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Battle for planet purchasing begins

This issue of *Electronics Sourcing* has dedicated the bulk of its page count to the *Top 50 Americas Authorized Distributors Report 2023* (starts page 23), authored by the ECIA's chief analyst, Dale Ford. Throughout the feature, executives comment on a wide range of topics from inventory management and ESG to energy reliability. Reading through the article one word appears more than most: data. Likewise, John Denslinger's article (page 20) is dedicated exclusively to artificial intelligence.

So it begins, the ultimate clash for purchasing supremacy is about to be fought between human and artificial intelligence. I'm close to this for a number of reasons. Firstly, alarm bells are ringing left, right and center suggesting services such as ChatGPT are on the verge of obsoleting my role as a writer and editor. Secondly, as a software developer I'm looking to see how AI could benefit the applications I design.

Thirdly, and most importantly for my *Electronics Sourcing* audience, I've thought for a long time that the end-to-end lengths of some component supply chains are so long and tortuous they are breaching the capabilities of human management.

As other articles in this issue confirm, the electronics industry continues along its cyclical waveform of over and under supply. What matters is the frequency and amplitude of the waveform. As AI starts reaching into the supply chain I expect to see a steady decrease in both measures leading, ultimately, to a straight line sometime over the next 50-years.

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Capacity challenges persist



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Buying into resistor manufacturing

Bourns has acquired substantially all of the operating assets of Riedon a manufacturer of resistors headquartered in Alhambra, California. Riedon's products are used to help enhance efficiency and reliability.

Bourns Protection Division's president, Craig Shipley, said: "As a leader and innovator of custom, high quality resistive solutions, Riedon's products are well known for their stability over time even within extreme environments. Including Riedon's broad portfolio of thick-film, thin-film, wire-wound and shunt resistor products gives us a valuable addition to Bourns' resistors product line. This acquisition represents an important step in our continued protection portfolio growth strategy."

Bourns' president, Al Yost, added: "The acquisition complements Bourns' existing resistors product line and enables us to offer our customers a broader and deeper range of resistive and current sense product solutions. It also puts Bourns in a favorable position to better meet the technology and advanced product demands of high growth markets."

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Adaptor boosts backshell options

Sager Electronics is now stocking Conxall's Multi-Con-X extralarge backshell expanded line of high-performance, sealed circular plastic connectors.

The company states Multi-Con-X has set the industry standard for sealed circular plastic connectors for nearly 50-years. This new adapter allows the much larger backshell from the Mega-Con-X to be used with the Multi-Con-X. It is offered in a kit with one of two backshell sizes or as part of a complete connector kit. Multi-Con-X is compatible with any Multi-Con-X cable plug or cable-to-cable connector. Available options cover a wide cable diameter range from 10.2 to 14.5mm. Includes screw-down cable clamp and elastomer strain relief.

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Instant access to auto comms

Mouser Electronics is now shipping Jody-W3 host-based

automotive modules from u-blox. The modules are designed for increasing numbers of wireless high-speed, high-data communication connections for automobiles and industrial IoT applications from manufacturing automation and machine control to security and surveillance.

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The modules offer concurrent dual-band (2.4 and 5GHz) multi-radio capability, featuring WiFi6 with 2x2 MIMO and dual-mode Bluetooth 5.1. They suit data intensive in-vehicle infotainment and telematics applications like: creating in-car hotspots; implementing WiFi display features like Apple CarPlay; and streaming video across multiple devices.

Using NXP's AW690/88Q9098/88W9098 chipsets, the series supports a higher density of high data devices with less data congestion, while simultaneous Wi-Fi, Bluetooth 5.1 and Bluetooth Low Energy (LE) capability provide increased multichannel communication performance for wireless and cloud connectivity.

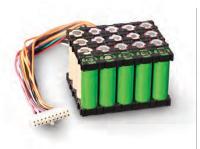
Measurements are 19.8 by 13.8mm, while maximum ambient operating temperature is 85°C. These modules comply with u-blox' qualification policy, based on AEC-Q104 and ISO/TS 16949 AEC-Q104 standards.

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Investing in printed electronics

East West Manufacturing has acquired Eastprint Incorporated, a printed electronics solutions provider. The acquisition differentiates East West's capabilities in printed electronics and human machine interface technologies, with applications across membrane switches, printed electronics, in-mold electronics, biosensors and wearables. East West also benefits from Eastprint's customer relationships in markets including medical products. ewmfg.com

Rare earth finds inform lithium demand

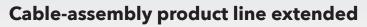
OCI's CEO, Oliver Chapman, comments on recent developments with rare earth minerals finds in India: "Recent news of rare earth mineral finds in India, in Jammu, Kashmir and the Ananthapur district illustrates that the supply of rare earth minerals will grow with demand and that more regions will emerge as sources of supply." www.oci-group.co.uk

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Molex has extended its cable-assembly product line with solutions from I-PEX, a specialist in high-frequency, high-speed transmission connectors. Together, the organizations offer I-PEX MHF 4L LK and MHF I LK cable assemblies, available in multiple configurations using standard MHF receptacles and Molex RF connector interfaces.

The MHF I series of micro-RF coaxial connector systems takes advantage of I-PEX's patented locking mechanism to add another layer of connection reliability and security. Inspired by operation with drones, the patented locking system suits rigorous connectivity demands across the automotive, consumer electronics, data center, medical, smart appliance, and telecommunications industries.

Molex' group product manager, RF connectivity, Donna Wallburg, said: "Molex is pleased to team with I-PEX in taking robust and reliable connectivity to the next level. As part of our continued collaboration, we offer a one-stop source for solutions that address the most rugged RF applications while keeping pace with ever-increasing RF cable assembly demands."

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Tantalum nitride antimoisture resistors on short lead times

Current market conditions are making it challenging to find common components such as precision chip resistors. If the application requires robust

stability and moisture

withstanding, tantalum nitride technology is a great solution. Unfortunately, tantalum nitride resistors can have long lead times and aren't typically available from stock.

Stackpole's RTAN series is an AEC compliant precision chip resistor with popular resistance values available from stock in the 0805 and 1206 sizes. Lead times are typically 12 to 16weeks depending on chip size.

The RTAN's sputtered resistive element is made from tantalum nitride, providing a resistor with high stability and reliability that is also impervious to moisture. The series suits harsh environmental conditions, especially where high humidity or moisture is a concern.

Applications include instrumentation, aerospace, test equipment, industrial controls, portable communications diagnostic equipment and portable medical devices.

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Powering up the charging infrastructure

Newark is stocking Eaton's newest range of electric vehicle chargers. The range is designed to provide fast-charging capabilities alongside environmentally friendly solutions. Additionally, the chargers provide the data-driven insights needed to manage the impact of charging on a building's infrastructure.

Newark's global head of technical marketing, Cliff Ortmeyer, said: "In the ever-expanding market for electric vehicles, it is important to provide the highest quality products and accessories to our clients. We are excited to have the Eaton EV charging range available so our customers can effectively charge their electric vehicles with top-of-the-line products while minimizing energy costs."

Currently, the United States has over 2.5 million battery and plug-in hybrid vehicles with the demand for charging continuing to increase. Through the offering of these products, Newark can help customers plan for EV charging implementation. To provide further insight into EV charging for its US customer base, Newark also offers additional information and resources on its website.

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Optimizing wiring harnesses

In this article, TTI's supplier marketing manager, John Sandy, walks readers through the support services distributors can offer during the design and manufacture of wiring harnesses When building wiring harnesses, how helpful would it be if a capable distributor could streamline and simplify the process. With the recent supply chain issues, an authorized distributor should also have the parts to hand.

Connector selection is something most engineers are familiar with, needing little help. After that, they source samples and test them for fit and function. If additional help is needed, look to an authorized distributor with a broad and deep selection of styles and capabilities in inventory.

Quality distributors stock connectors from manufacturers that even provide precrimped housing and contacts as a single part number, helping ensure the connector fits and functions as imagined.

Select distributors can provide online customization tools

to specify orientation, cable lengths and anything else needed to retrieve a drawing and quote. From there, the distributor will obtain all part numbers and inventory in stock and ensure requirements are met and products are delivered exactly as needed.

Once the product is received, prototype testing can begin. This may need production quality off-the-shelf (OTS) cable assemblies in lengths that are close to that required in the final design. The distributor can provide them, including over-molding and discrete wire? Whatever engineers need, the distributor should have an option.

In addition to offering a wide range of components and seasoned expertise through each design step, an accomplished distributor should offer two things invaluable in today's fastmoving, ever-changing electronics world—available parts and an available



TTI's supplier marketing manager, John Sandy

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Distributors thirst and prep for demand-creation snapback

Component distribution is their bread-and-butter business but high-value demand-creation is what distributors thirst for as electronics industry seeks a return to normality

After a lull in demand-creation activities during the recent round of component shortages, when supply chain management functions – especially procurement and order fulfillment – took precedence over most other OEM support activities, distributors are angling for a swift return to more value-added services, which help them deepen relationships with component suppliers and OEM customers and defend operating margins.

As in many other economic segments, distributors have learned over the years to prioritize their customers' immediate needs in times of crisis. The Covid-19 pandemic triggered numerous problems throughout the global economy, which filtered through to the electronics industry and eventually resulted in difficult sourcing situations at OEMs. Component suppliers that had shuttered facilities or slashed production during the outbreak could not as quickly fulfill new orders pouring in from equipment manufacturers that were themselves seeking to satisfy unexpected demand.

As in the past, distributors pivoted quickly to support harried customers. OEMs' and suppliers' immediate procurement needs crowded out whatever else component distributors would have rather focused upon. As the shortages intensified late in 2021 and continued through the first half of the next year, distributors directed the bulk of their resources, including working capital and personnel, to assist OEMs navigating through the storm. Supplier needs also became a priority. Industry observers said distributors rolled out creative sourcing strategies that helped mitigate the severity of the shortages.

Actions taken in the last two years included innovative-some would say frantic-sourcing of scarce parts, inventory stocking ahead and in anticipation of customer requirements, and close coordination of demand-supply dynamics with semiconductor manufacturers. Distributors even engaged in atypical practices such as non-cancellable orders with suppliers to calm nerves at vendors hesitant to increase manufacturing capacity. Having been burned in the past when they complied with OEM requests for high production and the addition of new facilities, suppliers needed financial assurances that they would not be left holding the bag if demand fell. Distributors understood, teaming up with OEMs to give suppliers a sense of shared risks.

Most distributors who assumed these risks took hedging measures, making sure OEMs would be on the hook for such commitments to suppliers. They still faced risks, though, as suppliers increased the amount and dollar value of non-cancellable orders, forcing distributors and their customers to assume a greater percentage of the financial exposure. At Arrow Electronics Inc., the world's biggest component distributor, the value of "purchase obligations" with suppliers increased in 2022, to \$13.4 billion, from \$11 billion, in 2021.

Avnet's Chief Executive Officer, Phil Gallagher

"In the recent quarters, we've been consuming a lot of cash because we have to invest in the business with working capital"

"Non-cancellable inventory purchase orders were in line with the year-earlier period, and remain elevated above historic levels, primarily due to significant increases in prices and lead times for orders during both 2021 and 2022," the company said, in the SEC filing. "Additionally, many vendors continue to limit cancellations, although many of the company's non-cancellable purchase orders are backed by customer purchase orders with Arrow, that are also non-cancellable."

Working capital jumps

Naturally, working capital expenses at most distributors have risen to support their also much higher sales. Distributor executives say they have allocated more of their working capital to inventory, leading to swollen



stocks at the leading market players. Investments also went into warehouse expansion and the automation of delivery services, according to industry executive. Anything to satisfy the customer and grease long-term relationships, industry sources said. Of course, demand-creation activities were not neglected. They only took the back seat while more pressing needs became the primary focus, they said.

"In the recent quarters, we've been consuming a lot of cash because we have to invest in the business with working capital," said Phil Gallagher, CEO of Avnet, during an industry presentation in March. "Our priority was to make sure the business has what it needs to continue. It was not only for working capital but also for digital tools, and





IT systems to make us more efficient. Agility is key. Resilience is key. We have a dedicated team that works with the customer on these different transitions."

Inventories surged as manufacturers, component suppliers and distributors struggled to ensure availability of supplies. At Avnet, inventories increased 35 per cent in the December 2022 quarter, to \$4.97 billion, from \$3.68 billion, at the end of March. An analogous situation played out at Arrow Electronics, which reported inventories of \$5.3 billion in the fourth quarter of 2022, compared with \$4.7 billion, at the end of the first quarter of the same year.

Component suppliers reported similarly elevated component stocks. Inventories at Texas Instruments, for example, jumped to \$2.8 billion, in the December quarter, from \$2.1 billion, as at the end of March. Industry executives attributed the increase in inventory values to pricing pressures. Average selling prices, (ASPs), rose as demand exceeded supplies, giving component suppliers and raw material vendors pricing leverage in procurement negotiations.

"We've continued to see our inventory increase quarter-overquarter for the last six to eight quarters," said Rick Seidlitz, corporate controller at Arrow Electronics, in a presentation to the financial community earlier this year. "A lot of that has been in support of growth. A lot of the inventory growth is tied directly to pricing increases rather than increasing units. Let us call it healthy growth in our inventory. We had a period when price increases just kept coming. As we exited the year, they slowed down, but they did not stop. We are not seeing the price decrease yet."

Privately-owned companies like Digi-Key do not typically disclose their working capital ratio as a percentage of sales, but indications are that the Thief River Falls, Minn-based company also saw a hefty increase in payments to suppliers—to support the surge in 2022 revenue to a record \$5.1 billion. Public distributors like Arrow are compelled to publish details, however. The company said its working capital, measured as a percentage of sales, rose to 19.3 per cent in 2022, up 3.5 percentage points, from 15.8 per cent in the prior year.

"The recent global semiconductor shortages have resulted in some suppliers increasing the amount of non-cancellable orders, which limits the company's ability to adjust down its inventory levels in event of market downturns, and could have a negative impact on the financial results of the company, particularly if the company is unable to pass such non-cancellable terms to customers," Arrow said.

Still, observers say the pendulum is swinging back, albeit slowly, as the market is not fully shorn of the shortages that drove the last torrid expansion. Pockets of shortages still exist in the supply chain and extended lead-times have not returned to normal levels, according to executives at Arrow Electronics.

