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## **European Semiconductor Market in July 2003**

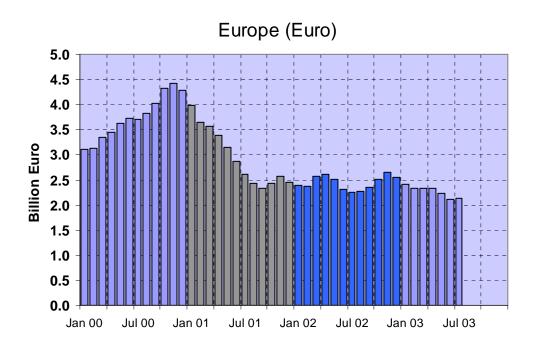
European Semiconductor sales in July 2003 amounted to US\$ 2.466 billion according to WSTS. This corresponds to a +14.4% increase compared to the same month last year. Year-to-date, semiconductor sales increased by +13.0% versus the same period last year. Monthly sequential growth (i.e. July compared to June) was +2.3%.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US\$ has a very significant impact on the growth data at this time. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in June were EURO 2.136 billion, a decline of -5.1% versus the same month a year ago. On a year-to-date basis, semiconductor sales decreased by -7.1% versus the same period last year. Monthly sequential growth in June was +0.9%.

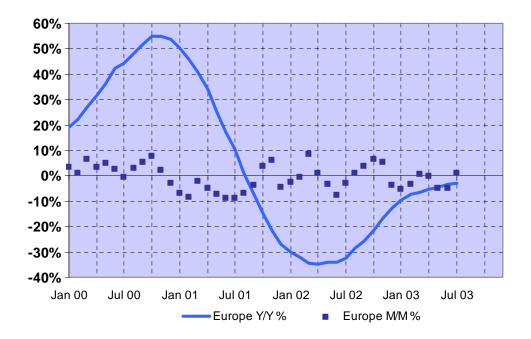
On a Worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in June were US\$ 12.905 billion, a +10.5% growth versus the same month a year ago. On a monthly sequential basis, this corresponds to an increase of +2.9% and on a year-to-date basis to a growth of +11.6%.

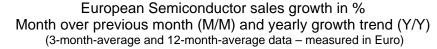
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Year on Year growth		Month on Month growth		YTD growth	
	Jun 03	Jul 03	Jun 03	Jul 03	Jun 03	Jul 03	Jun 03	Jul 03
in \$:								
Europe	2.409	2.466	12.2%	14.4%	-1.6%	2.3%	11.8%	13.0%
Americas	2.481	2.506	-4.0%	-3.5%	0.4%	1.0%	-6.0%	-5.7%
Japan	2.975	3.119	21.3%	17.2%	1.4%	4.8%	27.2%	24.5%
Asia Pacific	4.678	4.814	12.2%	12.9%	0.7%	2.9%	14.6%	14.4%
World	12.544	12.905	10.5%	10.5%	0.4%	2.9%	11.8%	11.6%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.117	2.136	-8.8%	-5.1%	-4.8%	0.9%	-8.9%	-7.1%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.168	1.139	21.6%	14.3%	< Variation Euro against \$ versus prev. Year			

(Unless otherwise indicated, all figures are 3-month-average data.)



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





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