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Abstracts

The glass substrate for semiconductors market represents one of the most significant material shifts in the packaging industry in decades, driven by the escalating demands of AI, high-performance computing (HPC), and advanced networking applications. This emerging market is transitioning glass from a background consumable to the core substrate material enabling next-generation chip architectures. The market is experiencing unexpected acceleration, with commercialization timelines moving ahead of initial projections. Recent industry events have highlighted the competitive intensity, particularly following speculation about potential partnerships between major players. SKC's stock price surged 44.4% in early 2025 after comments suggesting advanced negotiations with leading AI chip manufacturers, signaling investor confidence in near-term commercialization prospects. The momentum reflects growing recognition that glass substrates can deliver up to 40% speed improvements while reducing power consumption by half compared to conventional organic substrates.

The surge in AI accelerators and HPC devices has created unprecedented demands for bandwidth density and power delivery that traditional organic substrates simply cannot support. Modern training accelerators require thousands of high-speed I/O bumps and power-delivery networks handling hundreds of amps with minimal noise. Glass substrates address these challenges through superior dimensional stability, ultra-low warpage, and the ability to support sub-2-micron interconnects with exceptional signal integrity. Glass substrates excel in heat and warpage resistance while enabling higher chip stacking densities on single substrates. The smoother surface allows ultra-fine circuit patterns, making them ideal for applications spanning carrier glass, IC substrates, interposers for multi-die packages, RF-MEMS applications, and photonic integration. Major semiconductor companies including Intel, AMD, and Broadcom have announced adoption plans for their next-generation chips.

Glass substrates offer compelling advantages over existing materials. Their coefficient of thermal expansion (CTE) matches silicon (3-7 ppm/°C), dramatically reducing thermomechanical stress in advanced packages. The dielectric constant is significantly lower than silicon (2.8 vs. 12), enabling superior high-frequency performance with orders of magnitude lower transmission losses. Manufacturing infrastructure is rapidly developing. Through-glass via (TGV) formation represents the core enabling technology, with multiple approaches including laser-induced deep etching (LIDE), direct laser drilling, and photosensitive glass processing. Leading equipment suppliers like LPKF, Canon, and Yield Engineering Systems are developing production-ready tools.

The glass substrate market emergence coincides with the industry's shift toward advanced packaging methodologies including chiplets, 2.5D/3D-IC integration, and heterogeneous system architectures. While organic substrates will continue serving mainstream applications, the accelerating timeline for glass commercialization suggests the high-performance segment transition may occur faster than initially anticipated. Success depends on continued yield improvements, cost reduction through scale, and ecosystem maturation. With AI/HPC growth driving performance requirements beyond organic substrate capabilities, glass substrates represent the critical enabler for continued semiconductor advancement, with commercial deployment potentially beginning as early as 2025-2026.

The Global Glass Substrate for Semiconductors Market 2026-2036 provides critical insights for semiconductor manufacturers, substrate suppliers, equipment providers, and technology investors navigating this revolutionary transition. The report delivers comprehensive coverage across seven critical application segments: carrier and support glass, blank drilled core panels, finished IC substrates for single-die usage, finished interposers for multi-die packages, glass integrated passive devices (IPD), RF-MEMS applications, and photonic integration tiles. Each segment analysis includes detailed market forecasts, technology requirements, competitive positioning, and growth drivers specific to AI accelerators, data center infrastructure, 5G/6G communications, automotive electronics, and consumer devices.

Report contents include:

- Glass materials overview and semiconductor applications analysis
- Market opportunities and value chain transformation from organic to glass

substrates

Global market forecasts with unit shipment and revenue projections 2025-2036

Key advantages, adoption challenges, and future market trends

Advanced processing technologies and sustainable manufacturing initiatives

Investment priority areas and representative player activity assessment

Technology Fundamentals & Manufacturing

- Glass materials properties: borosilicate, quartz, and specialty compositions
- Manufacturing processes: glass melting, forming, and panel-level processing
- Through Glass Via (TGV) formation technologies and metallization processes
- Design considerations: thermal management, stress analysis, electrical optimization
- Build-up layer fabrication and advanced manufacturing process development

Advanced Packaging & IC Substrates Analysis

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- Intel's roadmap, heterogeneous integration, and system-level packaging solutions
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- Traditional substrate limitations and glass core substrate technologies
- Industry implementation case studies and innovation analysis

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