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Summary: China is in the midst of a massive semiconductor equipment buying spree that has sent the nation's imports of chipmaking machinery to record highs. That includes a rebound in imports from the United States alongside a massive surge in imports from key chipmaking equipment centers like Japan, the Netherlands, and Singapore. In response to the semiconductor trade war, Chinese manufacturers are working to indigenize chip production and fortify their domestic electronics industry—racing to get ahead as Washington tries to tighten its grip with further sanctions. The Chinese government and military have already been able to acquire some of the highly-coveted NVIDIA A100 and H100 chips American sanctions were designed to keep them from buying, and NVIDIA is rumored to be making more chips explicitly for the Chinese market with capabilities designed to come just under new US export restrictions. The US is continually playing whack-a-mole to wrangle the trading firms that enabled those acquisitions, as well as other possible methods of circumventing sanctions like via cloud computing services. Related: Western Nations Need A Plan For When China Floods the Chip Market and China Is Quietly Reducing Its Reliance On Foreign Chip Technology and China AI and Semiconductors Rise: US Sanctions Have Failed

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