



European Semiconductor Industry Association

Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release

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European sales of semiconductor decreased in February

European sales for semiconductor decreased by 6.9% in February 2009 compared with the previous month, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) reported on April 3rd. A similar trend in sales was also observed across the other regions, with the impact of the global downturn hitting in particular Japanese sales, which decreased by 13.8%.

Slower sales were reported for most product categories. However, some categories such as Total NAND Flash Memory and MOS Digital signal processors showed a positive performance compared with the previous month, with a growth rate of 4% and 3% respectively.

Overall, European semiconductor sales in February 2009 amounted to US\$ 2.114 billion. This corresponds to a decline of 36.1% compared to the same month last year. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales declined by 33.5% in 2009 versus the same period in the year 2008.

The exchange rate imbalance of the Euro compared to the US dollar continued to impact the European sales picture. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales of 1.606 billion Euros in February 2009 were a new record low in the decade, down 7.4% on the previous month and down 28.9% versus the same month a year ago. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales declined by 25.2% in 2009 versus the same period in the year 2008.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in February 2009 were US\$ 14.167 billion, down 7.6% versus the previous month. This results in a decline of 30.4% versus the same month in 2008 and on a YTD basis it results in a decline of 29.2%.

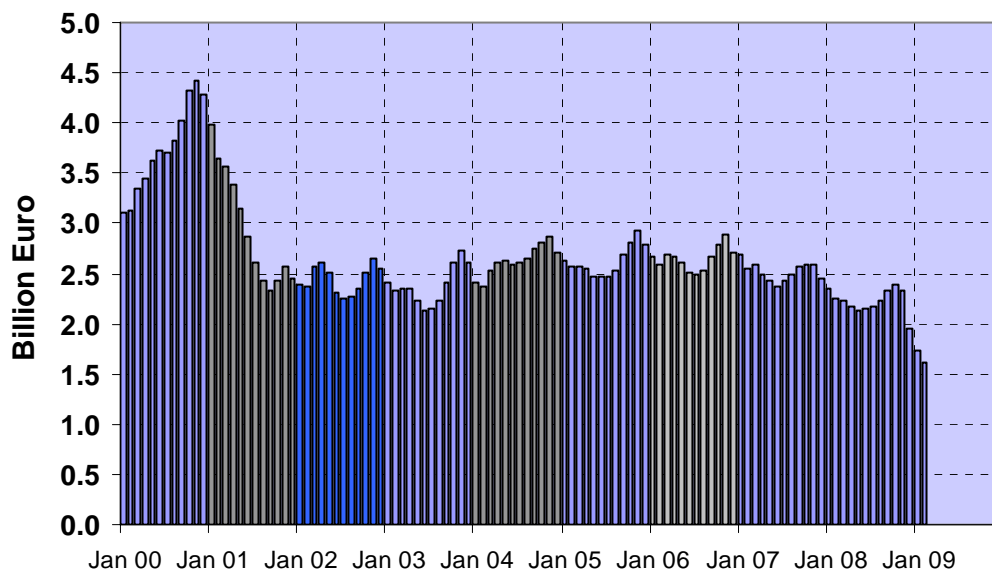
(for more data please see the tables and graphs on following pages)

Market data by region¹

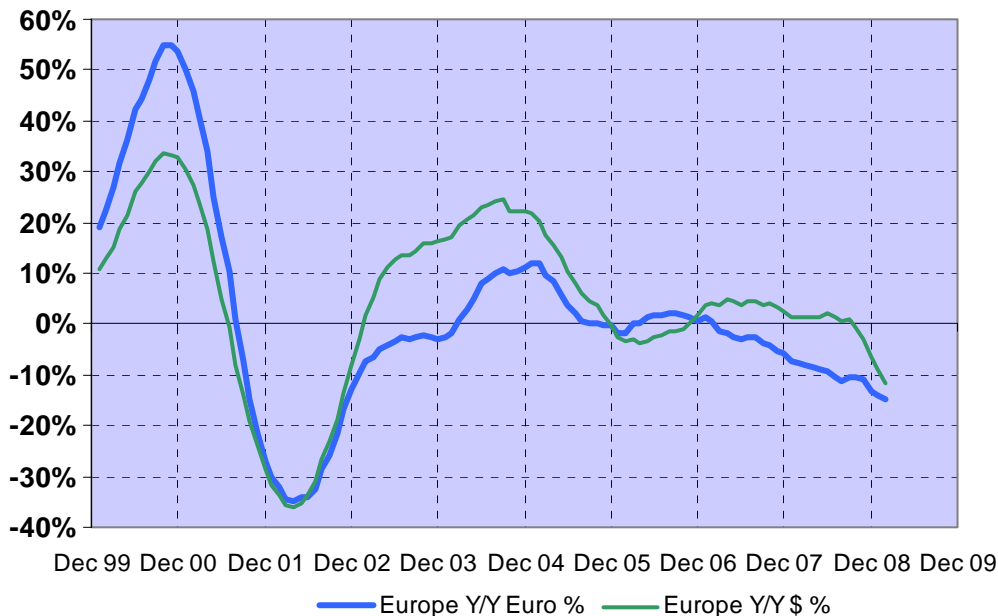
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Jan 09	Feb09	Jan 09	Feb09	Jan 09	Feb09	Jan 09	Feb09
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Europe	2.271	2.114	-11.0%	-6.9%	-34.0%	-36.1%	-32.3%	-33.5%
Americas	2.544	2.450	-5.6%	-3.7%	-26.1%	-24.9%	-20.9%	-20.1%
Japan	3.231	2.786	-13.6%	-13.8%	-21.2%	-29.8%	-28.9%	-34.7%
Asia Pacific	7.289	6.818	-13.4%	-6.5%	-30.5%	-30.5%	-35.0%	-28.5%
of which China	2.676	2.533	-15.0%	-5.3%			-34.4%	-23.3%
World	15.335	14.167	-11.9%	-7.6%	-28.6%	-30.4%	-31.1%	-29.2%
In EURO:								
Europe	1.734	1.606	-10.8%	-7.4%	-26.2%	-28.9%	-25.5%	-25.2%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.335	1.282	-9.2%	-12.9%	< Euro against \$ versus prev. Year			

- 1) Unless otherwise indicated, all figures are 3-month-average data except YTD growth which is based on current month 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)



Here I suggest to add another diagram showing growth in volume figures

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