
FAIRCHILD SEMICONDUCTOR SHUTS PENNSYLVANIA PLANT



Fairchild Semiconductor will close a Pennsylvania wafer fabrication plant as part of the chip maker's ongoing cost-reduction. The company, based in South Portland, Maine, cut its work force by 12% in December. Fairchild has nearly 10,000 employees. It will close its wafer fabrication plant in Mountaintop, Pennsylvania, eliminating 200 jobs, as well as a four-inch line in South Korea. Fairchild makes chips used in computer, telecommunications and automotive products.

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