

Honors and Certifications from Outside Organizations

Some honors and certifications related to sustainability that the Sumitomo Rubber Group has received from outside organizations are listed below.

FTSE ESG Index Series

The Company was selected for inclusion in the FTSE4 Good Index Series and FTSE Blossom Japan Index, both of which are representative ESG indices, for the second consecutive year.

Moreover, the Company was included in the FTSE Blossom Japan Sector Relative Index, which was newly launched in fiscal 2022.



SOMPO Sustainability Index

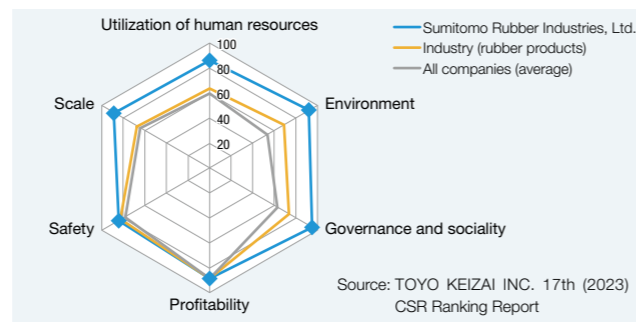
Since 2012, the Company has been continuously selected for inclusion in the SOMPO Sustainability Index, an asset management product index compiled by Sampo Asset Management Co., Ltd. for pension fund managers and institutional investors.



The 17th (2023) CSR Ranking

The Toyo Keizai CSR Company Ranking, which identifies companies recognized by a wide range of stakeholders as reliable, evaluates the utilization of human resources, environment, governance and social activities, profitability, safety and scale and provides rankings for both corporate social responsibility (CSR) and finance.

The ranking program's scoring is comprehensive and our scores surpass the average score for all companies and those in our industry (rubber products). We also boast a balanced score across all items. Of note, we were ranked among the top 50 companies among all 1,702 companies in the Environment and Governance categories.



2022		
April	The Ichijima Factory was chosen to receive the "Prime Minister's Commendations for Contributors to Greening Promotion" under the fiscal 2022 round of a government-sponsored program intended to commend organizations, etc., that made outstanding contributions to the promotion of greening activities or otherwise advocated for widespread public awareness of the need for such activities.	
May	The Company's Performance Sustaining Technology, which incorporates a hydrogenated polymer, was named the "Tire Technology of the Year" under "Tire Technology International Awards for Innovation and Excellence," a program undertaken as part of "Tire Technology Expo 2022" held in Hanover, Germany, to commend excellent, leading-edge technologies.	
May	The Company became a signatory to the "United Nations Global Compact" advocated by the United Nations and was registered as a participant corporation.	
June	The Company was named by the Center for Tire Research (CenTIRE), a U.S.-based tire technology consortium, as "the mentor of the year 2022," an award for mentors deemed to have made particularly significant contributions in terms of providing guidance and assistance to academic researchers.	
July	DUNLOP SP SPORT MAXX 060+, a global flagship tire released in March 2022 targeting premium vehicles, was chosen to receive a Tire Category Award under the "DAILY AUTOMOTIVE NEWS Car Parts Awards 2022" program.	
November	The Company acquired a "Gold" rating under the PRIDE Index 2022 rating program designed to assess the level of initiatives undertaken by businesses and other organizations to protect the rights of sexual minorities, including members of the LGBTQ+ community.	

November	The Company was chosen to receive a "Hyogo Work-Life Balance Company Award" under the fiscal 2022 round of a prefectural program in recognition of its initiatives to promote diversity & inclusion (D&I) and work style reforms.	
November	The Company acquired renewed certification under the "Eco-First Program" based on the submission of its updated "Eco-First Commitments," which summarize fresh targets for environmental preservation initiatives, to the Minister of the Environment.	
December	The Company was granted a four-star rating under "2022 Nikkei SDGs Management Survey" conducted by Nikkei Inc.	
December	The Company announced its support of "RE100," an international environmental initiative consisting of corporations striving to achieve a 100% switchover to renewable energy.	

2023		
January	The Company became a member of the Global Data Service Organization for Tyres and Automotive Components (GDSO), an international organization that aims to establish standards for tire data and define solutions for data access.	
February	The Company was granted a "Silver" rating based on a survey conducted by EcoVadis, an international rating agency specializing in the assessment of sustainability activities undertaken by businesses.	
March	The Company acquired an "A" rating under an ESG rating program sponsored by MSCI, a representative rating agency in the field of ESG investment.	
March	The Shirakawa Factory was chosen to receive the "11th Green Society Contributor Award" under a program sponsored by the Organization for Landscape and Urban Green Infrastructure to commend corporations who are outstanding in terms of their contributions to regional societies and the improvement of the environments surrounding their operations through the development of greenery.	
March	In Miyakonojo City, Miyazaki Prefecture, Dunlop Golf Club Corp. became the first to be certified as an excellent business operator under the "Monisu" certification system, which aims to certify SMEs with outstanding track records in the employment of people with disabilities.	
March	The Company was certified by the Japan Sports Agency for the first time as a "Sports Yell Company" under the agency's 2023 selection program in recognition of its corporate initiatives to support and popularize employee participation in sports activities aimed at helping them improve their health.	
March	The Company was recognized by the Ministry of the Economy, Trade and Industry as well as Nippon Kenko Kaigi (Japan Health Council), receiving certification as an excellent company under the "2023 Certified Health and Productivity Management Organization Recognition Program—White 500." The Company was thus named one of "White 500" for the seventh consecutive year since 2017.	
March	The Company was certified as a "Hyogo Kobe Women's Empowerment Business (Mimosa Company)" in recognition of its progressive stance toward the promotion of D&I and the creation of a workplace in which diverse human resources can achieve success.	
March	The Company was chosen to receive "Materials Innovation of the Year" and "R&D Breakthrough of the Year" awards under the "Tire Technology International Awards for Innovation and Excellence" program, which was undertaken as part of "Tire Technology Expo 2023" held in Hanover, Germany. While the former was granted for the Company's accomplishments in cutting-edge material research in the field of biopolymer synthesis, the latter was due to a breakthrough achieved via the invention of enzyme evaluation methods.	
March	In Jiangsu Province, China, the Company was chosen to receive the "Award for Changshu Economic & Technological Development Zone Outstanding Corporate Contributor (1992 - 2022)," which aims to commend, in conjunction with the 30th anniversary of the opening of the eponymous economic zone, corporations that have significantly contributed to its development over the course of its three decades of operation.	

Certifications Acquired

- ISO 9001: 2015 Quality Management System
- ISO 14001: 2015 Environmental Management Systems
- ISO 45001: 2018 Occupational Health and Safety Management System
- IATF 16949: 2016 Automotive Quality Management System Standard