"It is just a difficult environment for everybody to operate," said Arrow's Seidlitz. "There is room for improvement. Broadly speaking, though, it has stabilized but I do not know if we will ever get back to the old normal."

Back to the future

Little wonder distributors are eager to resume regular operations and refocus on value-added functions like demand-creation. While they did not intentionally cut back on demand-creation in recent years, such functions retreated a bit into the background. Now, distributors want to talk about and promote their demand-creation activities.

Future Electronics is one of the companies eager to let the world know it was active in assisting suppliers with demand-creation services through the shortages. Fortunately for the Canadian company, STMicroelectronics came in at the right time with a thundering gift when it gave Future an award in January "for its outstanding performance in demand creation in the Asia-Pacific region in 2022." The award was for a sub-group of ST's general purpose microcontroller the companies said, in a statement.

"Future Electronics is a longterm partner of Demand Creation preferred by many manufacturers," the company said, in the statement. "In addition to supporting large-scale customers, it also continues to focus on the mass market, providing small and medium-sized customers with high-quality localized services, complete technical support, and stable supply chain value-added services."

Distributors have good reasons to get excited by the opportunity to brandish their demand-creation credentials in the face of the world. Distribution is traditionally a low-margin business and any service that can help pump up profitability is treasured. Demand-creation is one of those functions, notes Avnet's Gallagher. In fact, the company's decision to acquire UK-based distributor Premier Farnell in 2016 was due to its position as a demand-creation specialist.

"Demand-creation is 32% of our business," Gallagher said. "This is where we have our 2000-plus engineers. They are doing design, working with our suppliers to get the products designed in at the end customers. Suppliers are leaning in on that [because] we give them the scale they do not get on their own."

Supporting demand-creation

Distribution executives say their demand-creation services are so profitable that it is unlikely to become an orphan business. In fact, the reverse is likely as reflected in the huge investments franchise distributors continue to make to support demandcreation activities. The biggest distributors and even mid-tier companies in the sector have over the years added thousands of field application engineers or even acquired design engineering focused enterprises.

Arrow, for example, in 2018 acquired San Jose-based design engineering firm einfochips, bringing onboard "over 1,500 IoT solution architects, engineers, and software development resources," as the company noted in a statement announcing the purchase. Companies like Avnet, Digi-Key, Future, Mouser, Sager, TTI have beefed up their engineering teams and regularly market demandcreation services such as product conception and development, design-for-manufacturability, component engineering, green fulfillment, regulatory compliance, and the like.

Those services will be even more in demand over the next several years as the industry pokes its head out from a downturn that is expected to hurt demand and sales in certain segments in 2023 and part of 2024. With the global economy swooning, the high-tech sector is also expected to receive some blows and climb down from the elevated sales reported recently by OEMs and their supply base.

The ensuing competition for reduced enterprise and consumer demand will be intense. To win, component manufacturers will have to fight harder for every design socket, which will boost the need for demand-creation services provided by distributors. Having a presence in most commercial capitals of the world and in far-flung locations as well as a deep bench of sales representatives who partner with small and medium-tier customers and start-ups will help distributors' quest for a boost in demand-creation activities.



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Developing intelligent industrial solutions for harsh environments

IIoT applications require a different component portfolio than traditional solutions to withstand harsh conditions. This article highlights the critical components

IIoT has made possible innovations in artificial intelligence and IoT technologies, pushing intelligence into harsh environments where traditional solutions cannot survive. In industries like oil/gas and factory automation, electrical systems face challenges like vibration, chemicals and temperature extremes.

Connectors are fundamental components to most IIoT applications and should be engineered to transmit data and power reliably in demanding conditions. Ruggedized connectors with IP67/IP68 or dynamic IP69krated environmentally sealed connectors suit underwater, agricultural, outdoor metering, medical equipment and other applications that require frequent washing or exposure to moisture.

IoT applications use large arrays of sensors to collect data for internet transmission to a cloud-based computing resource. Sensing technologies such as accelerometers, encoders, temperature, liquid level, particle counters and humidity must perform reliably in extreme situations to ensure public safety and business continuity. Sensors must be small, resilient, low-power and able to collect/deliver data in challenging environments such as extreme heat, cold, blistering winds, high humidity or even chemicals.

Electrical switches—such as snap action, toggle, tactile and pushbutton—must also offer chemical resistance, ingress protection and other resistant properties. Sealed switches are typically required to meet the challenges of extreme environments. Engineers should also consider requirements such as terminal type, actuator type, IP rating and whether they require illumination, all influencing material selection.

IoT products often lack access to a main power source and must power themselves, typically using energy harvesting or batteries. Energy harvesting is promising for industrial applications because energy is taken from the environment, leveraging movement energy from equipment, solar panels, heat or other local sources. Where energy harvesting isn't suitable, batteries are often the largest part of an IoT sensor system, giving engineers a limited choice of which to use.

IoT applications can be subjected to electrical interference from switching circuits, welding tools and motors etc. Engineers need to consider which network connectivity best suits their applications. If hardwired connectivity is best, engineers need to deal with protection against unwanted disconnection through vibration or accidental force. Standard technologies such as Ethernet and USB were designed for home or office environments. Industrialized connectors use locking mechanisms that increase the retention force.

Wireless connectivity is an option and innovative antenna

solutions are required to offer optimal radio functionality while withstanding harsh environmental conditions. At their simplest, a single element antenna, possibly a chip-antenna, is designed into a flexible printed circuit. However, radio solutions that use multiple-input, multiple-output antennae are becoming an essential element of wireless connectivity.

To conclude, the selection of components for IIoT applications requires careful consideration for harsh environmental environments. Components like connectors, sensors, switches, power sources and network connectivity require engineering to operate successfully in extreme environments. Engineers should also consider factors like resistance to dust and liquids, seal integrity and resistance to electrical interference while designing IIoT components.

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Best Practices for Getting Started with APIs

by **Nathan Pray**, manager, digital technology office – B2B, and **Stephane Ratelet**, director, business development/digital solutions - EMEA, at **Digi-Key Electronics**

The supply chain challenges everyone experienced over the past three years have taught the electronic components industry many lessons that we won't soon forget. One of the key takeaways: now more than ever, speed and access to real-time information and data are critical as product availability can change on a dime. APIs can help procurement professionals and engineers ensure they have up-to-date information and pricing about the components they need and that's why Digi-Key developed the most advanced, complete suite of real-time APIs, completely free of charge to customers.

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Before getting started selecting and using APIs, it's important to:

- Determine the process(es) you want to digitalize and select the API solution(s) that addresses those processes. For example, a quoting process alone represents a major timesaver. Also consider where you want processes to be in 5-10 years and what the future could look like.
- Think about the pain points in your process and select an API to reduce or eliminate the top pain points. For example, frequent changes in status and lead time in the supply

chain are common frustrations. Digi-Key's Order Support APIs provides real-time data on status, lead time and more in one place, saving time and resources required to manually check on these critical details for each product.

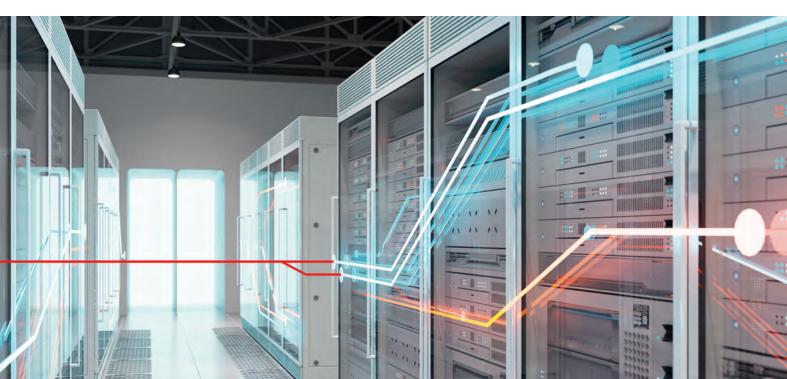
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- 3. Assess your internal capabilities to determine if your development team can deploy an API. If not, Digi-Key collaborates with exceptional integration partners to provide customers with cost-effective and fast options to connect to Digi-Key's API solutions with less development investment.
- 4. Start with one API solution and scale up as your team feels comfortable adding more. Digi-Key's APIs are flexible and can be implemented in smaller pieces to avoid feeling daunting. Once you implement one API, others are easy to add.

Digi-Key's APIs allow customers to connect directly to Digi-Key systems to access automated, real-time product search, price and availability, quoting and ordering, barcoding, product change notifications and more.

Digi-Key further provides an ROI calculator that estimates how much you can save in one year by implementing Digi-Key's price and availability and ordering APIs. Customers have seen an average of \$50,000 to \$100,000 per year in reducing spending on manual tasks to shift resources to more strategic tasks by implementing API solutions.

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What's next for memory makers as demand plummets?

The memory market is in turmoil again but as suppliers cut costs and tamp down on production, they may be sowing the seeds of another round of shortages

The semiconductor market is in flux, again. Forecasters are calling for as much as a double-digit dip in global sales in 2023 before a recovery in 2024. The memory market is in a worse state, though, and the actions suppliers are taking to restore profitability and rectify the demand-supply imbalance that triggered the current crisis in the sector should concern everyone. It is not just shareholders watching their holdings decline in value that should be worried. Even OEMs that are benefiting from the lower pricing situation should pay close attention to the challenges memory suppliers are facing.

Vendors are reporting sharp sales declines across all memory product segments and—unlike projections for the larger chip market—they are not optimistic that a full recovery might take place before 2025. By then, some memory suppliers would be in dire conditions and many expansion plans could be on hold despite forecasts for continued growth in unit demand. A situation of undersupply could quickly result, warned analysts.

Memory suppliers were surprised at the speed and depth of the decline. US-based Micron Technology first sounded the alarm last year but held out hope for a rapid turnaround. That did not happen. The market has worsened instead. Samsung Electronics' warning early in April of a 96 per cent fall in operating profit for the March guarter finally confirmed what many had suspected could be one of the most severe downturns in the history of the memory market. The problem began back in mid-2022, however, although it has since

worsened, according to a Gartner research review of semiconductor market conditions last year.

"Accounting for approximately 25 per cent of semiconductor sales in 2022, memory was the worst performing device category, experiencing a 10 per cent revenue decrease due to plummeting prices in the second half of 2022 amid tepid demand," the consulting firm said, in a report.

Manufacturers are already taking predictable recovery actions. It is not clear yet how effective the traditional tools of cost-reduction via workforce attrition and cuts in other operating expenses will be. This is because of the swift change in market dynamics that has now turned what was until recently a supplier's market where memory vendors called the shots, dictating pricing and supplies, into a situation where slumping demand has returned purchasing power to OEMs and other buyers. Memory semiconductor customers dealing with a glut in their own inventories are unlikely to focus on efforts to rescue suppliers now and may be less willing to accommodate requests for actions that would halt the slide in average selling prices, according to industry observers.

"The memory market will see significant oversupply for most of 2023 due to weak endequipment demand, despite the slowdown in production by vendors," said Gaurav Gupta, an analyst at Gartner Inc., in an interview published by the company. "OEMs remain aggressive with inventory management, significantly reducing shelf inventory and increasing

cautiousness with forward orders." Gartner does not expect the demand-supply imbalance that dragged chipmakers into the current mess to be resolved this year. It projects the industry slid into oversupply conditions in the final quarter of last year and sees the situation will remain unchanged through the end of this year. With supply exceeding demand across the industry, except for segments such as chips used in auto manufacturing, it may take several years before suppliers regain the pricing power that shifted to them during the recent shortage crisis, Gupta said.

"Changes in inventory levels directly influence revenue growth," Gupta said. "Sudden changes in supply and demand affect the average selling prices of semiconductor devices and disrupt inventory in the supply chain."

How bad is the problem?

Semiconductor sales are expected to fall in 2023, marking the beginning of another industry downcycle. That is the consensus of analysts and consulting companies covering the sector. They disagree on the depth of the decline, though, with forecasts ranging from Gartner's expectation for a 6.5 per cent drop to the double-digit 22 per cent decrease predicted by Future Horizons' founder and principal analyst Malcolm Penn.

"We now have unit demand falling, an ASP rout in full swing and excess capacity yet to peak," Penn said, while presenting his annual forecast. "It will take at least two to three quarters for this imbalance to stabilize, which means the whole of 2023 is going to face strong headwinds." DRAM sales especially are in freefall and, going by recent statements from manufacturers, it looks like it will be the industry's worst performing segment during the first quarter. The segment is being hammered by sharp declines in average selling prices, lower-than-expected demand from the data, mobile phone, PC and other consumer electronics markets and inventory-reduction or rebalancing activities at OEMs.

Samsung announced on April 7 that it sees consolidated sales of "approximately 63 trillion Korean won,"-about \$48 billion-for the first quarter, down 19 per cent from KRW78 trillion (or \$59 billion) in the comparable quarter of 2022. Analysts, meanwhile, were on average expecting the company to report sales of about KRW64 trillion for the 2023 first quarter. The company's guidance of KRW0.6 trillion for operating profit stunned the market even more. In the prior year, it reported operating profit of KRW 14.1 trillion.

Micron's financial performance during its recent quarter was even more disturbing. Revenue fell by more than half, to \$3.7 billion, in the 2023 fiscal second quarter ended March 2, from \$7.8 billion in the preceding year. Its gross profit margins in the quarter turned negative, sinking to minus 32.7 per cent, from the robust 47 per cent reported for the fiscal 2022 second guarter. Operating margin dropped to "negative 56 per cent, down from negative 2 per cent in the prior quarter and positive 35 per cent in the prior year," said chief financial officer Mark Murphy, in a presentation to analysts. As a result, the company





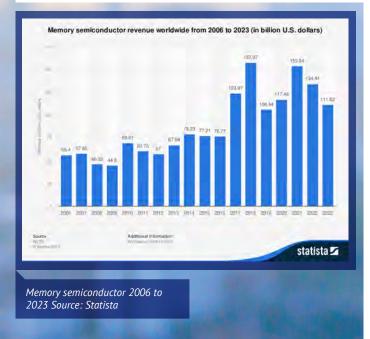
reported a net loss of \$2.3 billion, wiping out the profit of \$2.3 billion posted one year earlier.

