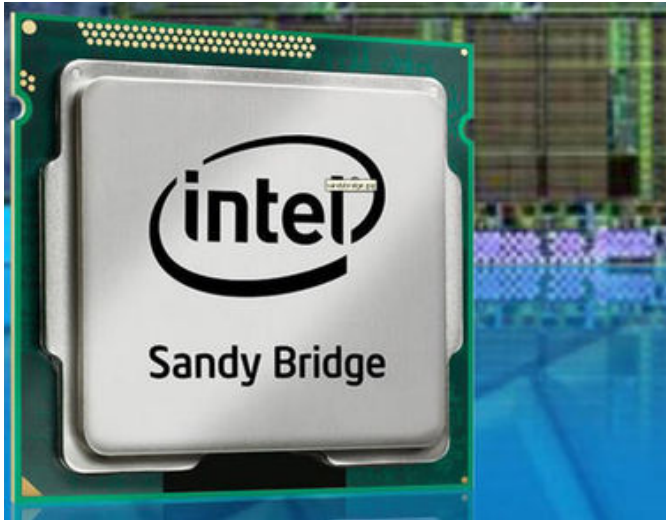


## Sandy Bridge Proves Unsafe

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Intel suspends shipments of its Core series processors-- Core i5 and i7 Sandy Bridge chips specifically-- due to flawed transistor.

The faulty transistors leak current, causing SATA data transfer performance problems.

Intel says it is already on the case, and should be delivering updated chipsets to its customers by late February. It should also manage to reach full volume recovery by April. The company estimates the costs to repair and replace all faulty materials to reach \$700m.

This problem might also cause delays to products in development.

Samsung is offering refunds or exchanges for some PC models carrying the faulty chips, while NEC may delay some models' release, according to a Bloomberg report.

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