

I. Overview



Founded	January 1, 1934
Capital	¥10,667,460,000
Representative	Tadahiro Yoshida, President Chief Executive Officer
Number of employees	10,292 (as of April 2000)
Manufactured products	Fastening products, building materials, precision machinery, devices, molds
Production	Slide fastener 380,000 km Aluminum extrusion 118,000 ton
Sales:	¥209.3 billion Breakdown
	Fastening ¥ 53.9 billion
	Building materials ¥136.9 billion
	Machinery ¥ 18.3 billion
	Other ¥200million
	(Production/sales for FY 1999)
Headquarters	1, Kandaizumi-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, 101-8642, Japan TEL 03-3864-2000
Osaka branch	4-8-7, Tanimachi, Chuo-ku, Osaka, 540-8534, Japan TEL 06-6947-4128
Plants	Kurobe Manufacturing Center, Hokkaido Plant, Tohoku Plant Shikoku Plant, Kyushu Plant

YKK started out manufacturing and selling fasteners in January 1934. Since then the company has developed its own original total production system, with the company eventually becoming one of the top runners in the business. In addition to the world of fashion, YKK has adjusted to the needs of the times, finding new potential in unlikely fields such as industrial manufacturing, electronics, welfare, and precision machinery.

The company began manufacturing aluminum building materials around 1960, and now it accounts for seventy percent of the company's total sales of building materials. Along with our fasteners, aluminum building materials have become a company mainstay. The corporate structure consists primarily of two companies, with YKK Corporation being in charge of the building materials manufacturing business and YKK ARCHITECTURAL PRODUCTS INC.

being in charge of marketing, planning, development, sales and construction work. The company is working on developing products such as exterior products and curtain wells used for walls of high-rise buildings, not to mention residential sashes and doors, which are safe while being friendly to the environment and our aging society.

YKK's "world quality" originates in its total production system, from raw materials to manufactured products. The entire manufacturing process is vertically integrated, and all the machinery and parts needed for the various processes are produced in-house by the company's Machinery Division. The machinery is exported as well as sold domestically, and because products are produced with materials using technology of the YKK Group and in-house fabricated production equipment, uniform quality is maintained no matter where in the world they are produced.