Providing paint and coating technologies solving social issues for 140 years

The Nippon Paint Group has been committed to solving social issues by developing innovative technologies around the world over its 140-year history since we developed Japan’s first non-toxic zinc white. The Group mobilizes its comprehensive strength to carry out its common Purpose and pursue its ultimate objective of Maximization of Shareholder Value (MSV) while engaging and responding to the constantly evolving business conditions and changing global environmental and social issues.

The History of the Nippon Paint Group

1879 Developed Japan’s first non-toxic zinc white
1880 Successfully produced paint in Japan
1912 Successfully produced domestic marine coating products
1912 Developed Katakau Urushi (high-gloss Japanese lacquer) paint for railroad cars
1920 Developed the first domestically produced alkali-resistant paint and acid-resistant paint
1929 Developed synthetic resin paint (for buildings, trains, furniture)
1945 Contributed to post-war reconstruction with shift from military to private demand for paint and coating technologies
1951 Developed new technologies and products for trains, consumer electronics, office equipment, and other applications
1960 Introduced new products designed for the shipbuilding, consumer electronics, and automobile industries
1965 Constructed a new paint plant, synthetic resin plant, logistics base, and research facilities
1967 Led the industry in automation and labor-saving installations to address occupational safety and labor shortages at production sites and administrative departments
1975 Developed the world’s first tin-free antifouling paint Ecoloflex
1980 Developed the world’s first low-friction antifouling paint LF-Sea
1988 Betek Boya established (Turkey)
1992 Business expanded into the China market (Nippon Paint (China) established)
1998 Betek Boya established (Turkey)
2002 Wuthelam founded (Singapore)
2006 Developed ATTSU-ROAD heat shielding coating
2017 Developed anti-viral and antibacterial paint
2020 Launched the PROTECTON anti-viral and antibacterial paint brand

Nippon Paint Group corporate action (global)

1881 Nippon Paint predecessor Komyosha founded (Japan)
1898 Nippon Paint Manufacturing Co., Ltd. established (Japan)
1918 DuluxGroup established (Australia)
1919 Bollig & Kemper (now Nippon Paint Automotive Europe) established (Germany)
1925 Dunn-Edwards established (U.S.A.)
1927 Renamed as Nippon Paint Co., Ltd.
1949 Wuthelam founded (Singapore)
1962 Pan Malaysia Paint Industries (now Nippon Paint (Singapore) Company) established
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Nippon Paint Group Purpose and New Medium-Term Plan (FY2021-2023) formulated