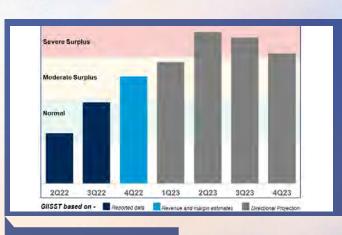
As in the case of Samsung, weak DRAM demand was the primary culprit behind Micron's negative quarterly performance. The company's DRAM revenue of \$2.7 billion, accounting for 74 of total sales, fell 4 per cent sequentially, according to Murphy who attributed the decline partly to "prices declining by approximately 20 per cent." By contrast, Micron in the second quarter of fiscal 2022 reported DRAM revenue of \$5.7 billion, representing 73 per cent of sales for the period. That year, Micron said "near-term supply and pricing trends" were "constructive" adding it was expecting "both DRAM and NAND gross margins to increase sequentially."

This year, rather than getting chased by OEMs desperate for supplies, memory manufacturers are getting slammed by order cancellations and ASP erosions. The pricing leverage they exerted in the prior year has vanished, zapped by distortions in the demand and supply environment. Customers have stockpiled inventories and, instead of shortages reported last year, have begun showing swollen stocks. OEMs have cut back on orders and are reducing their inventories, a process that will take several quarters, according to Micron executives.

This is why memory suppliers are desperately trying to reduce expenses and return the market to the demand-supply equilibrium that would help sustain their business, observers said. They are severely scaling back production, cutting capital expenditure budgets and taking other costreduction actions that may see them reducing their workforce to levels not seen in years.

In the case of Micron Technology, capex for the current fiscal year is now projected to fall as much as 40 per cent from the prior year with spending on wafer fab equipment (WFE) likely to take a significant hit—up to a 50 per cent cut in WFE expenses from the prior fiscal year. This will worsen sales at semiconductor equipment manufacturers. The cost-reduction activities and lower spending on semiconductor equipment will extend to 2024 as memory IC vendors wait





Semiconductor inventory levels

for further demand visibility before boosting capex again, industry executives said.

"In response to the industry environment, Micron has taken a number of decisive actions in fiscal 2023," said Sanjay Mehrotra, Micron's CEO, during a discussion on the company's quarterly financial with analysts. "First, we are further reducing our supply. We have made additional reductions to our fiscal 2023 capex plan and now expect to invest approximately \$7 billion, down more than 40 per cent from last year. We now expect our overall headcount reduction to approach 15 per cent."

What must change?

Simply put, inventories must decline, sharply and quickly, if the memory market is to return to some semblance of normality. Manufacturers are pulling out their old playbooks that have worked in restoring profitability in the past. But recent moves mark only the beginning of a necessary and vital correction. Memory vendors say they will tamp down further on fab utilization if pricing continues to fall and if the demand-supply equilibrium essential to stabilizing ASPs failed to materialize.

These control measures must be implemented swiftly and successfully because "the [current] profitability levels in the industry today are simply not sustainable," Micron's Mehrotra said. "So, the demand and supply environment must improve. The recovery in the industry could be accelerated if the supply for DRAM and NAND in terms of year-over-year growth was negative. We believe that the investments required for healthy levels of profitability and supply discipline, will be back and the industry will grow."

Industry analysts are warning that the demand-supply pendulum may swing too hard in the other direction, though, as it has in the past. If memory manufacturers cut capacity utilization too deeply and halt or squeeze capex investments too tightly, the market could quickly see the emergence of another cycle of severe shortages, they noted.

If this happens, memory manufacturers will be the primary beneficiaries. Pricing will go up again, along with sales, operating margins, and market valuation for chipmakers. The industry will be seeing a replay of the dramas it has just lived through and previously experienced numerous times. Only, this time, memory vendors will be the ones smiling all the way to the bank.

"Memory and storage are at the heart of systems and solutions that fuel the global economic engine, drive new efficiencies, create higher productivity and spur advances that make life better for people around the world," Mehrotra said. "We look forward to a normalization of market conditions, and we remain confident in the longterm demand for our solutions based on the value they create across multiple end markets."



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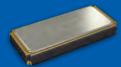
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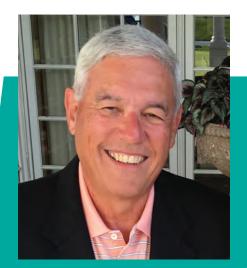


Obsolete / End-of-Life Sourcing

Artificial Intelligence • By John Denslinger

Future keystone in procurement and logistics

In this article, John Denslinger explores a plethora of artificial intelligence 'what ifs' to imagine a radical purchasing future where predictive data-based decision making rules



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ebster defines keystone as a wedgeshaped piece at the crown of an arch that locks other pieces in place. It also means something on which associated things depend for support. As staffing shortages, supply disruptions and

sourcing pressures escalate, AI offers dependable solutions magnitudes better than any current tools in the procurement arsenal. Artificial Intelligence is the future keystone.

All business functions will be challenged to digitize. It's a reality driven by cost and competitive pressures. Procurement is no exception. In fact, procurement may be a priority for most organizations. The application cases appear endless. What if AI could allow purchasing to flawlessly manage 100 per cent of one-time and recurring global spend? What if AI could deliver real-time sourcing intelligence giving procurement incredible negotiating advantages? What if AI could generate continuous cost reduction opportunities? And, what if AI could also provide a significant corporate ESG contribution in the form of risk mitigation, powerful analytics, sustainability optimization and unbiased reporting? If AI truly delivers on such promises, companies will find it indispensable.

Any discussion of digitizing procurement though must include applying AI solutions to logistics as well since purchasing derives much of its input from the supply chain. Inputs like inventory levels, demand fluctuations, capacity allocations, planned and unplanned shutdowns, traceability, QA/QC results, transportation, and the needs go on and on. What if AI could capture all this input moment by moment, continuously analyze alternatives, optimize logistical plans and deliver realtime procurement guidance? Any short-term investment seems inconsequential given the potential for substantial long-term strategic gains. What business wouldn't invest. And that's not the only gain. What if AI's machine learning capability could pinpoint inefficient supply chain patterns: disconnects, dropped handoffs, breakdowns, duplications and unnecessary constraints? At the same time, what if AI could constantly interrogate complex networks accumulating vast amounts of new information? Imagine a procurement department able to apply predictive decision-making based on intelligence gathered from a universe of data points versus biased decision-making (unintentional of course) constructed on past history.

The discussion so far has centered on capturing data points within traditional boundaries of business. What if AI could now merge peripheral factors such as weather, geo-political events, regulatory directives, national/global economic indices, raw material markets, energy prices and availability, social media trends, ever-changing tax and tariff policies, disruptive technologies, currency fluctuations and more? Perhaps not all peripheral factors are applicable, but the opportunity to include those that do can enhance strategic planning while mitigating unforeseen risk.

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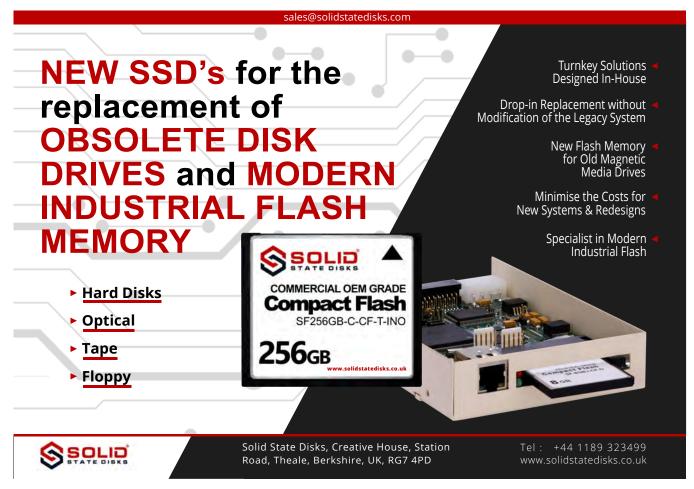
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Distributors Deliver Backto-Back 20% Growth Years

Top Americas distributors deliver crucial value to distressed electronics components supply chain and achieve revenue jump of 21.9% in historically challenging year

very day presents a new challenge for distributors as they strive to deliver outstanding support to their customers and partners up and down the supply chain. Gauging by the revenue growth achieved over the past two years it appears that distributors are delivering the vital support and services that are in high demand. Delivering the support customers needed was not easy in 2022 as lead times stretched out to historic levels. Procurement teams all scrambled to secure components critical for their businesses and distributors became essential partners. The proof of the benefits delivered by distribution was highlighted over the past two years as industries and companies that did not engage with distribution experienced painful outcomes as they had to shut down production lines or redesign products for lack of components. The systems and processes that have been refined by distributors over the years formed a strong backbone for the industry as the growing challenges seemed to have no end in sight. As always, industry leaders are identifying lessons learned in order to develop solutions that will be essential for tomorrow's challenges.

It seems that participants in the electronic components supply chain are playing whack-a-mole. The minute one issue is resolved two more pop up that must be addressed. It's enough to cause whiplash! While lead time issues have abated as the industry entered 2023, new challenges have taken their place as inflation, rising costs, and banking concerns come to the fore. However, in the midst of a chaotic and ever-changing world, distributors were well positioned to deliver stable support across the supply chain. In interviews with industry executives the word "resilience" was used to describe the performance of distributors. Indeed, the industry has not only survived but thrived in many ways. Delivering Americas revenue growth of 21.4% and 20% in sequential years is an amazing achievement. As described here, there will be no end to challenges moving forward. The good news is that supply chain participants can turn to their distribution partners for strength and stability in a highly dynamic world.

Interviews with experienced distribution executives yields important understanding regarding major issues confronting authorized electronics components supply chain participants. As part of the survey to identify the "Top 50 Americas Authorized Distributors," executives were asked to rate the level of severity they anticipate for various supply chain challenges. The results for 2023 are compared to the responses for 2022. The good news is that almost every category saw a reduction in the level of anticipated challenge. Increasing costs, inflation, recruiting

new talent and inventory management were identified as the areas of greatest concern. The results of the survey are shown below and align with topics addressed in interviews with these leading industry executives.

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Dale Ford - ECIA Chief Analyst

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Inventory Overhang Solution? Transparency / Visibility / Collaboration

s distributors manage through the inevitable industry, the key question electronic components supply chain players do to improve management of inventory overhang?" John Drabik, President, TTI Americas, of inventory history, "We to Just in Case to Just too Much." The solution to inventory challenges was fairly unanimous among executives as stated by Dayna Badhorn, at Avnet, "Transparency between all stakeholders is key. If supply chain providers understand the true need of the customer, it allows players. It allows for customers that still may be waiting for inventory to receive what they need, while alleviating the over inventory for others.'

enough but the key challenge in achieving the needed visibility in the industry was explained by Chris Beeson, President Electronics & Global Strategic Suppliers for RS have willing participants in more of a supplier of voice and not in conjunction with the distributor voice and/or customer voice. I think the last opportunity to get much better. Look at even broad industries like automotive which have all types of capabilities and sophistication. It's a much more collaborative type of approach. Maybe this current cycle is painful enough for all of us so that it's time to energize some solutions into the equation."

Chris Wadsworth, VP, OEM Electronics at Carlton-Bates, takes aim specifically at lead times in identifying the culprit for excess inventory, "The biggest area of opportunity in my mind is a transparent and active engagement between distribution companies and their manufacturer partners on the accuracy and reality of current lead times. We really need to close the gap on published versus real lead times and actively work on balancing the on hand and on order quantities throughout the supply chain."

Market intelligence was highlighted by multiple executives as a necessary contributor to improving lead-time management. Adam Osmancevic, SVP Global Supplier Development, RS Group, expressed his view that, "We need more use of market intelligence and analytics, cloud and edge computing, and upgrading implementation of full automation in the facilities. Then, potentially upgrade your asset management team for today's environment.





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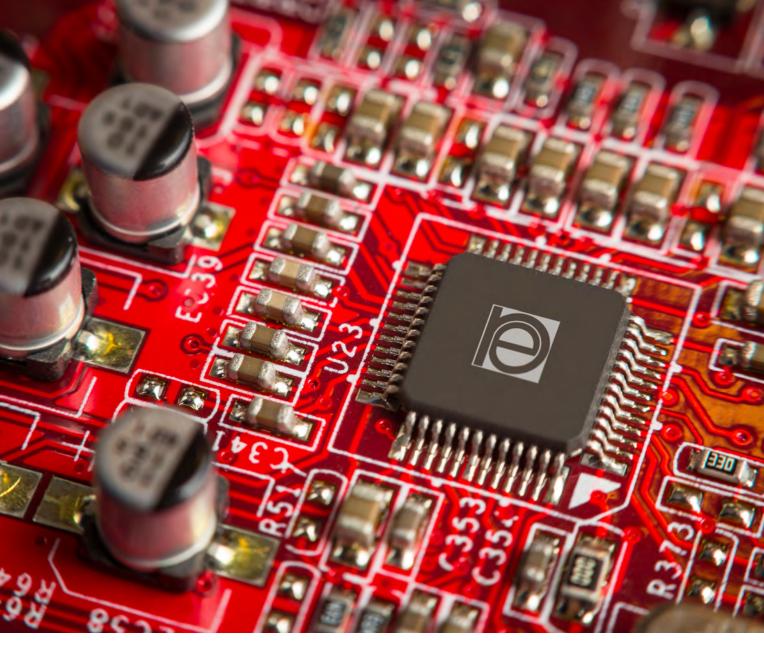
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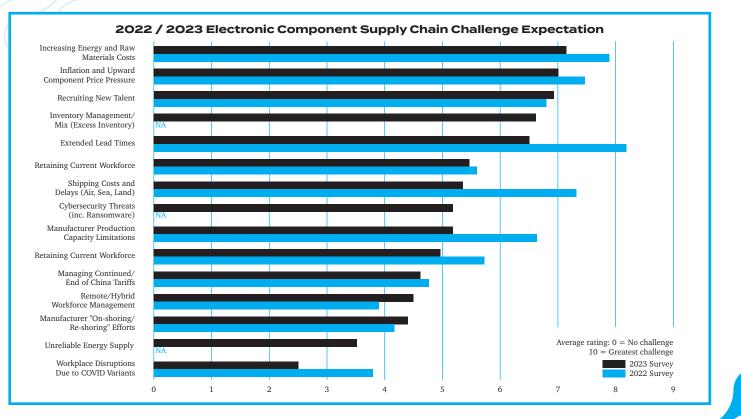


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Finally, Loftus points to one essential area of improvement needed by the industry, "I think first and foremost is we shouldn't hold on to NCNR (Non-cancelable/Nonreturnable) requirements too deeply into the cycle, especially past inflection points. I think that while the current cycle is reasonably unprecedented, a lot of manufacturers are sort of stuck on both ends because they've got take or pay agreements with fab partners and they put NCNR requirements on their distributors and their direct customers that then get passed through distributors to their end customers. When you have that amount of overordering that takes place on the part of the end customers and you hold those NCNR orders too far into the down cycle it is going to exacerbate the inventory overhang."

