

SUMITOMO
RUBBER INDUSTRIES

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Driving Force
for the Future



Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Ltd. is one of Japan's major manufacturers of tires, golf balls, golf clubs, tennis balls, tennis rackets, other sporting goods and a variety of industrial products. In its Tire business, the Company aims to achieve sustainable growth in worldwide markets based on its innovative technology and strategic marketing. In its Sports and Industrial and Other Products businesses, Sumitomo Rubber is striving to increase its corporate value by concentrating management resources on even-higher-profit products.

TIRE BUSINESS



In its Tire business, Sumitomo Rubber manufactures and markets automotive tires under the Dunlop, Goodyear, Falken and Sumitomo brands at home and abroad, together with its subsidiaries and joint ventures with The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. Several tire products are imported and exported among Group companies around the world. The Company is constructing a factory in China, and aims to launch production there in 2004.

Net Sales
¥330,365 million

73.8%

GOODYEAR



DUNLOP

FALKEN



SUMITOMO TIRES



Cautionary Statements with Respect to Forward-Looking Statements

Statements made in this annual report with respect to Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Ltd.'s current plans, estimates, strategies and beliefs, and other statements that are not historical facts, are forward-looking statements about the future performance of Sumitomo Rubber. These statements are based on the Company's and the Group's assumptions and beliefs in light of the information currently available to them. Sumitomo Rubber cautions that a number of potential risks and uncertainties could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements and advises readers not to place undue reliance on them.

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Net Sales
¥64,015 million

14.3%

SPORTS BUSINESS

In its Sports business, Sumitomo Rubber manufactures Dunlop-brand golf and tennis goods in Japan. Golf goods including balls and clubs are also produced under the SRIXON international brand name in Japan and Indonesia.

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HI-BRID
SRIXON

Hibrid-Turf

TRECA

Net Sales
¥53,513 million

11.9%

INDUSTRIAL AND OTHER PRODUCTS BUSINESS

In the Industrial and Other Products business, Sumitomo Rubber produces several leading-edge products based on its rubber technologies both at home and overseas. In Japan, the Company manufactures marine fenders, blankets for offset printing presses, artificial turf, liquid crystal display (LCD) backlights and other products. Overseas, Sumitomo Rubber produces natural rubber gloves in Malaysia, precision rubber parts for office automation (OA) equipment in China, and bed-related products in France and Germany.

