



European Semiconductor Industry Association

Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release

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The European Semiconductor market: first quarter 2007 data

The March figures for semiconductor sales data have been better than expected. The European market did especially well with 4.8% increase on a year over year base and in comparison with the other regions. Sequentially, the first quarter was down 3%, which is in line with the historical pattern. With this value the European market performed better than the World market (see table below).

The drivers for these developments have been general purpose products with wide applications like Microcontroller, Memories, Standard Logic, Discretes.

Microprocessors showed a dip across all Regions, still as results of adjustments started in the previous months and which are still happening on the markets.

From an application point of view, Automotive performed well with increasing sales for both Year over Year and sequentially. In contrast lower sales were reported for communication and consumer products, sequentially over the last quarter of 2006.

European Semiconductor sales in March 2007 amounted to US\$ 3.391 billion according to the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS), up 1.5% versus the previous month. This corresponds to a 4.8% growth compared to the same month last year. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales increased by 4.8% as well versus the same period in the year 2006.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US\$ increased again these days its impact on the growth data in the recent months. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in March 2007 were EURO 2.585 billion, up 1.3% on previous month and down 3.8% versus the same month a year ago. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales showed a decline of 3.8% versus the same period in the year 2006.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in March 2007 were US\$ 20.339 billion, up 1.0% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of 3.2% versus the same month in 2006 and on a YTD basis it results in a growth rate of 3.2%.

(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.

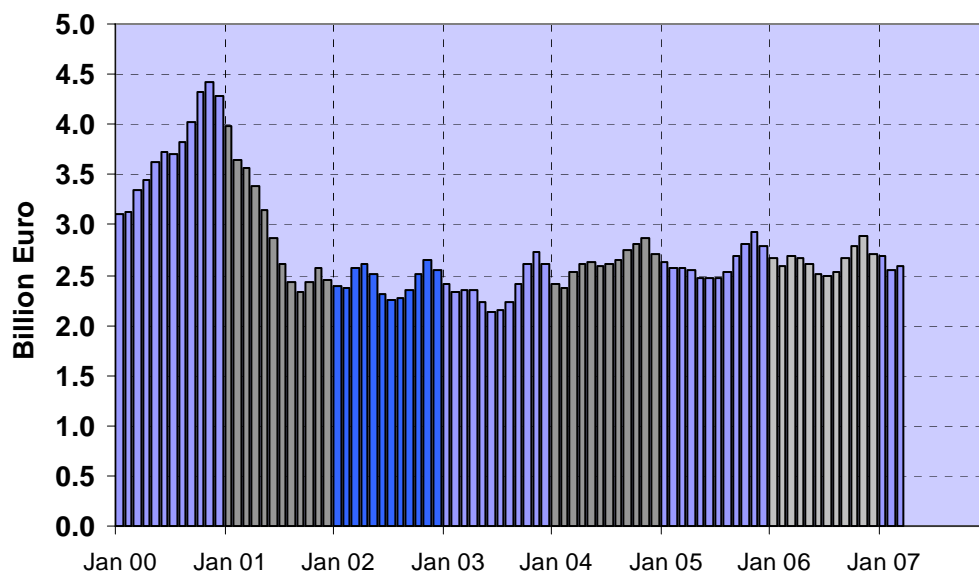
About WSTS: Established in 1986, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to provide timely, accurate and authentic semiconductor market data on industry product shipments in a product line format serving the broad marketing and executive needs. In 2005 WSTS 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

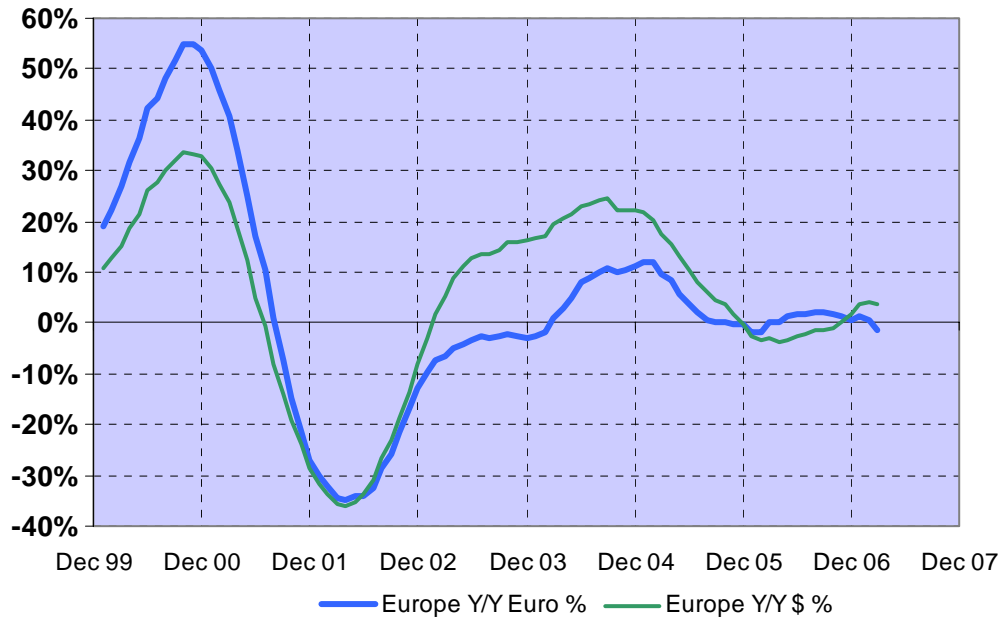
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Feb07	Mar 07	Feb07	Mar 07	Feb07	Mar 07	Feb07	Mar 07
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Europe	3.340	3.391	-4.2%	1.5%	7.4%	4.8%	7.6%	4.8%
Americas	3.412	3.337	-7.9%	-2.2%	-8.2%	-10.6%	-10.3%	-10.6%
Japan	3.677	3.948	-3.0%	7.4%	0.9%	4.1%	0.3%	4.1%
Asia Pacific	9.700	9.663	-7.6%	-0.4%	10.2%	8.1%	9.6%	8.1%
World	20.129	20.339	-6.3%	1.0%	4.4%	3.2%	3.6%	3.2%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.551	2.585	-4.8%	1.3%	-1.8%	-3.8%	-0.6%	-3.8%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.307	1.326	9.3%	10.1%	< 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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