Supply Chain Breakthroughs

Microsoft Corporation recently received Gartner's "2023 Power

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In interviews for this report executives were asked, "What supply chain breakthroughs do you believe the electronics component industry has achieved recently?" The responses revealed that not all solutions are based on a specific technology. Systems level solutions can deliver powerful benefits. Powell Electronics CEO, Ernie Schilling, described the "Powell Process" for supply chain integrity, security, and savings. He noted that this solution is much simpler and is already built into Powell's world class SAP ERP system. He shared six key dimensions of this system that range from empowering "distribution to consult and eliminate all proprietary, sole source devices from the bill of material" to "creation of a task force of a very few elite engineers capable of second sourcing." Emphasizing the need for system level solutions Ernie declared, "I believe in AI. I believe in technology. But I don't believe in a magical algorithm, measuring the rain gauges in Taiwan or the

electricity in Singapore to predict the manufacturability of products."

RS Group's Adam Osmancevic pointed to initiatives promoting sustainable practices and products. "We are actively pursuing major "green" initiatives. Our warehouse in Bad Hersfeld, Germany, is powered in part by a 6,000m² solar array which generates 750kW of green photovoltaic electricity and 22% of the site's annual electricity requirement. We're also introducing a sustainable range of products across not only industrial products, but also electronic products." He also sees advancements in inventory management software. He states that, "those who take more advantage of that will be better suited to drive these recent breakthroughs in the supply chain that we're seeing."

Chris Wadsworth points out that "simple" solutions can be powerful. He explains that "another breakthrough example that is not as futuristic but is more simple is that customers are opening up specifications that had been locked for decades on older designs. They are opening up their engineering resources to design in newer technology that is much more readily available. Hard to get components are often not produced when demand for newer, more profitable products is hot. Many manufactures either obsoleted product or pushed out lead times exponentially and as a result customers have been forced to allocate engineering energy to changes which have improved many supply chains around the world."

In the context of discussing supply chain breakthroughs executives were asked about the potential of ECIA's

Compliance Initiative" to deliver breakthrough results for the industry. Mike Slater, Digi-Key Electronics' Vice President of Global Business Development, touted "ECIA's "Paperless Certificate of Compliance Initiative" as a great example of how we need to digitize in areas of the business to create a frictionless digital experience. This will both accelerate the entire process and standardize transactions so that as an industry we can eliminate waste." Chris Wadsworth elaborated on ECIA's CoC initiative, "I do believe the efforts in the pilot between ADI and Digi-Key are a great example of working to digitize and help automate a manual process and free up resources. A great example of working lean methodology to solve an opportunity to use technology instead of muscle and paper! Such an example opens up other ideas to streamline other manual processes we all deal with every day and just accept. With any new process the commitment of IT resources must come into play and as digitizing continues to evolve in all of our member companies, the ability to partner and execute in these technological advances will become more accepted and implemented. A common language and process must also be agreed upon for our industry so that each company does not have to reinvent the process for themselves but can leverage the work of ECIA partnerships between reps, distributors, and manufacturers. This is a perfect example of that threelegged ecosystem at work."

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David Loftus pointed to another key benefit of this initiative, "It can also translate hopefully into a reduction of a lot of the paper that's sent with high reliability items for space applications, Mil/ Aero, and other areas where the customer's customer is demanding that they have total sourcing documentation. To be able to put that into electronic format just makes everybody more efficient and more accurate." Ernie Schilling looks to the future benefits, "This will inspire far more accuracy and efficiency in our systems and in our customers' systems. It is core to all future supply chain automations. Inspiring our major customers to adopt these as the standard for internal and ISO9000xxx quality standards is the next step."

ESG – ECIA Supports Growth

While not all sectors of the industry are engaged in or supportive of ESG, there is an opportunity for ECIA's GIPC group to form a committee to assist the industry in implementing this initiative. Executives were asked about their opinion regarding the support ECIA could provide the industry. Chris Wadsworth was very positive in his opinion.

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David Loftus CEO ECIA



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"I believe the industry can work together to define the "hows" and the "whats" in a common platform or format that helps both educate the industry on what ESG means and what a comprehensive EGS program entails. Longer term, a critical element will be to establish a common data platform to record product attributes similar to past RoHS and REACH initiatives regarding the component sustainability footprint." Ernie Schilling paints his vision of the potential of a cooperative initiative. "A cumulative industry solution, inspired by organizations like the ECIA is the best way to go. The cumulative resources of multiple companies, sharing and expressing data in a like manner, consumable and easily expressed is key to gaining momentum. Organizational templates help pull in all business sizes and knowledge resources. I am much more in favor of these templates than I am paying 3rd party auditors. Apply those audit monies toward real change and solutions. ESG must be voluntary expressions of each company's culture that serves to differentiate them in the community, investment market and employment market. Based on individual behavior, businesses, investors, and people will seek out the very best among us."

Andrea Barrett is VP Social Responsibility and Sustainability at RS Group. She has developed valuable resources that are available to the industry on their website. She highlights her view on the needed focus of a group effort. "Cross collaboration is key to progressing ESG goals across all topics. The key thing is understanding the most material issues for the industry and then picking 3-5 issues that the committee will focus on and drive improvements. A suggestion could be:

Sustainable product improvements and standards, greener packaging and logistics, e-waste, and recycling & circularity



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David Loftus sees very practical benefits to a common effort around ESG. "I think there is a need to identify what the mainstream is going to be going forward and try to arrive at a common format for when customers make inquiries and requests for information. Hopefully, this will eliminate the need to answer a gazillion one-off inquiries from customers. The need is to develop some standards for people to put that information up on their websites for selfservice data on the web. When you get into all these one-off requests and when there's not a particular accepted format, it creates tremendous amounts of manual effort on the part of sales support and operations organizations with suppliers and with distributors."

Again, not everybody is supportive of ESG initiatives. Acknowledging this, Chris Beeson points to a neutral role ECIA can play. "There are some smaller distributors that have said, 'I don't want any part of that.' I don't think our role is to dictate. I think our role is to educate. Talk about pros and cons and just show others the industry movement that's taking place. If one chooses to participate or not that's an individual organization's discretion to be able to do that."

Since the earliest days of ESG various ratings organizations have been formed to provide ratings for company compliance/support of ESG principles. The question arises regarding the possible need for ratings organizations specifically focused

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on the electronics components supply chain. Does one size fit all or is there a need for specialization? There were split opinions on this topic. Some saw the benefit of specialization, but the strongest arguments were opposed to the development of a specialized ratings organization for our industry.

Barrett of RS Group expressed her view very effectively. "I would strongly discourage establishing ratings agencies for individual sectors. Sustainability reporting is already out of control across agencies, companies and sectors and we desperately need global convergence and standardization. Otherwise, more time is spent on reporting than action. That's not to say that there shouldn't be industry groups that provide support, forums, and standards for the industry. A bit like the responsible minerals alliance or the sustainable apparel coalition. These groups are excellent at developing approaches to tackle specific industry issues, establishing best practice standards and driving ACTION and PROGRESS on key areas."

Ernie Schilling expressed a strong opinion regarding the appropriate focus. "All of us can cite



examples of companies that have high ratings on 3rd party auditing companies, ranked best in the world for some ESG attribute, that are also on the front page of child labor, chemical spills, or 100-million-dollar lawsuits, for which they accept no blame. Instead of paying for these 3rd party entities to sanction and publish our evolution in ESG, it would be better to apply those energies and funds toward real change. Spend the monies on significant internal actions and programs, not the grandstanding and marketing of modest gains. Hopefully this way the real actions will last longer than the attention span of the media."

Within the ESG scope, customers are now asking for the "carbon footprint" at the component level. The question now comes about what approaches can be used to address this challenge? SEMI recently announced a Semiconductor Climate Consortium. Executives expressed a wide range of opinions on this topic. Dayna Badhorn stated that, "working on a template for suppliers to capture compliance information for TSCA will be a huge step. Additionally, we have customers asking what the carbon footprint is of their products. This is our customers' Scope 3 emissions. There isn't an industry standard model to perform the calculation and lack of available data that will provide an accurate carbon accounting is an issue. It would be fantastic if ECIA could help us get to a common model for the industry to provide this information to customers. They might be able to help us build a usable model at the category level using averages, or revenue, etc."

Andrea Barrett offers very helpful information on the direction of industry demands and legislation regarding ESG and carbon footprints along with a possible path forward that is reasonable in scope. "The existing gold standard to understand total carbon footprint is to conduct a lifecycle assessment (LCA) for each component or product. This helps companies to understand the carbon footprint and other environmental impacts of their products at all stages of the lifecycle raw materials, manufacture and production, distribution, in-use, after-life processing and includes all the elements upstream and downstream from them. It can be declared in an Environmental Product Declaration and shared with their customers / distributors. The future direction is that carbon footprint of products will be required on product labels and marketing assets. We are still a little way off this, but customer expectation is rising, and legislation is emerging, so companies should try to get ahead of the game now to meet their stakeholder needs, differentiate their brands and ensure they're fit for the future. For example, EU Legislation on sustainable

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product eco-design includes a digital product passport and carbon footprint is one of the attributes, along with other key elements like percentage of recycled content or recyclability.

"However, LCA is time and cost intensive e.g., it can cost £50k and take 3-4 months for a single product, so full-scale adoption is challenging. The likes of Schneider and Siemens etc. are already making this a core part of their product development strategies. The more that can be shared on this between companies and sectors the more it will lead to full-scale adoption, clearer insights into product carbon footprints and effective carbon reduction strategies. There are other algorithm-type services out there that can also calculate carbon footprints by plugging in assumption data on the raw materials, distribution methods and in-use variations."

David Loftus steers a moderate course and cautions against aggressive or extreme approaches to carbon footprint efforts. "I'd say ECIA's position is to evolve with a mainstream and not service extreme proposals. Hopefully we can come to a good agreement about what information is required, should be provided and is helpful really to society in being able to demonstrate that companies are

moving in a positive direction in each of these areas. It's not to diminish the value of any of the initiatives under ESG in general. I feel that there is a reasonably positive direction that if done in a practical fashion we can engage and try to start servicing these kinds of requests. I think expensive and overwhelming approaches are not an effective use of limited bandwidth on the part of most manufacturers and the channel. I think in the end, common sense and practicality have to play a major part in what we do." Similarly, Chris Wadsworth expresses his view, "I feel like the industry can bring distribution and manufacturers together to develop a common method to record and communicate attributes like carbon footprint. I like the "keep it simple" method and add to the manufacturers part number attribute taxonomy for feeding electronic servicing methods of data communication. One variable is communicating the standard method to define the carbon footprint as the entire supply chain influences that measurement."

It's a small - and fragmented world after all!

Geopolitical challenges. especially between the U.S. and China, have been amplified during the past year. It seems that we are going down a path that will take us from a global electronics economy to a fragmented/ balkanized world where electronics supply chains and production will be increasingly localized. Executives were asked if they agree with this assessment and given the opportunity to

provide their perspective on global concerns.

Dayna Badhorn shared her view that, "This industry has been cyclical in nature on many things. We started with localized inventory and then went to centralized warehousing. Now we see the trend move back to inventory close to the customer. Some of this was caused by supply chain challenges and not just political challenges. We see more growth in countries such as Vietnam, Malaysia and Mexico which demonstrates a global economy but shifting by country a bit. Customers have created Made for China strategies to address geopolitical challenges. I believe distribution has many opportunities for growth with these changes. It makes the supply chain work, particularly around visibility and agility, even more important than ever before."

Presenting his view on the impact of recent disruptions Chris Wadsworth explained, "The last three years of supply chain disruptions have made it abundantly clear that relying on China is a liability that is less in a company's control and subject to unexpected and sometimes politically motivated disruption. I feel like companies will continue to drive a much more stable supply chain that provides options and more control. Those options will promote localized sources of supply. The cost of the product has a new definition especially the opportunity cost to not have product when needed. Technology IP will also continue to drive and influence localized behaviors."

In their discussion, Beeson and Osmancevic pointed to recent government actions and the battle facing the industry. "Moving manufacturing out of China is not a quick process. The ultimate cost of deglobalization will be determined by the rise in geopolitical unrest. The CHIPS Act is one response to these topics. Is that the right thing to do? A wrong thing to do? We're going to see more of that type of practice. The CHIPS act is one thing. But it's still not enough money. \$52 billion sounds like a lot, but in the grand scheme of things... You're facing a technological war which is far greater than any of the other wars that are being fought out there. This is a major one. If the US loses, there are damaging circumstances that will end up happening. So, this is a war that the US must win."

