



YKK Corporation of America

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YKK Corporation

Founded: January 1, 1934 in Tokyo, Japan

Number of affiliated companies:

73 countries/regions
111 companies (Japan 21 companies, Overseas 90 companies)
45,618 employees

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Founded: 1987

President: Jim Reed

Located in Marietta, Georgia, YKK Corporation of America (YCA) was established in 1987 as the parent company of YKK's North and Central America Group (YKK NCA), one of the six geographical regions that makes up YKK Group worldwide. It consists of 12 dynamic operating companies spread across five time zones covering Canada, the U.S., Mexico, Central America and Colombia, South America.

Principal business

Manufacturing and sales of fastening products, architectural products, precision machinery, equipment and molds

Major subsidiaries

- YKK (U.S.A.) Inc.
- Tape Craft Corporation
- YKK AP America Inc.
- YKK Canada Inc.
- YKK Mexicana S.A. de C.V.
- YKK Snap Fasteners Manufactura Mexico S.A. de C.V.
- YKK El Salvador S.A. de C.V.
- YKK El Salvador S.A. de C.V. Sucursal Extranjera Mixco (Guatemala)
- YKK El Salvador S.A. de C.V. Sucursal Nicaragua
- YKK Honduras S.A.
- YKK Colombia S.A.S.

Number of employees

- 1,969 in the U.S.
- 2,759 in YKK North & Central America Group (As of March of 2018)
- 45,618 worldwide (As of March of 2018)

YKK in the U.S.

- 1960 YKK opens its first U.S. office in New York City
- 1970 YKK sales office in Atlanta, GA opens
- 1974 YKK (U.S.A.) Inc. fastening manufacturing center opens in Macon, GA (54 acres)
- 1979 Additional 250 acres is purchased in Macon, GA
- 1987 Universal Fasteners Inc. in Lawrenceburg, KY (now YKK (U.S.A.) Inc. Snap and Button Products) joins YKK North and Central America Group
- 1991 YKK AP America Inc. established
- 1992 Architectural Products manufacturing center opens in Dublin, GA
- 1996 Tape Craft Corporation in Oxford, AL joins YKK North and Central America Group
- 2002 YCA adds the Vinyl Windows Division to YKK AP America Inc.
- 2006 YKK's Transportation Fastening Materials office opens in Detroit, MI
- 2008 YKK AP America Inc. opens its vinyl windows plant in Macon, GA
- 2014 YKK AP America Inc. opens a new production, distribution, and logistics facility in the Dallas Fort Worth area.
- 2015 YKK AP America Inc. expands its residential business and moves its fabrication processes into a larger building in Ocmulgee park on its Macon, GA campus.

YKK (U.S.A.) Inc. Locations

Anaheim, California (Branch and Service Manufacturing)
Chicago, Illinois
Dallas, Texas
Detroit, Michigan
Lawrenceburg, Kentucky
Macon, Georgia (National Manufacturing Center)
Marietta, Georgia (Headquarters & Field Technology Center)
New York (Office & Showroom)
Rutherford, New Jersey
San Francisco, California
Seattle, Washington

YKK AP America Inc. Branches

Atlanta, Georgia
Austell, Georgia (Headquarters)
Baltimore, Maryland
Boston, Massachusetts
Chicago, Illinois
Cincinnati, Ohio
Dallas, Texas (Manufacturing/Sales)
Dublin, Georgia (Manufacturing)
Greensboro, North Carolina
Houston, Texas
Orlando, Florida

Company Fact Sheet

YKK®

Innovative Products

YKK (U.S.A.) Inc. manufactures fastening products including zippers, hook & loop, plastic hardware, and snaps & buttons.

One of YKK's most innovative fasteners is the 45YGR zipper for jeans. It is smooth and durable, and it has become the denim industry standard.

