

DUPONT

OUR COMPANY

DuPont is a science company. Our vision is to be the world's most dynamic science company, creating sustainable solutions essential to a better, safer, healthier life for people everywhere.

We are a company with a clear set of core values that guide everything we do: safety and health, high ethical standards, environmental stewardship, and respect for people. Customers and consumers everywhere know DuPont through daily contact with such trusted brands as Kevlar®, Teflon®, Tyvek® and Corian® and thousands of other products that touch every aspect of modern life.

Founded in 1802 as an explosives company, our original product was black powder for guns and blasting. By the end of our first century, DuPont was a leading manufacturer of high explosives and had begun to move into chemical products.

In the 20th century DuPont became a global chemicals, materials and energy company and deepened its commitment to scientific research. The company marketed auto paints, moisture-proof cellophane, neoprene synthetic rubber, safety glass, movie and x-ray films, Teflon® fluoropolymers and synthetic fibers evolving from its landmark discovery of nylon.

In our third century of continuous operation, DuPont is a global science company committed to achieving sustainable growth through three strategic pathways: integrated science, knowledge intensity and productivity through Six Sigma. With the anticipated separation of our traditional fibers businesses from the company in 2004, DuPont is demonstrating yet again in its history of transformations that it is prepared to go where the growth is in terms of research, markets, customers and global presence.

The company's array of products today indeed make life better, safer and healthier. Pioneer® corn varieties are resistant to herbicides and insects. DuPont™ Pyralux® and Microlux® flexible circuits go into cell phones and laptop computers. DuPont™ SentryGlas® protects and beautifies high rise buildings. Apparel of DuPont™ Tyvek® protective material helps workers perform their jobs safely and efficiently. DuPont™ SupraShield™ premium clearcoat protects automobiles from scratches, mars and other damage.

With our classical strength in chemistry and engineering, and our world-class capability in biology, DuPont is the company customers come to whenever science is the solution.

Below top to bottom: DuPont Mills in the 19th Century along the Brandywine Creek. Chemist Julian Hill was on the team that discovered nylon in the 1930s. At the DuPont Experimental Station today, molecular geneticist Pamela Sharpe works on a bacterium that consumes methane, a greenhouse gas.