David Loftus reflected on the implications of how major world powers are interacting. "There's no doubt that we're moving away from the concept of the unified global economy. I certainly hope that some of these extreme political views are brought back toward the mainstream again. There are shipment restrictions that are going on because there are some bad players in the world that are threatening other governments, other economies, and other people that just really have no place in the modern world. In some cases, governments use very blunt instruments to affect change when hopefully

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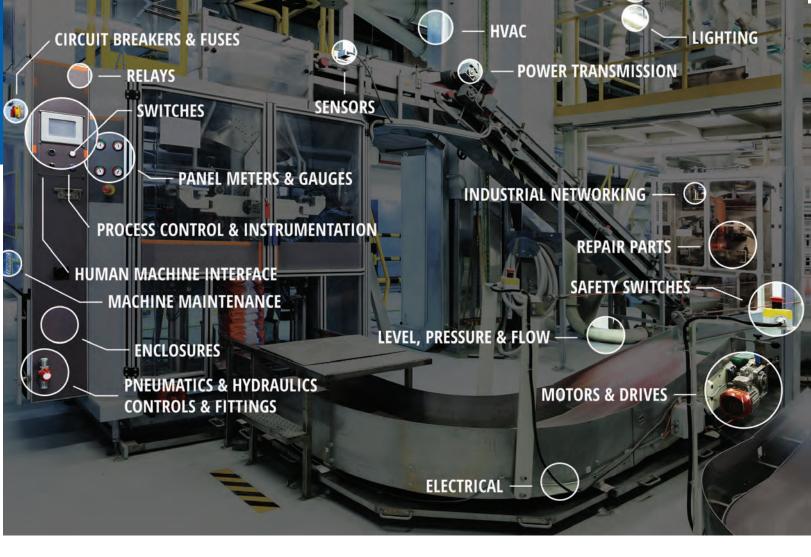
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there would be better opportunity for diplomacy and little more pragmatic economic sanctions without going to outright bans that could exacerbate the geopolitical situations. When you're talking about trying to cut China off from vital technology for their economy, the least they're going to do is create a tremendous competitive force to try to be selfsustaining. I wish that governments could be a little more perceptive and try to utilize other methods of sending early signals when we see bad actors on the political stage."

There are pros and cons for distributors in the current global environment. Wadsworth sees an upside as he explains that, "our company's biggest growth opportunity will be gaining manufacturing back stateside as our diversity in customer segments and verticals benefits us both on the infrastructure build out as well as the US sourced component demand that will be returning to support US machinery builders. We are excited to see many companies bringing

production back onshore." On the other hand, Loftus adds a word of caution and emphasizes the importance of the authorized channel. "Unfortunately, it also brings opportunity for brokers. counterfeiters, and others. I think that there's certainly been a realization within the past couple of years that the authorized channel needs to play a much bigger part in many companies' supply chains. Those that had in many ways overlooked that and really forced themselves into unnatural supply chain situations that tried to bypass the channel. I think that the geopolitical situation and the incredibly unprecedented cycle that we've just gone through with the pandemic reinforces the tremendous value that the authorized channel plays in being able to cushion some of these uncertainties and to be able to provide a good backstop to people's

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procurement processes."

It seems that generative AI is what everybody is talking about now, especially with ChatGPT capturing headlines and imaginations (good and bad) in recent months. (Let's hope we can avoid the "Terminator" scenario!) Of course, AI and Machine Learning are not new and various tools and programs have been adopted in industrial applications already. Executives were asked if they see any developments in the adoption and application of AI in the distribution world in the coming year that could unlock significant supply chain improvements. Could we see a major increase in the

use of AI tools in the supply chain in the near term?

In discussing AI, Chris Beeson noted that, "AI for many of us is not a new concept. But the development has now occurred where you're starting to see producible results. You're starting to see the applications applied to your business practice and that's occurring in inventory management. It's occurring within web development and product development. For some it's a brand new topic and for others that have been on the journey, they're actually starting to reap the rewards of the investments that have been put in place over the last couple of years." Adam Osmancevic added, "There was a recent study by Accenture where they surveyed 850 global executives and found that nearly half of them, around 45%, planned to commit at least 1/5th of their AI budgets to meeting regulatory requirements by 2024. You're going to see more and more companies in our industry move to AI and supply chain because it basically eliminates the need for planners to perform the same calculations, taking the guesswork out of planning and buying."

Mike Slater was conservative in his view. "I am not sure we will see a major increase in use in the near term. But I believe that companies that invest in that area and figure out the best use and benefits will make greater strides. As with many technology shifts, it will take time and resources to put the strategy and tools in place to make the best use of that technology." Ernie Schilling took a practical position on the adoption of AI. "The key will be identifying the leading indicators, barometers, and litmus tests

to launch real orders. We have all gained from ERP systems, automation and we have all suffered based on the variable given the most weight. Using AI to calculate sales & marketing's sales forecast BS factor, might be our very best application."

Two experiences in the use of AI in their companies came from Chris Wadsworth and Lew LaFornara. Wadsworth shared, "Our company is committed and investing more than ever in our digital transformation. Helping drive better decisions, faster for our customers and for our internal teams, will continue to be the winning move. AI integrated with quality leverageable data makes this engine run and this will continue to be a focus in all companies. The future will be much different in how we interact, exchange information, and communicate with future decision makers in the companies we all do business with, and we must all realize and invest in this reality." Fornara presented the process and prospect of AI.

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How it all began: The 1970s

Helmut Rudel founded Rutronik in 1973 as a "oneman-company". At this time, Rutronik specialized and focused on the distribution of passive components. After about three years, the company already had five employees and generated sales of six million German marks. In the same decade, Rutronik moved to the newly constructed building in Ispringen. This is still the location of Rutronik's now much larger headquarters.

On the road to digitization: 1980s

Due to technological progress and the great demand for microchips, the semiconductor industry grew rapidly in the 1980s. Right at the beginning of this decade, Rutronik bought the company Silec/ RSC-Halbleiter and eight years later the company landed an order with an order volume of 1 million German marks, sealing the expansion to active components.

From displays and mobile devices: 1990s

In this decade Rutronik expanded through further company acquisitions. The acquisition of BIT-Electronic AG was strategically decisive for the company's entry into the market for displays and systems. After only a few years, Rutronik also took over Discomp GmbH and the then Alcatel subsidiary Dimacel Composants. In 1999, two more companies were added and by the end of the decade, Rutronik was one of the eading broadline distribution companies in Europe with an extensive range of products, components, and services.

Wireless communication technologies: 2000s

n the 2000s, Rutronik oncluded distribution greements with leading manufacturers in the fields of wireless communication and information technologies. In 2005, the wireless division was founded and the product portfolio was expanded once again. In 2008, Helmut Rudel called his son Thomas Rudel to the position of managing director and acted as president of the family business from then on until today.

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"We're using AI here, and we're still learning how to take all the data that we have between the family of companies and use that in a way that's effective right? Our analytics team is constantly looking at ways to use AI and machine learning too. I think that's what the industry is going to do. But I think over time we're going to get better at that. It's probably not something in the short term that we'll solve. But I do think over time AI will play a critical role in helping us improve the visibility and the resiliency of the supply chain."

David Loftus views the status of AI adoption as being in the earliest stages. "As far as generative AI, I've done some experiments with ChatGPT. While I think it's a really novel idea, it certainly has a long way to go to be a highly accurate tool. It can certainly provide some interesting framework for people to develop marketing material and make it a little easier. But it must be very closely checked. As far as its application in the distribution world and in supply chain overall it goes back to my point about progressive

companies using artificial intelligence and machine learning today in analyzing ordering patterns against historical cycles. I think that we're just learning to crawl. We're not even toddlers yet in the evolution of how AI and machine learning can be used in trying to make the supply chain more efficient, whether it's manufacturing or whether it's in distribution."

Energy to Power the Future: Floodlights or Flashlights?

lackouts, brownouts, and skyrocketing energy costs raise concerns that reliable energy may not be reliable in the future. This presents the question about impact on the supply chain. Mike Slater energy risks. "Having a multifaceted and balanced approach to any problem would mitigate some of the risk and impacts to the supply chain. Having a plan that includes risk mitigation and disaster recovery and then consistently monitoring areas that may impact your plan are key to staying lessons we should have learned in meeting seen these disasters across many years. Whether they are geopolitical disruptions, natural disasters - fires, earthquakes, etc., shortages - we will always have risks affecting our industry. Steps as I mentioned prior are with transparency of information and a solid supply chain in place. We need supply chains this past year for visibility and agility, to not have history repeat itself again. If customers are investing in getting the right supply chain in place now, it should alleviate some of the disruption that has happened over the past few years.

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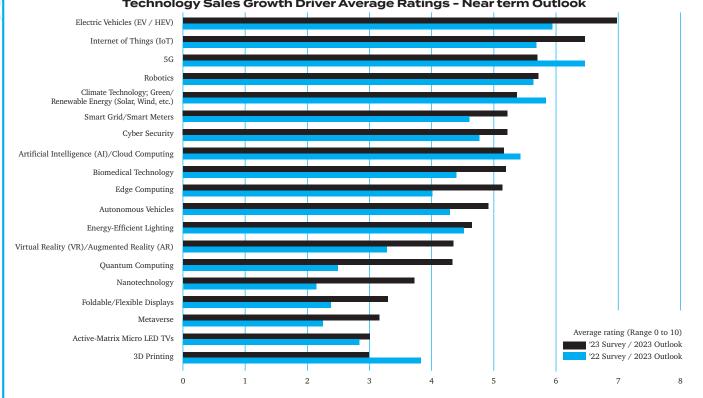
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Technology Sales Growth Driver Average Ratings - Near term Outlook

Although no supply chain was perfect, we did have customers with minimal impact due to a solid supply chain in place prior to the latest shortages."

Wadsworth looks to the opportunities to develop creative energy solutions. "I believe one of the largest opportunities in our industry is the creative solutions and advancement opportunities to supplement the grid through alternative energy methods and other grid hardening initiatives. We will not get to the 2030 electrification vision without reliable power sources. Amazing advancements will come alive in the next few years. The math just does not work with the current supply and future expected demand across the world. We will all need to be involved in development of the next generation solutions which is a very fun place to be working and investing in the demand generation efforts as industry partners." Building on this positive perspective,

Osmancevic shares a compelling study, "Deloitte recently had an article that said, 'Renewable energy can be used throughout the supply chain to decrease long term cost, mitigate risk, support new revenue, enhance brand value, and improve employee engagement as tech and regulations mature. Companies should be reevaluating their energy procurement strategy to take advantage of those benefits.""

David Loftus sees market dynamics as the key to making choices that will secure a stable future for energy supply. "As far as the ominous reports about electrical infrastructure and other infrastructure I think that the free-market economy will take care of itself. Ultimately, if people start demanding more services and those services don't keep up, there will be penalties paid - the first in the way of just lost revenue opportunity. A freemarket economy is very efficient usually at solving those gaps. But if not, democracy hopefully

has an opportunity to work and usually works at a slower pace. But if governments are not able to keep up with those types of infrastructure demands, then those governments eventually change. That's the beauty of a democracy. We're not living in Soviet times where the government said what you're going to get, and you stand in bread lines and grin and bear it."

Finding and motivating the talent that will create the future

Discussions around the significant changes accelerated by the COVID pandemic and their impact on employee / labor issues at distributors generated the most expansive and engaging opinions. It is tragic that so much of what was shared will have to be left on the cutting room floor due to space constraints. There may be a future opportunity to share more of these valuable insights in another ECIA report.

Chris Wadsworth describes the challenges and benefits that have emerged from managing through the pandemic. The struggle to attract operational employees that are critical to our distribution network continues and labor is at an absolute premium. This fact is driving the most significant change we have seen which is higher levels of automation in our warehouses and assembly centers which actually equally benefits many of our manufacturing partners supporting those technologies. Wage inflation has been significant and will not likely return to post COVID levels."

From the upside Wadsworth shares that, "using electronic tools for meetings (IE, Teams or Zoom) has been a game changer in terms of efficiency and the ability to have a higher number of customer and supplier touches in a given period. Our sales teams are able to leverage these same technologies to

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SAGER ELECTRONICS, 135 YEARS AND COUNTING

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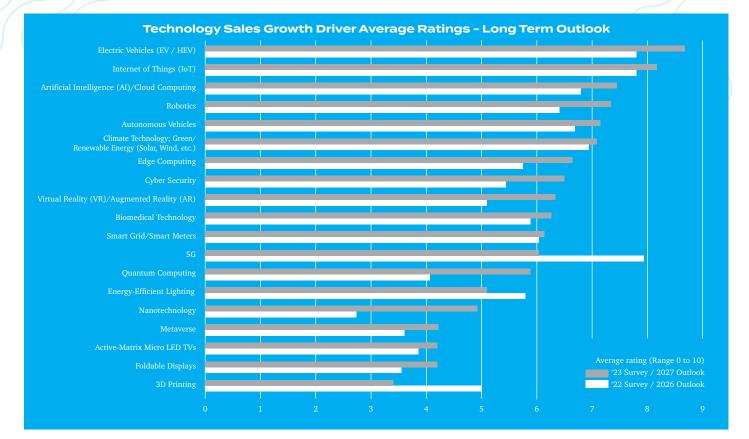
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have more frequent sales and support calls with customers and can much more easily engage subject matter experts in those meetings without having to fly across the county. Decisions are being made much quicker and much more economically."

Turning to a topic that is not necessarily related to the pandemic, Wadsworth looks at the challenge of, "attracting vounger people into our industry. Despite the aspirational effort, we continue to see only slight increases in the younger generations in our companies today. This is a significant opportunity for many people early in their careers. This is also a risk to our companies as much of the knowledge base and experience will retire over the next decade. Companies that win the war on talent will win the competitive war in the marketplace. Our industry is at a crossroads as many of our team members age out toward retirement. This will also advance a more digital workplace and

customer interface that many companies are excelling in today."

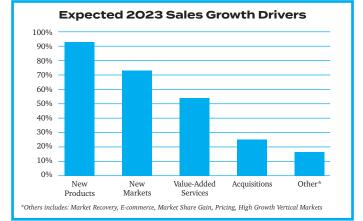
Wadsworth shares the highly valuable role ECIA and its partners are playing in addressing the challenge of recruiting young talent to the industry. "I believe the industry is trying new approaches; however, the improvement is a slow but steady effort. SPARK has been a successful effort that ECIA through our EDS organization is helping develop and educate our up-and-coming employees early in their career on the broader opportunities in our ecosystem with reps, distributors, and manufacturers. Another important effort has been in the ECIA partnership with FIRST promoting STEM in our schools all around the country. We need the next level of engineers and technology coming into our industry for both our customers but also for our industry to replace the aging work force and continue to lead the world in innovation and cutting-edge technologies

and stay on top of the world. ECIA has also sponsored the PACE set of training modules to help new employees in our industry come up to speed in understanding how the entire network operates and improve their learning curve and add value sooner in their careers."

