worldwide semiconductor sales declining in February, the European market looks relatively less impacted than the market in the other Regions, although decreasing 4.4% over January.

This negative trend is observed across most of the product categories, namely microprocessors, flash memories, discretes, sensors and actuators, optoelectronics and DSP. Microcontrollers and standard linear showed a moderate growth. DRAM sales reported a decline, but in line with the worldwide figures.

These results reflect the usual seasonal weakness, combined with the ongoing inventory correction in the supply chain.

Looking at application specific circuits, semiconductor used in communication, automotive, industrial applications and computers performed better in Europe compared to the other regions, while consumer specific integrated circuits grew slower than the worldwide average.

European Semiconductor sales in February 2007 amounted to US\$ 3.332 billion according to the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS), down 4.4% versus the previous month. This corresponds to a 7.2% growth compared to the same month last year. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales increased by 7.2% versus the same period in the year 2006.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US\$ increased again its impact on the growth data in the recent months. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in February 2007 were EURO 2.544 billion, down 5.0% on previous month and down 2.0% versus the same month a year ago. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales showed a decline of 1.0% versus the same period in the year 2006.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in February 2007 were US\$ 20.090 billion, down 5.9% versus the previous month. This results in a decline of 2.0% versus the same month in 2006 and on a YTD basis it results in a decline rate of 1.0%.

(for more data please see the tables and graphs on following pages)

About ESIA: The European Semiconductor Industry Association (ESIA), part of the European Electronic Component manufacturers' Association (EECA), represents the European-based manufacturers of semiconductor devices. The semiconductor industry provides the enabling technology, which is at the forefront of the development of the digital economy. The sector supports over 86,000 jobs in a market valued at around €31.8 bn in 2006.

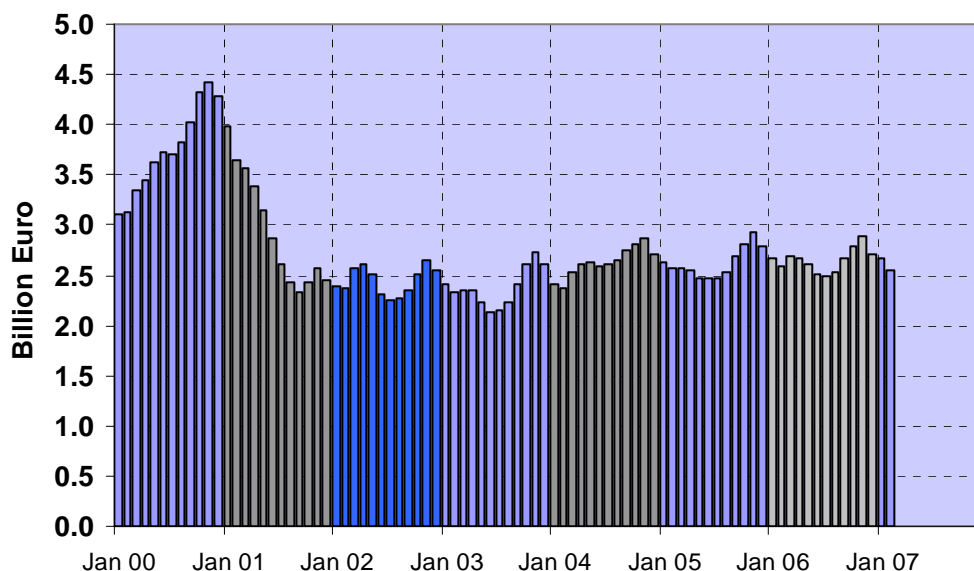
About WSTS: Established in 1986, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to provide timely, accurate and authentic semiconductor market data on industry product shipments in a product line format serving the broad marketing and executive needs. In 2005 WSTS members are 74 semiconductor companies from all over the world, representing 85% of the world semiconductor market. More information on the WSTS website at www.wsts.org

Market data by region¹

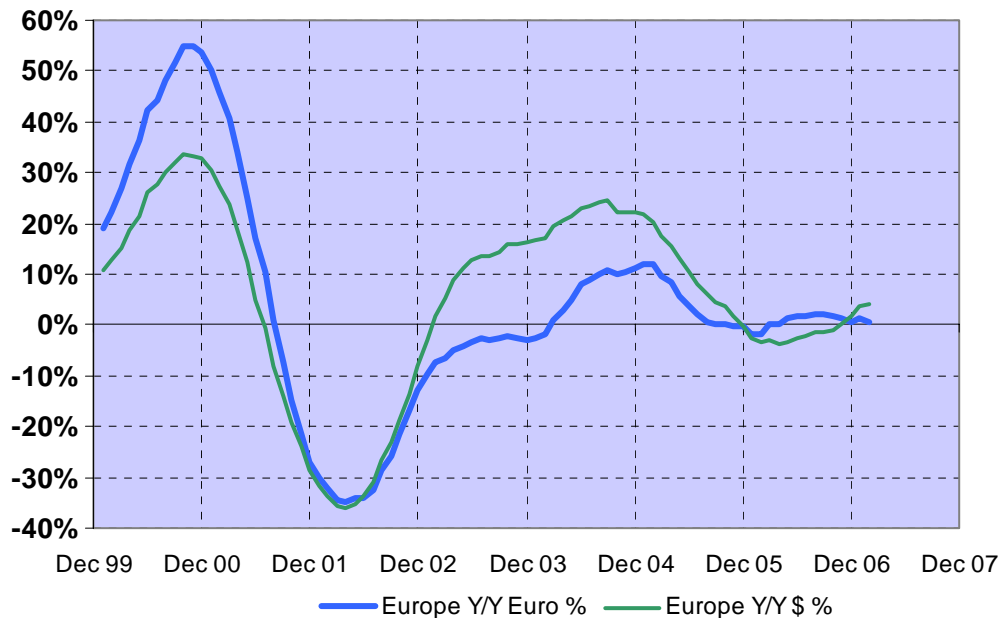
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Jan 07	Feb07	Jan 07	Feb07	Jan 07	Feb07	Jan 07	Feb07
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Europe	3.485	3.332	-0.3%	-4.4%	9.4%	7.2%	14.3%	7.2%
Americas	3.706	3.400	-2.5%	-8.3%	-0.1%	-8.6%	2.0%	-10.8%
Japan	3.792	3.668	-2.2%	-3.3%	3.7%	0.6%	2.5%	-0.1%
Asia Pacific	10.494	9.690	-0.7%	-7.7%	15.3%	10.1%	16.9%	9.4%
World	21.477	20.090	-1.2%	-6.5%	9.3%	4.2%	10.7%	3.2%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.679	2.544	-1.3%	-5.0%	0.2%	-2.0%	6.7%	-1.0%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.300	1.307	7.1%	9.3%	< Euro against \$ versus prev. Year			

1) Unless otherwise indicated, except YTD growth, all figures are 3-month-average data

EUROPE - Monthly European Semiconductor sales in billion Euro (3-month-average data)



European Semiconductor sales growth in % - Annualized growth trend (Y/Y) in Euro and Dollar (12-month-average data)



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