

Rubber – Facts and figures

Rubber production

World rubber production	Synthetic rubber	Natural rubber	Total
1950	790,000 t	1,890,000 t	2,680,000 t
2003	11,379,000 t	8,033,000 t	19,412,000 t
2008	12,819,000 t	9,876,000 t	22,695,000 t
Rubber production in Germany			
2003	888,000 t	0 t	888,000 t
2008	742,000 t	0 t	742,000 t

(Source: German Rubber Industry Trade Association)

Rubber consumption

World rubber consumption	Synthetic rubber	Natural rubber	Total
2003	11,369,000 t	7,944,000 t	19,313,000 t
2008	12,573,000 t	9,726,000 t	22,299,000 t
Rubber consumption in Germany			
2003	615,000 t	260,000 t	875,000 t
2008	530,000 t	213,800 t	743,800 t

(Source: German Rubber Industry Trade Association)

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Background Information

Rubber sales

2008 industry sales (worldwide)			Estimated: EUR 160 billion
Regional breakdown (2008) of global industry sales			
North and South America	25 %	2 %	
EMEA	30 %	4 %	
Asia	45 %	94 %	

(Source: German Rubber Industry Trade Association)

LANXESS's competitors:

Europe:

Michelin (F), Sibur (RUS), Polimeri Europe (I), DSM (NL), Nizhnekamskneftekhim (RUS).

Asia:

ZEON (JPN), Tianjin (China), Sinopec (China), Shandong Linglong (China), Petrochina (China), Kumho (Korea), Sumitomo (JPN), Sanshin Chemical Industry (JPN), Mitsui (JPN), Sinorgchem (China), Japan Synthetic Rubber (JPN).

North and South America:

Exxon (USA), Lion (USA), ISP (USA), Dupont (USA), Goodyear (USA), BridgestoneFirestone (USA), Flexsys (USA), Chemtura (USA), Dow Chemicals (USA).

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LANXESS is a leading specialty chemicals company with sales of EUR 6.58 billion in 2008 and currently around 14,600 employees in 23 countries. The company is represented at 44 production sites worldwide. The core business of LANXESS is the development, manufacturing and marketing of plastics, rubber, intermediates and specialty chemicals.

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Information for editors:

100 years of synthetic rubber – interesting information about the anniversary and the numerous application areas of the elastic all-rounder can be found at www.worldrubberday.com.

You can find further information concerning LANXESS chemistry in our WebMagazine on <http://webmagazine.lanxess.com>.

All LANXESS news releases and accompanying photo, video and audio material can be found on <http://press.lanxess.com>.

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