



No Stains. No Smells. No Worries.®

Corporate Backgrounder

Headquartered in Spartanburg, S.C., Milliken & Company is one of the largest privately held textile and chemical manufacturers in the world. Widely recognized as an international leader in research, technology innovation, and customer service, Milliken is strategically focused on combining textiles and chemical technology in unique ways to serve a vast array of markets and industries.

Milliken's products are used in automotive interiors, contract and residential furnishings, floor covering, military and consumer apparel, and industrial products. Chemicals from Milliken serve as brighteners, clarifiers, and colorants for a variety of consumer products and manufacturing components. The company's innovations offer the latest in safety, health and well-being, and convenience to consumers and industries around the globe. With more than 19,000 products, it's estimated that the average person may come into contact with Milliken yarns, fabrics or chemicals more than 50 times per day.

Milliken's cutting edge technology and research have influenced the development of YES Essentials®, a high-performance line of automobile fabrics and carpets that resist stains, odor, and static, keeping car seats and carpets clean and fresh. Through its deep understanding of consumers, Milliken maintains its leadership position in the automotive textile products industry, which it has held for more than 50 years.

Milliken's roots date back to 1865 when Seth Milliken and William Deering founded Deering Milliken Company, a small woolen fabrics company in Portland, Maine. In 1884, the company invested in a facility in Pacolet, S.C., and from that simple beginning its manufacturing operations grew. Milliken's rich history of technological innovation has resulted in more than 2,000 patents and the development of the largest combined textile and chemical research center in the world. Milliken employs more than 10,000 associates located at more than 55 facilities worldwide.

For decades, Milliken has been recognized as a leader in safety and health in the textile and chemical industry and was the second company in the United States to receive the honor of the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) STAR from the Occupational Safety & Health Administration's (OSHA) State Plan. To this day, Milliken has received the coveted OSHA, VPP STAR Certification for many of its sites and ranks third nationwide for the number of awards received.

Most recently, Milliken was recognized by *FORTUNE Magazine* as one of the "100 Best Companies to Work For" in 2007. Additionally, *Ethisphere Magazine*, a national publication dedicated to illuminating the important correlation between ethics and profit, named Milliken & Company as one of the "World's Most Ethical Companies."

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