The Quickburst® zipper is another unique product developed by YKK. It contains some bursting zipper elements that when subjected to a certain amount of pressure will cause the zipper to open. This zipper is used in military, marine and water sport applications.

YKK AP America Inc. manufactures architectural products such as storefronts, curtain walls, entrances, sun controls, windows and doors.

One of this group's most innovative products is its Luminance® Light Shelf System. This product substantially improves interior daylight while helping building owners to reduce consumption of electricity. It incorporates a unique tilt-down panel which contains a slightly textured, light reflecting surface that yields a penetrating, diffused light deeper into an interior building space.

Interesting Facts

YKK stands for Yoshida Kogyo Kabushikikaisha, which translates into Yoshida Company Limited.

YKK's worldwide zipper chain capacity is equal to more than 1.2 million miles (as of 2014). This can go around the earth more than 50 times. Of this amount, the National Manufacturing Center of YKK (U.S.A.) Inc. in Macon, Georgia is currently producing 80 million zippers and 700 million sliders per year.

The Brass Wire plant at YKK's National Manufacturing Center also currently produces 16 million pounds of brass per year to make zippers and sliders around the world.

In 2015, YKK AP America's cast production weight at its manufacturing center in Dublin, Georgia was 19,000 metric tons of aluminum, and its production product shipment weight was 13,144 metric tons.

YKK manufactures hook and loop fastening tapes that are used in baby diapers that are designed to be sensitive to a baby's soft skin.

YKK also grows coffee beans on a farm in Brazil that are sold under the brand name Cafe Bonfino.

In addition to manufacturing zippers for apparel, YKK makes an airtight zipper to go in spacesuits, a flame retardant zipper for firefighter gear, airtight zippers used in bagpipes, and even a zipper for fish farm nets.

YKK makes zippers that connect oil fences and help to prevent spilled crude oil from spreading further in oceans and other bodies of water.

Cycle of Goodness™

“No one prospers without rendering benefit to others.”

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YKK will pursue innovative quality in the seven key areas shown above.

Tadao Yoshida, founder of YKK, believed that an enterprise is an important member of society which must coexist with and serve others. He concluded that contributions to society could best be achieved by the continual creation of value through innovative ideas and inventions. He called this concept the Cycle of Goodness™. Simply stated, it means, “no one prospers without rendering benefit to others.”

YKK retains this concept as our ongoing business philosophy, and we strive to exemplify it by being good corporate citizens in the communities where we work and live. Here are several examples of how YKK has given back to the community.

- Japanese Garden at The Carter Center (Atlanta, GA)
- Yoshida Scholarship at The Carter Center (Atlanta, GA)
- International student exchange programs (Macon and Dublin, GA)
- Ocmulgee Alive! river cleanup (Macon, GA)
- Cherry Blossom Festival HQ Building (Macon, GA)
- Turner Trail for Students (Lawrenceburg, KY)
- Toys for Tots (Oxford, AL; Austell, GA; Atlanta, GA and Lawrenceburg, KY)
- Certificate of Social Responsibility (Colombia)
- Medical equipment donated to Ayudame a Vivir Foundation, which specializes in treating children with cancer (El Salvador)
- Sponsorship of Dublin, Georgia's first ever First Robotics Competition for high school students (YKK AP America)
- Remodel of the Neurosurgery and Orthopedic unit at Hospital Mario Catarino Rivas (Honduras)
- Donation of a heavy duty aspirator machine for use in the neonatal unit of Mario Catarino Rivas Hospital (Honduras)
- Remodeling the public school, Dr. Leonardo Martinez V. in San Pedro, Sula, Honduras

Environmental Pledge

YKK's Environmental Pledge was established in 1994 by Tadahiro Yoshida. It states:

“It is a most important duty for all mankind that we preserve the abundantly endowed global environment and that we transfer it to the next generation in sound condition. Striving to be an earth-friendly company, YKK Group proclaims that we will address and promote ‘harmony with the environment’ as the highest priority of our business activity.”