

A History of Value Creation

Sumitomo Bakelite's Company History is Also the History of Creating Value through Plastics in Japan.

Since we started our operations as a Japanese pioneer in plastics manufacturing, we have continued to create new value and worked to solve the evolving issues confronting society in every age. We will carry on with our historical evolution as we aim for sustainable growth and continue to further expand the potential of plastics and the fields in which they are used.

1907–1955	1956–1981	1982–2020	2021–
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1907: Prof. Baekeland develops phenolic resin and names it "Bakelite"
 1911: Began manufacturing phenolic resin in Japan
 1955: Founded Sumitomo Bakelite Co., Ltd.

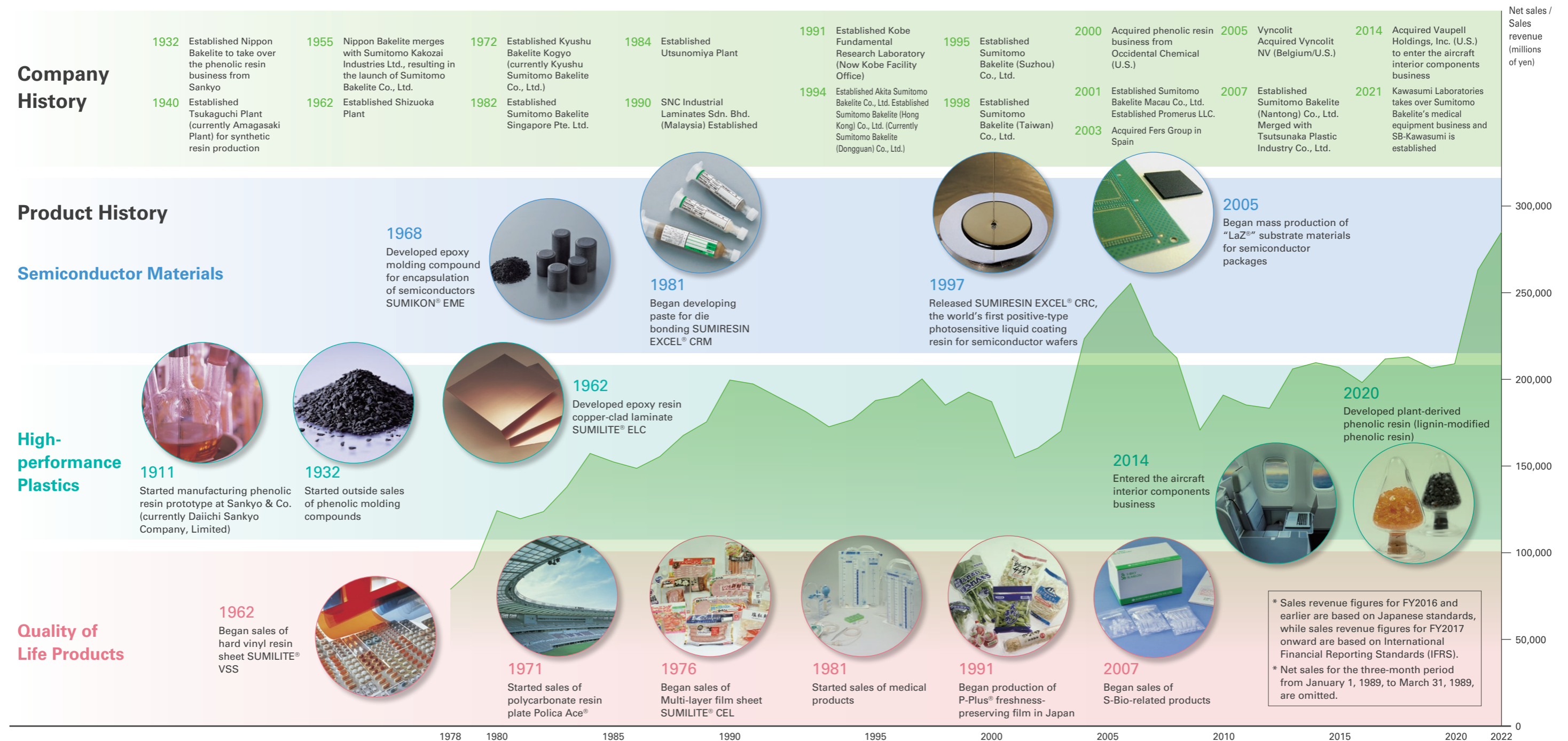
Released hard vinyl resin sheet SUMILITE® VSS, epoxy molding compound for encapsulation of semiconductors SUMIKON® EME and other products in various fields.

Starting with the establishment of a subsidiary in Singapore, we have expanded our business throughout Asia, North America, Europe, and various countries around the world.
 The Group expanded its business scale and accelerated its entry into new business areas through acquisitions in Japan and overseas.

Aim to achieve the top share in niche markets in the functional chemical sector and further expand scale of business

Aiming to becoming "A company that makes your dreams for the future a reality"

History of Our Company and Products



* Sales revenue figures for FY2016 and earlier are based on Japanese standards, while sales revenue figures for FY2017 onward are based on International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).
 * Net sales for the three-month period from January 1, 1989, to March 31, 1989, are omitted.