Mike Slater states, "I do not think distributors are unique in the changes accelerated by the pandemic. Many people are looking at things much differently than they were three years ago. Success relies on the chance to grow and the ability to constantly adapt to changes and opportunities. Growth and adaptivity are easiest to obtain when we have a strong connection to our peers, culture, and company. This is something we were doing long before the pandemic and put effort into

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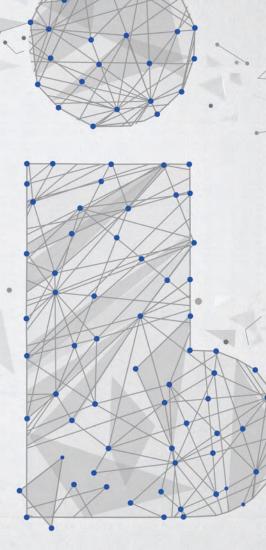


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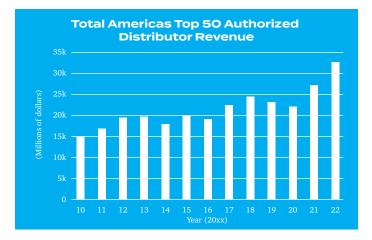
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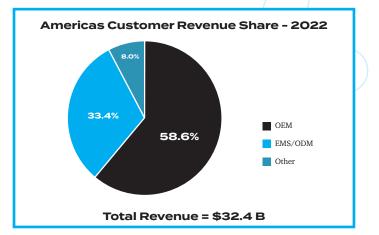
every day." Badhorn provides a specific example of building on a strong company culture. "At Avnet we were a hybrid work force before the pandemic happened. We are back to that now. Simply put, we care about our people, our culture and our company's performance. It is critical that we continue to deliver superior customer service, and giving employees access to the leadership, resources, and collaborative office environment is essential to this goal. Having people in the office helps with culture and collaboration. We see our customers coming back to work as well allowing us to engage with them as we had in the past. There have been some layoffs in the tech sector - the competitiveness for talent in the market has come down some with this phenomenon. We have not made a large amount

of change in how we recruit. We want to be transparent to our hires and they must want to be part of our culture. We have a strong Employee Value Proposition, and we continue to enhance it in many ways."

Defining Resilience

Major challenges help identify both strengths and weaknesses. Reflecting on the most recent history of the electronics component distribution industry gives us the opportunity to see what has been learned. In discussing the strengths that have been revealed, many executives gravitated to the defining word "Resilience." John Drabik emphasized that, "we are a very resilient industry. There's nothing we can't really overcome. Look at all the things that were thrown at this industry, and it came out not only doing well, it came





out doing extremely well. I think we've learned that the highs are still really good. The lows feel really bad. But we can get through both sides of the cycle, right? I wish I could tell you that we are going to stop these cycles. I don't believe that's the case. My fear is the amplitude gets higher and the frequency increases." Chris Wadsworth echoes this sentiment. "The resilience of our people and the ability to learn to manage through change. Supply chain issues changed how both our sales and operations team focused on keeping our customers up and running. Change was at an all-time high and our people were able to adapt and work on the process changes necessary to meet both company and customer demands. I was very proud of how our teams across our industry stepped up and improved

during the course of these many challenges and helping our customers survive and excel." To drive the point home once more, Schilling stated, "The resilience of the US worker, the creativity of management, and the IT infrastructure all passed the apocalypse test."

Chris Beeson expressed his view that, "I think the last couple of years have been an indication of our speed of execution, flexibility of an organization, and how quickly one can pivot into a new environment. I believe some companies were really comfortable with that and there were other companies where maybe their methodology was somewhat narrow in scope. As a result, they had greater struggles in adapting to a new environment.

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We all hear conversations about digital and the voice of the customer and how they want to be served. I think all those topics have been accelerated."

Mike Slater recognized both the strengths and areas needed for improvement in the industry. "The electronics industry continues to be a cyclical industry. In some areas as an industry, we have made improvements to help smooth out these cycles, but in other areas we still have work to do. As an industry, we need to work together to continue to look at digital, data driven ways to have the full visibility needed to make quick adjustments and decisions. The long-term outlook for our industry is very strong with many people forecasting above average growth for the next 10 years. This makes for a very exciting industry, but also will bring challenges with supply that will need to be addressed."

Executives had additional areas of concern that they expressed. Loftus looked to the need for improved partnerships. "Certainly, I think that there needs to be much closer partnerships between all major industries and our industry to be able to project growth and plan ahead for major CapEx. We need to make sure our manufacturing facilities keep up. At the same time, when you take the safety mechanisms out of the supply chain, namely in the way of distribution and holding more of your own in internal inventory, then you're going to end up paying the price in these inflection points, especially as we are going forward with new bleeding edge fabs costing in excess of \$10 billion, sometimes up to \$20 billion and more, for these new super fabs. Semiconductor companies and foundries are going to be even more careful about when they are ready to put up that kind of cash for the next major investment in expanding production." Schilling also discussed the need to strengthen partnerships. "Supplier-distributor-customer partnerships were strained over contract changes and pricing models. The US has always been

and operated at the highest contractual standards. Our word is our bond, needs to be reaffirmed."

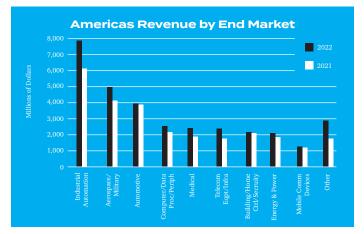
Chris Wadsworth identified product sourcing and manufacturing capacity management as areas for improvement. "Single source products, many of which were older technology or legacy products, and the supply chain issues exposed the fragility of the supply chain as many of those products caused major disruptions and many long-lasting shutdowns of very critical industries. These disruptions cascaded through the commercial economy and had a lasting effect on companies and people inside and outside our industry. Capacity was also exposed on many critical commodity products that to this day have still not caught up to demand levels needed to support key technologies. We have leaned out much of the excess capacity and bringing on new capacity took much longer than experts expected, and capital equipment lead times went out exponentially as well during these last few years."

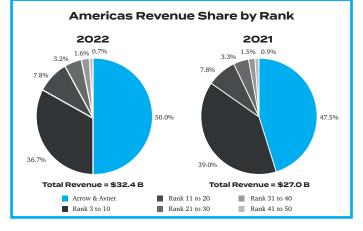
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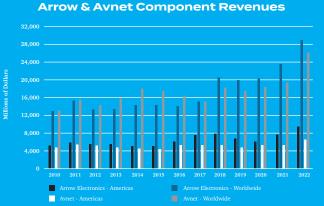
Finally, these interviews presented an opportunity for executives to share what they believe will be the most important issues the electronics component industry will face this year. Chris Wadsworth turned his attention to "financial headwinds." "The looming recession and inflation will affect growth and investment by our customers in the next twelve months. Interest rates continue to increase and at some point, will put more of a headwind on our industrial and electronics community. We have not had this level of inflation or interest rate environment and we must mitigate. The fact that SVB (Silicon Valley Bank) just went bankrupt, I feel will shoot challenges in many hightech startups viability which exasperates the tech slow down and layoffs we have been seeing over the last quarter. This part of our industry ecosystem could experience additional head winds as a result. We are seeing fewer

positive outlooks for a number of growth verticals over the last 3 months. Time will tell."

In a final optimistic note Mike Slater expresses his view that, "getting balance into the industry in 2023 will be key. When I speak about balance, that is in many areas of the business. The increase in business in many areas brought about changes in the ways people worked. Customers were reacting to the increased demand and shortage of many materials and that caused people in various positions to focus on different things than they may have been hired for or wanted to do. It is similar for manufacturers and distributors I believe. With







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demand and inventory becoming more stable in 2023, we can focus on more of a regular rhythm of work. This still may look and feel different than it was three years ago, but we can chart out a more normal path now with what it will look like for the next 5-10 years."

The Top 50 Americas Authorized Distributor Survey Results

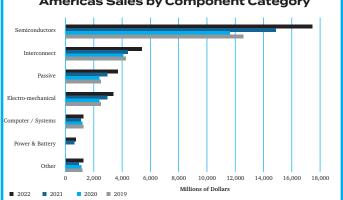
Before presenting the results for 2022 it is important to highlight key areas of methodology followed in preparing this report.

- Only "Authorized Distributors" are included in the research and rankings. This is consistent with ECIA's mission to support the Authorized Channel. As a result, brokers and others are no longer included and they have been replaced by authorized distributors in the Top 50 rankings.
- The revenues reported for Arrow Electronics are limited to include only their revenues associated with electronic component distribution. For Arrow Electronics this corresponds to their "Electronic Components" division.
- 3. In some cases, companies have not provided inputs in all areas of the survey. Where companies did not provide inputs for worldwide or Americas total revenues, estimates have been developed based on inputs from various sources including D&B. Where splits for revenues by component category or end market were not provided,

estimates were developed based on various inputs and models. The market share is an ongoing work in process as feedback enables refined estimates.

Total Americas revenue for the Top 50 authorized distributors in 2022 grew by 20% to \$32.4 B from \$27.0 B. This same group of Top 50 companies grew their combined worldwide revenue by only 3.3% from \$129.4 B to \$133.6B between 2021 and 2022, a growth of 3.3%. Worldwide revenues were depressed by a 6.3% decline in Asia sales. EMEA revenue growth almost matched the Americas growth as they increased by 19.9%. As a result, the Americas share of revenues jumped to 24.3% in 2022 and EMEA grew to 18.0% of worldwide revenues.

Americas revenues for the Top 50 distributors grew for every component category in 2022. Interestingly, the strongest revenue growth came in the Computer/ Systems and Other categories. The relatively small size of these categories makes higher growth possible. Beyond these segments Passive Components achieved the highest growth in 2022 at 22.1% followed closely by Electro-Mechanical at 21.3% growth. The largest component category, semiconductors, saw its share of the total Americas market slip from 55.0% to 53.5%. Over the five-year period from 2017 to 2022 total Americas distribution revenue grew by 8.0% Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR)

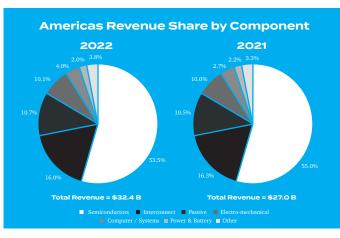


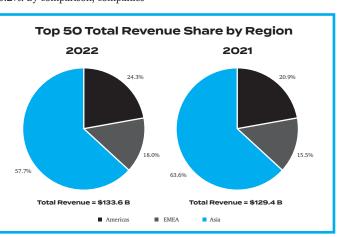
with Passive components leading the way followed by Electro-Mechanical components at 9.4% and 8.6% CAGR, respectively. Semiconductors grew by 7.4% CAGR and Interconnect components achieved 6.8% CAGR growth. Power & Battery was added as a separate category for the first time in 2021.

The top two North America Distributors, Arrow Electronics and Avnet, both saw a large boost in their Americas revenues in 2022. Arrow Electronics sales grew by 22.5% while Avnet's growth came in at 31.9%. Avnet's strong growth placed them in the Top 10 by sales growth in 2022. Avnet saw sales grow significantly higher than Arrow on the global stage. Avnet grew their worldwide revenue by 22.1% and Arrow Electronics by 9.2%. The Top 10 companies in 2022 with revenues of \$28.1 B and a combined revenue share of 86.6% saw their revenues grow by 20.2%. By comparison, companies

ranked between 11 and 50 with combined revenues of \$4.30 B and combined market share of 13.4% saw their revenues grow by 18.3%. Average 2022 revenue for the Top 10 companies was \$2.8 B while average revenue for companies ranked 11 through 50 was \$108 M.

Once again, the largest end-market segments for Americas distributors in 2022 were Industrial Automation, Aerospace/Military, and Automotive, accounting for 21.0%, 14.0%, and 13.2% of the market, respectively. However, the market is fairly diversified with even the smallest segment, Mobile Communications, driving \$1.3 B in revenues in 2022. OEMs continued to be the largest customers of distributors with 58.6% of total Americas revenue.







Americas Sales by Component Category

The top 50 Americas authorized distributors

The final tables of this report present the complete list of Top 50 Americas Authorized Distributors for 2022 along with Top 10 rankings for individual component categories, top sales growth, and top revenue per employee

