Supply Chain Explorer

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Etching and cleaning tools

Etching tools create permanent patterns in chips: after photolithography removes portions of a photoresist deposited on a wafer in a precise pattern, etching tools etch that pattern into a permanent substrate below. Cleaning tools then remove etched materials.

The United States and Japan are the main producers of etch and clean equipment; South Korea and China are also significant suppliers.

Variants

- · Dry etching and cleaning tools
- · Wet etching and cleaning tools

Supplier countries (Variants)

- Austria
- · China (mainland)
- Germany
- Japan
- · South Korea
- Taiwan
- · United Kingdom
- · United States

Notable supplier companies (Variants)

- AMEC China (mainland)
- · Applied Materials United States
- · Hitachi Japan
- Kingsemi China (mainland)
- · Lam Research United States
- NAURA China (mainland)
- · SEMES South Korea
- · Screen Japan
- Tokyo Electron Japan