

AGC Milestones 1907~



1907

- Asahi Glass Company founded in Amagasaki, Hyogo Pref.



1928

- Production of ordinary sheet glass using Fourcault process begins.

1954

- Asahi Special Glass Co. established to manufacture glass bulbs for TV CRTs.
- Production of double-glazing units begins.



1956

- Asahi Processed Glass Co. established and manufacture of automotive glass begins.
- The Indo-Asahi Glass Co., Ltd. established in India.
- Manufacture of glass bulbs for TV cathode ray tubes (CRTs) by Asahi Special Glass begins.

■ 1907-1949 The Early Years

1917

- Japan's first soda ash produced using ammonium method.



1925

- Shoko Glass Co., Ltd. established in China.

1909

- Production of Belgian-type hand-blown sheet glass, the first sheet glass successfully manufactured in Japan, begins.

1933

- Caustic soda production using lime process begins.

1938

- Production of tempered glass and laminated glass begins.



■ 1950-2001 Era of Growth and Expansion

1950

- Asahi Glass Company incorporated.



1961

- Asahi Glass moves into organic chemicals, manufacturing propylene oxide and propylene glycol.

Beyond Today and Toward Tomorrow



1966

- Production of float glass begins.



1981

- Asahi Glass acquires Glaverbel S.A. glass company in Belgium.

1990

- "CYTOP" transparent fluoropolymer developed.

1991

- Asahi Glass Foundation creates the "Blue Planet Prize" to honor those who help solve environmental problems.

1992

- AFG Industries, Inc. of the U.S.A acquired.

2002

- Glaverbel made into a wholly owned subsidiary.
- AGC Group Vision "LOOK BEYOND" formulated. Global In-House Company System introduced.



2004

- "JIKKO" new management policy introduced.
- Fluon® highly functional ETFE fluoropolymer film to be utilized at the Munich stadium, the venue for the opening match of the football (soccer) world competition in Germany.

2002~ Toward Unified Global Management

1985

- Production of alkali-free glass and synthetic quartz glass begins.



1980

- The AZEC System of caustic soda manufacturing using ion-exchange membrane developed.

1975

- Production of "Asahi Guard" fluorinated water and oil repellents and "Aflon COP" fluorinated resins begins.
- Ion-exchange membrane method for manufacturing caustic soda developed.

1998

- Mass production of a new alkali-free glass for TFT LCDs commenced.



1996

- Production of "PD200" glass substrate for plasma display panels (PDPs) begins.

2007

- Group brand unified as "AGC."
- Asahi Glass Company's 100th anniversary.

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2006

- Fluon® highly functional ETFE fluoropolymer film selected for the main stadium and the venue for aquatics events at the Summer Games in Beijing.

2005

- Electronics & Energy General Division newly established.



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