	(spu			of (%)		Sales Breakdown by Percent								
	2022 Americas Sales (\$ Thousands)	(%)	Share of Top 50 Total Sales (%)	Share of Sales (9		ctor			Ħ				cas	
Rank 2022 Rank 2021 Company	Americas (\$ Thous	Growth 2022/2021 (%)	of Top 50 Ìales (%)	as S vide (Semiconducto (Active)	Passive Component	Electro- Mechanical	Interconnec	Computer/ Systems	∞ _		Total Americas Employees	Sales per Employee (\$ Millions)
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Company					Ę						Ba Ba			
1 1 Arrow Electronics (2)	9,592,547	22.5	29.59	33.3	1	74.0	6.4	4.5	4.6	7.0	-	3.5	6,500	1.48
2 2 Avnet (Includes Farnell) (2) 3 3 Digi-Key Electronics (2)	6,605,700 2,820,300	32.0 9.1	20.38 8.70	25.1 55.3	1 3	76.0 39.0	6.1 19.5	4.0 12.0	7.9 20.0	3.0 3.9	- 4.4	3.0 1.2	4,500 4,500	1.47 0.63
4 4 Future Electronics (1)	2,535,000	2.2	7.82	39.0	1	68.0	11.0	8.5	8.5	0.8	3.2	-	1,875	1.35
5 5 TTI	2,000,000	13.6	6.17	54.8	2	-	46.0	8.0	46.0	-	-	-	2,200	0.91
6 6 Mouser Electronics 7 7 DAC / Heilind	1,731,900 1,033,427	25.3 8.9	5.34 3.19	42.4 79.5	3 2	38.0	17.0 -	12.0 19.9	21.0 80.1	6.0 -	4.0	2.0	2,359 740	0.73 1.40
8 8 RS	866,000	39.0	2.67	28.1	3	1.4	1.6	29.7	16.0	9.7	9.6	32.0	1,200	0.72
9 9 Sager Electronics	459,000	20.5	1.42	100.0	2	-	-	35.0	24.0	-	33.0	8.0	407	1.13
10 10 Master Electronics (2)	439,600	19.5	1.36	70.0	1	10.0	17.3	25.9	38.8	5.0	-	3.0	500	0.88
11 12 Carlton-Bates (WESCO) 12 13 WPG Americas	346,850 320,000	10.6 10.3	1.07 0.99	100.0 1.4	1 2	- 75.0	-	85.0 -	5.0 -	- 5.0	5.0 20.0	5.0 -	500 100	0.69 3.20
13 11 Nexty Electronics (Toyota Tsusho +Tomen) (1)	318,165	-1.2	0.99	6.3	1	85.0	4.0	3.0	5.0	1.0	-	2.0	130	2.45
14 16 Supreme Electronics (1)	306,226	82.9	0.94	5.2	1	95.8	1.3	2.9	-	-	-	-	175	1.75
15 14 Bisco Industries	272,330	21.6	0.84	89.0	1	1.0	20.0	40.0	20.0	1.0	2.0	16.0	530	0.51
16 15 Powell Electronics 17 19 Galco	244,579 200.000	19.1 37.0	0.75 0.62	91.6 96.2	1	- 6.0	- 8.0	11.0 10.0	89.0 7.0	- 19.0	-	- 50.0	260 220	0.94 0.91
18 17 PEI-Genesis (3)	192,150	20.1	0.59	63.0	1	-	-	-	100.0	-	-	-	330	0.58
19 18 RFMW	189,000	22.7	0.58	63.6	2	50.0	40.0	-	10.0	-	-	-	86	2.20
20 21 Electro Enterprises, Inc.	150,440	22.4	0.46	75.7	1	-	-	24.4	75.6	-	-	-	315	0.48
21 20 Macnica 22 25 Richardson Electronics Ltd	141,105 129,048	14.3 32.3	0.44 0.40	2.1 51.5	1 2	81.0 66.0	- 14.0	7.0 1.0	- 4.0	-	8.0 5.0	4.0 10.0	92 350	1.53 0.37
23 22 BJG Electronics Group	121,000	10.6	0.37	91.0	2	-	-	15.0	80.0	-	-	5.0	340	0.36
24 23 Hughes Peters	117,000	18.1	0.36	100.0	1	3.0	30.0	40.0	25.0	-	-	2.0	160	0.73
25 24 Steven Engineering	108,415	11.2	0.33	89.2	2	-	-	35.0	35.0	7.0	2.0	21.0	131	0.83
26 28 Symmetry Electronics 27 26 Flame Enterprises	105,000 88,000	40.0 15.3	0.32 0.27	84.0 91.1	2 2	98.0	-	- 95.0	- 5.0	2.0	-	-	80 59	1.31 1.49
28 35 Flip Electronics	82,800	97.6	0.26	53.4	2	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	85	0.97
29 27 SIIX (1)	79,000	5.3	0.24	9.6	1	95.0	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	60	1.32
30 29 Marsh Electronics 31 31 Peerless Electronics (1)	76,316 74,750	3.7 8.0	0.24 0.23	100.0 100.0	1	6.4 4.0	21.6 4.0	30.5 75.0	6.8 8.0	0.4 -	4.1	30.2 9.0	137 105	0.56 0.71
32 32 Area51 Electronics	62,360	32.1	0.23	95.4	1	31.3	26.1	17.4	3.7	1.3	2.6	17.6	73	0.85
33 34 Brevan Electronics	57,200	29.4	0.18	100.0	1	50.0	25.0	15.0	3.0	1.0	1.0	5.0	52	1.10
34 33 All Tech Electronics	56,000	21.7	0.17	100.0	2	80.0	5.0	10.0	5.0	-	-	-	36	1.56
35 30 EDOM Technology 36 40 Diverse Electronics	49,337 48,500	-29.1 43.1	0.15 0.15	1.2 83.6	1	100.0 16.0	- 15.0	- 20.0	- 26.0	- 7.0	- 13.0	- 3.0	20 53	2.47 0.92
37 39 Edge Electronics, Inc.	43,500	26.5	0.13	86.6	1	52.4	1.8	1.0	1.8	21.0	3.0	19.0	35	1.24
38 38 Beyond Components (1)	42,850	24.2	0.13	100.0	1	4.0	4.0	75.0	7.0	-	-	10.0	70	0.61
39 42 NASCO Aerospace & Electronics 40 36 Falcon Electronics	38,016 38,000	26.0 -5.0	0.12 0.12	100.0 98.2	1	25.0	5.0	25.0	25.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	29	1.31
40 36 Faicon Electronics 41 41 CDM Electronics (1)	38,000 35,700	-5.0 13.3	0.12	98.2 93.0	2	100.0	-	- 6.0	- 94.0	-	-		18 120	2.11 0.30
42 43 Ryoden (1)	29,675	2.3	0.09	2.2	1	87.6	12.4	-	-	-	-	-	10	2.97
43 44 NEP Electronics (1)	27,100	16.3	0.08		1	10.0	10.0	60.0	10.0	-	-	10.0	125	0.22
44 46 World Micro Components / MIT Distributors (1) 45 45 Bluff City Electronics	23,000	10.2 5.7	0.07	90.9	2	50.0	14.0	8.0	11.0	-	10.0	7.0	45 27	0.51
45 45 Bluff City Electronics 46 47 Microwave Components LLC	22,826 20,100	5.7 0.5	0.07 0.06	100.0 97.5	1 2	10.0 -	10.0 -	65.0 12.0	- 88.0	5.0 -	-	10.0 -	37 25	0.62 0.80
47 49 Projections Unlimited, Inc. (PUI)	19,901	5.6	0.06	89.7	1	15.0	24.0	48.0	12.0	-	1.0	-	30	0.66
48 50 Sherburn Electronics (1)	19,000	9.2	0.06	100.0	2	15.0	10.0	25.0	25.0	15.0	10.0	-	11	1.73
49 48 Kensington Electronics 50 37 S.A.S. Dragon (1)	18,500 17,595	-2.1 -51.9	0.06 0.05	92.1 0.6	1 1	- 86.0	95.0 6.0	- 7.6	4.0	-	-	1.0 0.4	29 10	0.64 1.76
50 37 S.A.S. Dragon (1) TOTAL TOP 50	17,595 32,414,808	-51.9 20.0	0.05 100.00	0.6 24.3		86.0 53.5	6.0 10.7	7.6 10.1	- 16.0	- 4.0	- 2.0	0.4 3.8	10 29,854	1.76 1.09
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*Type of Distributor: 1 = Broadline; 2 = Specialized; 3 = High Service/E-Catalog Notes: (1) ECIA Estimate for Total North America Sales and Sales Breakdown (2) ECIA Estimate for Sales Breakdown (3) ECIA Estimate for Total North America Sales

Top 10 semiconductor (active) sales

Rank 2022	Company	2022 Americas Sales (\$ Millions)	Share of Top 50 Total Sales (Percent)
1	Arrow Electronics (1)	7,098.5	40.97
2	Avnet (Includes Farnell) (1)	5,020.3	28.97
3	Future Electronics (1)	1,723.8	9.95
4	Digi-Key Electronics (1)	1,099.9	6.35
5	Mouser Electronics	658.1	3.80
6	Supreme Electronics (1)	293.4	1.69
7	Nexty Electronics (Toyota Tsusho +Tomen) (1)	270.4	1.56
8	WPG Americas	240.0	1.39
9	Macnica	114.3	0.66
10	Symmetry Electronics	102.9	0.59
	Others	705.2	4.07
	TOTAL TOP 50	17,326.9	100.00

Top 10 electro-mechanical sales

Rank 2022	Company	2022 Americas Sales (\$ Millions)	Share of Top 50 Total Sales (Percent)
1	Arrow Electronics (1)	431.7	13.21
2	Digi-Key Electronics (1)	338.4	10.36
3	Carlton-Bates (WESCO)	294.8	9.02
4	Avnet (Includes Farnell) (1)	264.2	8.09
5	RS	257.2	7.87
6	Future Electronics (1)	215.5	6.59
7	Mouser Electronics	207.8	6.36
8	DAC / Heilind	205.7	6.29
9	Sager Electronics	160.7	4.92
10	TTI	160.0	4.90
	Others	731.7	22.39
	TOTAL TOP 50	3,267.7	100.00

Top 10 computer/system product sales

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Rank 2022	Company	2022 Americas Sales (\$ Millions)	Share of Top 50 Total Sales (Percent)
1	Arrow Electronics (1)	671.5	51.60
2	Avnet (Includes Farnell) (1)	198.2	15.23
3	Digi-Key Electronics (1)	110.0	8.45
4	Mouser Electronics	103.9	7.98
5	RS	84.0	6.45
6	Galco	38.0	2.92
7	Master Electronics (1)	22.0	1.69
8	Future Electronics (1)	20.3	1.56
9	WPG Americas	16.0	1.23
10	Edge Electronics, Inc.	9.1	0.70
	Others	28.5	2.19
	TOTAL TOP 50	1,301.4	100.00

Top 10 distributors by sales growth

Rank 2022	Company	Sales Growth 2022/2021 (Percentage)	2022 Americas Sales (\$ Millions)	2021 Americas Sales (\$ Millions)
1	Flip Electronics	97.6	82.8	41.9
2	Supreme Electronics	82.9	306.2	167.4
3	Diverse Electronics	43.1	48.5	33.9
4	Symmetry Electronics	40.0	105.0	75.0
5	RS	39.0	866.0	623.0
6	Galco	37.0	200.0	146.0
7	Richardson Electronics Ltd	32.3	129.0	97.5
8	Area51 Electronics	32.1	62.4	47.2
9	Avnet (Includes Farnell)	32.0	6,605.7	5,005.7
10	Brevan Electronics	29.4	57.2	44.2
	Others	15.5	23,952.0	20,741.7
	TOTAL TOP 50	20.0	32,414.8	27,023.5

Note = (1) ECIA Estimate

Top 10 passive component sales

Rank 2022	Company	2022 Americas Sales (\$ Millions)	Share of Top 50 Total Sales (Percent)
1	TTI	920.0	26.53
2	Arrow Electronics (1)	613.9	17.70
3	Digi-Key Electronics (1)	550.0	15.86
4	Avnet (Includes Farnell) (1)	402.9	11.62
5	Mouser Electronics	294.4	8.49
6	Future Electronics (1)	278.9	8.04
7	Master Electronics (1)	76.1	2.19
8	RFMW	75.6	2.18
9	Bisco Industries	54.5	1.57
10	Hughes Peters	35.1	1.01
	Others	166.4	4.80
	TOTAL TOP 50	3,467.7	100.00

Top 10 interconnect sales

Rank 2022	Company	2022 Americas Sales (\$ Millions)	Share of Top 50 Total Sales (Percent)
1	TTI	920.0	17.69
2	DAC / Heilind	827.8	15.92
3	Digi-Key Electronics (1)	564.1	10.85
4	Avnet (Includes Farnell) (1)	521.9	10.04
5	Arrow Electronics (1)	441.3	8.49
6	Mouser Electronics	363.7	6.99
7	Powell Electronics	217.7	4.19
8	Future Electronics (1)	215.5	4.14
9	PEI-Genesis (1)	192.2	3.70
10	Master Electronics (1)	170.6	3.28
	Others	764.9	14.71
	TOTAL TOP 50	5,199.4	100.00

Top 10 power & battery sales Share of Top Rank 2022 Company 2022 Americas 50 Total Sales Sales (\$ Millions) (Percent) Sager Electronics 151.5 1 23.85 2 Digi-Key Electronics (1) 19.54 RS 83.1 13.09 3 Future Electronics (1) 81.1 4 Mouser Electronics 69.3 10.91 5 WPG Americas 64.0 10.08 6 Carlton-Bates (WESCO) 17.3 2.73 Macnica Richardson Electronics Ltd 6.5 1.02 9 6.3 0.99 **Diverse Electronics** 10 TOTAL TOP 50 635.0 100.00

Top 10 sales per americas employees

Rank 2022	Company	2022 Americas Sales (\$ Millions)	Americas Employees	Sales per Employee (\$ Millions)
1	WPG Americas	320.0	100	3.20
2	Ryoden (1)	29.7	10	2.97
3	EDOM Technology	49.3	20	2.47
4	Nexty Electronics (Toyota Tsusho +Tomen) (1)	318.2	130	2.45
5	RFMW	189.0	86	2.20
6	Falcon Electronics	38.0	18	2.11
7	S.A.S. Dragon (1)	17.6	10	1.76
8	Supreme Electronics	306.2	175	1.75
9	Sherburn Electronics (1)	19.0	11	1.73
10	All Tech Electronics	56.0	36	1.56
	Others	31,071.8	29,258.0	1.06
	TOTAL TOP 50	32,414.8	29,854	1.09

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Capacity challenges persist

Thomas Smart discovers the biggest challenges facing independent distributors are inflation, lead times and component shortages

ontinued financial instability has been a major challenge recently faced by the electronic component industry. The pandemic-induced global economic downturn has resulted in supply chain disruptions and reduced supply, plus inflation which increased significantly late 2022 and early 2023. Inflationary pressures have created additional challenges for independent distributors, as they work to maintain profitability while dealing with increased operating and inventory costs. Raw materials prices, transportation costs and other expenses have increased significantly, further exacerbating the situation. Despite these challenges, the industry remains optimistic, with many distributors focusing on building stronger relationships

with customers and suppliers to weather the storm.

American Sun Components explained how it shields customers from inflation: "We have a just-in-time inventory model wherein we secure the stock in order to ship it to the customer immediately. We also have legal devices/ contracts in place which keep the prices stable for us and therefore our customers."

Utilizing excess stock can also reduce the impact as Perfect Parts explained: "Perfect Parts helps to mitigate the risk of rising inflation and its direct effect on customers by utilizing our client's excess inventory to offset costs both on and off the board."

Another concern for independent distributors is manufacturer production capacity limitations which directly affect component lead times and the likelihood of shortages. Component manufacturers' production capacity has been hit by a range of factors including supply chain disruptions, factory shutdowns and a lack of investment in new production facilities.

The pandemic had a significant impact, with many manufacturers forced to shut their production facilities to comply with lockdown regulations. It also resulted in supply chain disruptions, leading to delays in the delivery of raw materials.

