

At a Glance (As of December 31, 2022)

Established 

1926

Employees (Consolidated) 

11,703

(Ratio of overseas employees: 41.7%)

Bases 

102 companies in **31** countries and regions around the world

(Production bases: 9 bases in Japan, 43 bases outside Japan)

Overseas sales ratio 

76%

Capital 

¥89 billion

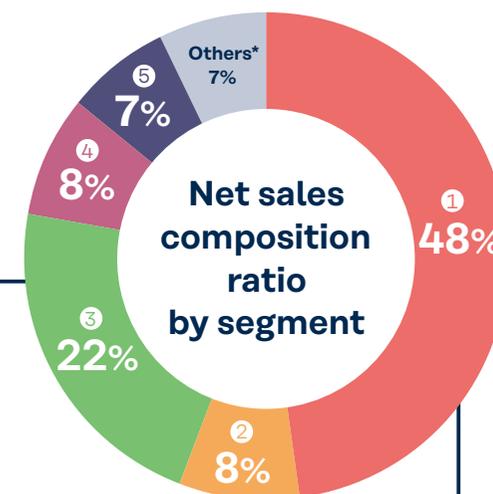
Net sales (Consolidated) 

¥756.4 billion

Operating income (Consolidated) 

¥87.1 billion

(Operating income ratio: 11.5%)



Business Segments of the Kuraray Group

① Vinyl Acetate

We manufacture and sell materials ranging from PVOH resin offering properties such as water solubility and high adhesiveness; materials for LCD display applications; PVOH film used in soluble unit dose system for detergent and other products; PVB film used as an interlayer for safety glass; to EVAL™ EVOH resin that offers excellent gas barrier properties.

③ Functional Materials

We manufacture and sell methacrylic resin that offers excellent transparency and weatherability, dental materials enabling restorations that closely resemble natural teeth, activated carbon whose high adsorption performance is used to purify air and water, and water treatment equipment.

② Isoprene

We manufacture and sell isoprene chemical products made with a synthesizing method as well as SEPTON™ thermoplastic elastomer and GENESTAR™ heat-resistant polyamide resin, which are derivatives of isoprene chemical products.

④ Fibers and Textiles

We manufacture and sell KURALON™ PVA fiber, which is mainly used in reinforcing cement building materials and in automotive components; CLARINO™ man-made leather, which has a structure and functionality similar to natural leather; VECTRAN™ liquid crystal polymer fiber, mainly used as an industrial material due to characteristics such as high strength and low water absorption; KURAFLEX™ nonwoven fabrics which are used as household and industrial products; and MAGIC TAPE™ hook-and-loop fastener.

⑤ Trading

In addition to the manufacture and sale of polyester and other fiber and textile products, we sell Kuraray Group products in Japan and other parts of Asia.

* Others indicates business segments not included in the reportable segments, including the engineering business.

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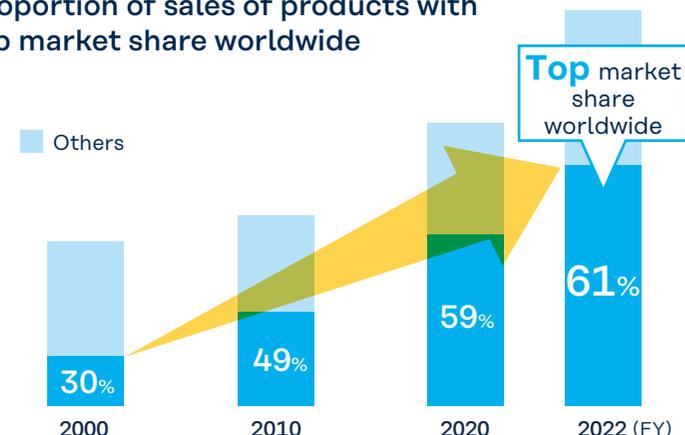
Original Technology Yields Products with Top Market Share Worldwide*

At Kuraray, we use our unique technical strengths to create products that the world has never seen before. Starting with the world's first commercialization of PVA fiber, we moved on to produce PVOH resin which is raw material of PVA fiber; optical-use poval film, which is essential to liquid crystal displays; EVAL™ EVOH resin, which features excellent gas barrier properties; and a lineup of various commercialized chemical products that use the world's only synthetic isoprene monomers as materials.

Sales of products with the highest global market share that we have created using our unique technologies accounted for 61% of the Kuraray Group's total sales in 2022.

* Based on in-house research

Proportion of sales of products with top market share worldwide



Products with Top Market Share Worldwide

- Vinyl Acetate
- Isoprene
- Functional Materials
- Fibers and Textiles



PVOH resin
(Excluding China)



Optical-use poval film



Water-soluble PVOH film



EVAL™
EVOH (ethylene vinyl alcohol copolymer) resin



Isoprene chemicals



GENESTAR™
heat-resistant polyamide resin



Activated carbon



KURALON™, KURALON K-II™
PVA fiber



VECTRAN™
liquid crystal polymer fiber