



Saint-Gobain facts and figures

Saint-Gobain Group

- Saint-Gobain is the leading international manufacturer and distributor of construction materials, focussed on providing innovative solutions to meet the fundamental global challenges of growth, energy and the environment facing society today.
- Operations in 59 countries
- Five operating sectors;
Construction Products
Innovative Materials - Flat Glass
Innovative Materials - High-Performance Materials
Building Distribution
Packaging

Saint-Gobain is the world leader in:

- Building materials distribution
- Ductile iron pipe systems
- Plasterboard and plaster
- Insulation
- Industrial mortars
- Ceramics and plastics
- Abrasives
- Flat glass

Innovation

- €400 million invested in R & D annually
- 3500 researchers working on major strategic projects
- 16 R & D Centres throughout Europe, the United States and Asia
- Saint-Gobain filed 317 patents in 2007

Energy and environment

- Energy saving and environmental protection accounted for around 30% of Saint-Gobain's net sales and 40% of operating income in 2007
- In July 2003 Saint-Gobain became a member of the United Nations Global Compact
- Saint-Gobain is ranked in the Global 100 list of the world's top 100 most sustainable corporations which features companies listed in MSCI World – a global stock market index maintained by Morgan Stanley Capital International. First launched in 2005, the Global 100 is published every year during the Davos World Economic Forum and evaluates companies according to how effectively they manage environmental, social and governance risks and opportunities relative to their industry peers.

A fast moving Group

- A new plant in emerging countries every 15 days
- 1 new outlet opened or acquired each day

Products

- Saint-Gobain products insulate half of all homes in Europe
- We have equipped 80 capitals and more than 1,000 major cities across the world with ductile iron water pipes
- One in every two cars in Europe uses glass manufactured by Saint-Gobain
- We manufactured 30 billion bottles, flasks and jars last year

People

- The Saint-Gobain Group employ 209,000 people
- Saint-Gobain invests more that £65 million each year in its training and development programme

Saint-Gobain UK and Ireland

- The UK and Ireland is a key region for Saint-Gobain contributing £3.3 billion sales in 2008.
- Our companies collectively employ 18,000 people across 1000 sites
- In the UK and Ireland, some of the best known and respected companies are part of Saint-Gobain. Together these businesses offer an unrivalled range of products and innovative material solutions that give architects and designers the ability to respond to the latest trends, whilst meeting the most exacting performance and legislative standards.