Smith's president—Americas, Todd Burke, explained: "Production capacity has started to stabilize but is still below pre-pandemic levels. Production capacity at foundries and IDMs has returned to normal and, in some cases, has been



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reduced to levels lower than what they were before the pandemic. That said, however, many of the backlogs that were created during the capacity decreases still exist. Specifically, automotive and industrial chips will continue to have supply constraints throughout 2023 and into 2024 while awaiting capacity expansions to come online."

Perfect Parts concluded: "Although capacity is increasing it is nowhere near normal levels and part shortages will continue posing a challenge for manufacturing in the foreseeable future."

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The Top 10 North America Independent Distributors

Rank 2022	Company	2022 North America (\$ Millions)	Share of Top 10 Total Sales (%)	North America Sales Share of Worldwide (%)	2022 Global Revenues (\$ Millions)	Type*	Total Employees	Sales per Emplo (\$ Millions)
		2,112	32.6	44 ³	4,800		800	
2	NewPower Worldwide	1,440	22.2	67	2,140		145	14.8
		1,250	19.3	42	3,000		600	
4	A2 Global Electronics	1,030.5	15.9	90	1,145			
	Classic Components	224	3.7	55	408		130	3.1
6	4 Star Electronics, Inc	134	2	100	134		45	3
	Quiksol International Components Pte Ltd	112	1.8	27	412		227	1.8
8	ASC American Sun Components Inc.	95	1.5	38	250	2		
	Perfect Parts Corporation		0.5		83		45	1.8
10	Chip Stock	35	0.5	71 ³	49		15	6

***Type of Distributor:** 1 = Broadline 2 = Specialized

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Our successful concept is based on the following items:

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- Delivery over night or just in time.
- The purchasing department has relationships established with most of our suppliers whether domestically or internationally, this enables the best possible prices for each component.
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Excess Management

Chip 1 Exchange offers a number of standard solutions for inventory management and reduction.

Below are four of our most popular programs, however, we are always open to designing a custom solution that better meets the requirements of your business.

Lot Buy:

This solution is for customers that would like to sell their entire excess inventory at once and remove the product from their books, warehouse etc.

Consignment inventory:

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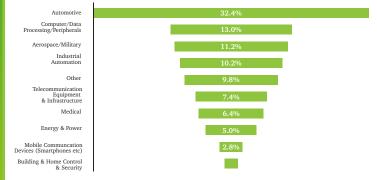


Automotive components dominate independent NA revenue share

In 2022 the independent North American electronic component industry was dominated by automotive related components comprising of nearly a third of market share at 32.4 per cent, followed by computer/data processing/peripherals at 13 per cent, aerospace/military at 11.2 per cent and industrial automation rounding out the top four with 10.2 per cent.

Distributors have highlighted the key factors behind the high demand for automotive components as a large increase in the number of manufactured electric vehicles (EVs) and hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs), including charging points and accessories, plus an increase in smart technology within traditional internal combustion vehicles such as multimedia displays, inbuilt GPS, lane detection sensors and surround cameras.





Automotive key independent sales driver for next five years

Automotive related components are expected to remain a key sales growth driver for the next five years for independent distributors. The automotive industry has been rapidly evolving with the integration of electronic components in vehicles, with this trend expected to continue. Use of electronic components in vehicles has increased significantly, creating new opportunities for independent distributors.

Moreover, increasing demand for electric vehicles is driving growth in the automotive industry. Electric vehicles require significant amounts of electronic components, including batteries, semiconductors and charging infrastructure. This increases demand for independent distributors to supply these components to electric vehicle manufacturers.

Growing demand for AI is another sales growth driver

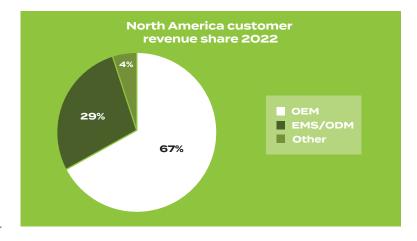
for the next five years. Significant investment in research and development is expected to push demand for components including processors, sensors and memory devices that are designed to handle the amounts of data AI applications generate. Thus, OEMs and contract manufacturers are increasingly sourcing these types of electronic components.

Another driver is IoT which has enabled the development of smart homes, industrial automation systems, wearable health devices and intelligent transportation systems. In smart homes, IoT devices let homeowners control various household appliances and systems remotely.

Industrial automation systems use IoT technology to optimize processes and increase efficiency. Wearable health devices, such as fitness trackers, monitor various health metrics, including heart rate and sleep patterns. Intelligent transportation systems utilize IoT technology to improve traffic flow and safety. All these applications are driving component demand, especially for sensors.

Top 15 expected sales for the next 5 years

- 1. Electric Vehicles (EV / HEV)
- 2. Autonomous Vehicles
- 3. Articifical Intelligence (AI)
- Internet of Things (IoT)
 Climate Technology
- 6. Smart Grid / Smart Meters
- 7. Robotics
- 8. Cyber Security
- 9. Energy-Efficient Lighting
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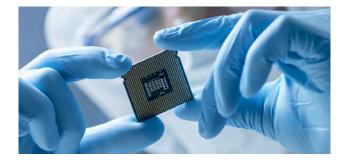
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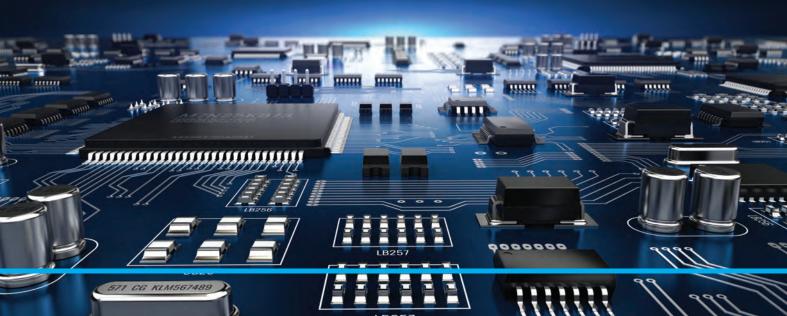
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Following a booming 2022, things are beginning to feel different in the electronics supply chain. We are now entering a period of slower growth and are beginning to see a rebalancing of inventory across the market, though recovery is uneven across industries, component types, and geographic regions.

We are returning to a more normalized marketplace. As

supply chains correct, demand will continue downward. Consumer and consumerrelated areas will account for the most significant drops in demand. In contrast, rapid technological advances and newly approved government funding for domestic fab construction and defense industries will help the following industries weather the softening market:

- Industrial Sector
- Semiconductor Fabrication
- Automotive/EV
- Energy/Energy Storage
- 5G
- Internet of Things (IoT)
- Data Centers
- Defense/Aerospace Sectors

Open market pricing will soften by as much as 30%. As supply chain conditions normalize, thereby reducing the acuity of shortages, pricing is expected to drop. The anticipated decrease, however, follows an all-time high of Quarter 2 of 2022, so some end users will still experience elevated pricing relative to before the shortage market. The complete picture of supply availability will remain murky. Supply availability will be uneven and forecasting lead times will be tough. Certain high-profile segments, such as automotive/EV and semiconductor manufacturing, will see some relief from recent supply constraints. Lower-profile customer segments and product classes will still struggle to find parts. Regardless of tier, the general landscape of product availability will look different than the historical linear distribution model, who gains access to available supply will be multivariate, dependent on a number of factors, including need, leverage, location, supplier relationships, and price.

Customers increasingly value supply chain diversity. A new matrix is emerging wherein customers are taking more control over their supply chain. Historically, they have outsourced supply chain management to electronic manufacturing service (EMS) companies or contract manufacturers. In doing so, they have become disconnected from their direct supply chain. Going forward, it seems that they will favor a hybrid approach to supply management and procurement. It is likely they will utilize supply chain models that combine direct, legacy distribution, as well as open market distributors.

Indeed, we are settling into a new "normal". The ongoing impacts of inflation, a global labor shortage, geopolitical conflicts, and a limited supply of raw production materials could all put downward pressure on an already delicate market. However, new funding sources for expanded production give us reason to believe the outlook for the industry will be solid this year.

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Littelfuse Nidec	Mouser Electronics Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873 800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y Y	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	\$0 \$0	N/A N/A	50 50	1,000+	Y
NKK Switches	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com www.mouser.com	Y Y	13,976	N/A	\$0 \$0	86%	50	1,000+	Y
Omron	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	50	1,000+	Y
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Phoenix Contact	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	50	1,000+	Y
PUI Audio	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	50	1,000+	Y
Schneider Electric	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	50	1,000+	Y
Sensata TE Connectivity	Mouser Electronics Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873 800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	\$0 \$0	N/A N/A	50 50	1,000+	Y Y
Teledyne Relays	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com www.mouser.com	Y	N/A N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	50	1,000+	Y
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Bud	ECCO	773-767-2200	ENCLOSURES www.eccoconnectors.com	Y	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bud Industries	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	1,325	N/A	\$0	80%	50	1,000+	Y
Hammond Manufacturing	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	2,839	N/A	\$0	82%	50	1,000+	Y
METCASE Enclosures	OKW Enclosures, Inc.	(800) 965-9872	www.metcaseusa.com		322						Y
New Age Enclosures		800-346-6873									Y
OKW Gehäusesysteme GmbH	OKW Enclosures, Inc.	(800) 965-9872	www.okwenclosures.com		2,450	N/A	\$0	N/A	10	20	Y
ROLEC Gehäuse-Systeme GmbH	ROLEC Enclosures Inc	(888) 658-5774	www.rolec-usa.com		1,960	N/A	\$0	N/A	4	6	Y
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Abracon Corporation	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	1,780	N/A	\$0	100%	50	1,000+	Y
CTS Electronic Components	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	3,889	N/A	\$0	100%	50	1,000+	Y
ECS Inc	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	2,070	N/A	\$0	100%	50	1,000+	Y
Epson Toyocom	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	178	N/A	\$0	100%	50	1,000+	Y
IQD Frequency Products KYOCERAAVX	Mouser Electronics Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873 800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	\$0 \$0	N/A N/A	50 50+	1,000+	Y Y
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Broadcom Limited	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y Y	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	\$0 \$0	N/A N/A	50 50	1,000+	Y Y
Central Semiconductor Central Semiconductor Corp.	Mouser Electronics Future Electronics	800-346-6873 (800) 675-1619	www.mouser.com www.futureelectronics.com	r Y	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	۵0 N/A	N/A N/A	DU N/A	1,000+ N/A	r Y
Digi International	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	N/A N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	50	1,000+	Y
Diodes Incorporated	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Ý	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	50	1,000+	Y
FTDI Chip	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	94	N/A	\$0	100%	50	1.000+	Y
Infineon	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	1,580	N/A	\$0	63%	50	1,000+	Y
Intel	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com								Y
ISSI	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com								Y
Lattice	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com		N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	50	1,000+	Y
Littelfuse	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	50	1,000+	Y
МАСОМ	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	50	1,000+	Y
Maxim Integrated	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	50	1,000+	Y
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Monolithic Power Systems (MPS)	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	N/A	N/A	\$0 \$0	N/A N/A	50 50	1,000+	Y Y
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Renesas Electronics	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	50	1,000+	Y
ROHM Semiconductor	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com				\$0		50	1,000+	Y
Silicon Laboratories Inc	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com								Y
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Texas Instruments	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	29,676	N/A	\$0	94%	50	1,000+	Y
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Amphenol	ECCO	773-767-2200	www.eccoconnectors.com	Y	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Amphenol	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	165,853	N/A	\$0	31%	50	1,000+	Y
Anderson Power Products	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	50	1,000+	Y
Aptive (Delphi)	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	50	1,000+	Y

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Cinch	ECCO	773-767-2200	www.eccoconnectors.com	Y	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cinch Connectivity/Bel	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	50	1,000+	Y
Cinch Connectivity Solutions		+1 507 833 8822	belfuse.com/cinch	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Eaton	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	10,744	N/A	\$0	27%	50	1,000+	Y
ERNI Electronics Glenair	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873 800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y Y	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	\$0 \$0	N/A	50 50	1,000+	Y Y
Harting	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com www.mouser.com	Y	2,160	N/A N/A	\$0 \$0	51%	50	1,000+	Y
Harwin	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	50	1,000+	Y
Hirose Electric	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	50	1,000+	Ŷ
ITT Cannon	ECCO	773-767-2200	www.eccoconnectors.com	Y	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ITT Cannon	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	50	1,000+	Y
JAE Electronics	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	6,02	N/A	\$0	100%	N/A	N/A	Y
JST	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	50	1,000+	Y
KYOCERA AVX	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	50+	1,000+	Y
KYOCERAAVX	Digi-Key	800-344-4539	www.digikey.com	Y	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	50+	1,000+	Y
LEMO Mill-Max	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873 800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y Y	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	\$0 \$0	N/A N/A	50 50	1,000+	Y Y
Molex	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com www.mouser.com	Y	N/A 85,634	N/A N/A	\$0 \$0	N/A 89%	50	1,000+	Y
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NorComp	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	50	1,000+	Y
Phoenix Contact	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	30,044	N/A	\$0	77%	50	1,000+	Y
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Stewart Connector		+ 1 717 235 7512	belfuse.com/stewart-connector	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	Rochester Electronics	978-462-9332	www.rocelec.com	Y	100,000	N/A	\$250	10.0070	10	400+	Y
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Broadcom	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	OPTO ELECTRONICS	Y	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	50	1,000+	Y
Cree LED	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com www.mouser.com	Y	582	N/A N/A	\$0 \$0	99%	50	1,000+	Y
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ROHM Semiconductor	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	50	1,000+	Y
Vishay	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	50	1,000+	Y
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ABRACON	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	PASSIVES www.mouser.com	Y	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	50	1,000+	Y
Bourns	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	38	N/A	\$0	78%	50	1,000+	Y
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Coilcraft	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com				\$0				
EPCOS	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com		26,533	N/A	\$0	98%	50	1,000+	
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KEMET	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y	77,568	N/A	\$0	66%	50	1,000+	Y
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KYOCERAAVX Murata Nichicon	Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873	www.mouser.com	Y		N/A	\$0		50	1,000+	
KYOCERA AVX Murata Nichicon Ohmite	Mouser Electronics Mouser Electronics	800-346-6873 800-346-6873	www.mouser.com www.mouser.com	Y Y	14,293	N/A N/A	\$0 \$0	55%	50 50	1,000+ 1,000+	
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