



European Semiconductor Industry Association

Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release

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The semiconductor market growth remains healthy in November

The semiconductor market recorded a robust growth in November. The typical year end seasonal strength was reflected by healthy growth in sales of computer chips (mainly MPU and DRAM), and all electronic components used in wireless handsets (especially NOR flash memory). Month on month, the growth in the European semiconductor market topped the rest of the world in October and November, so the prospect for the growth in the fourth quarter remains largely positive.

European Semiconductor sales in November 2004 amounted to US\$ 3.609 billion according to the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS), up +4.2% versus the previous month. This corresponds to a +14.6% increase compared to the same month last year. On a year-to-date basis, semiconductor sales increased by +22.8% versus the same period in 2003.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US\$ has again increased significant impact on the growth data at this time. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in November were EURO 2.878 billion, an increase of +2.1% versus previous month and an increase of +5.4% versus the same month a year ago. On a year-to-date basis, semiconductor sales increased by +11.7% versus the same period in 2003.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in November were US\$ 19.023 billion, up +1.3% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of +18.0% versus the same month in 2003 and on a year-to-date basis results in a growth rate of +29.7%.

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

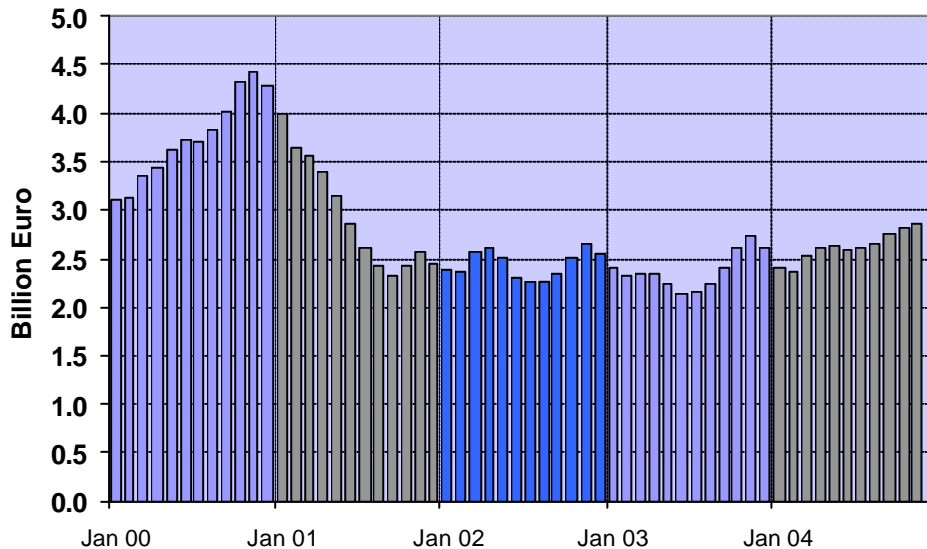
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Market data by region¹

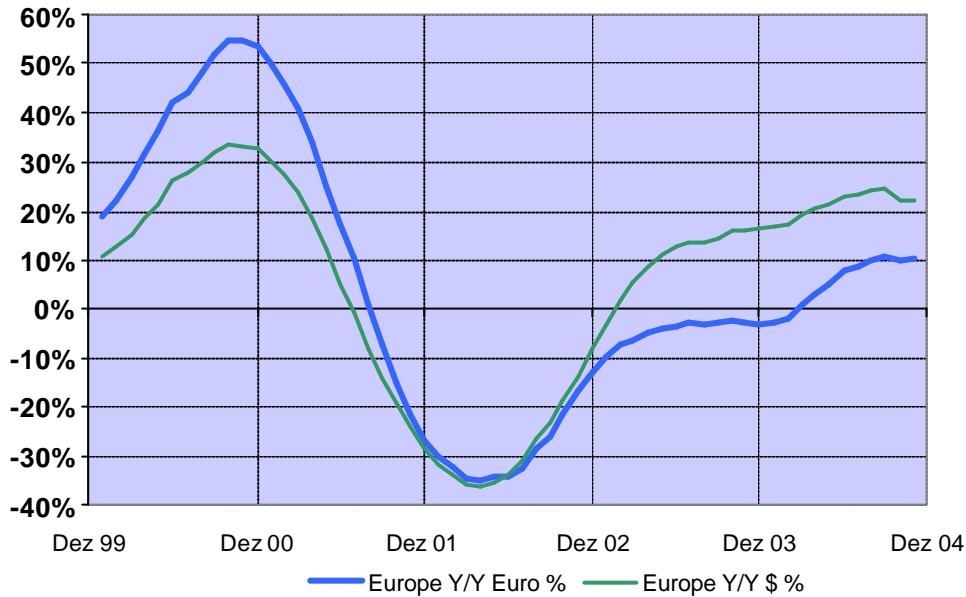
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
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in \$:								
Europe	3.464	3.609	3.4%	4.2%	17.0%	14.6%	23.3%	22.8%
Americas	3.513	3.455	2.7%	-1.6%	19.6%	13.1%	24.9%	23.0%
Japan	3.882	3.913	-1.8%	0.8%	9.1%	5.2%	20.0%	18.7%
Asia Pacific	7.926	8.045	1.7%	1.5%	32.7%	29.9%	45.5%	43.6%
World	18.785	19.023	1.4%	1.3%	21.8%	18.0%	31.2%	29.7%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.818	2.878	2.8%	2.1%	8.0%	5.4%	12.3%	11.7%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.249	1.299	6.9%	10.7%	< 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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