Ascend Performance Materials

Ascend Performance Materials is the largest fully integrated producer of polyamide 66 resin. We also manufacture PA66-based fiber, intermediate and specialty chemicals.

**Revenue (2018)**
$2.64 billion

**Personnel**
3,600 team members (2,600 employees and 1,000 contractors)

**Regional offices**

- **North America (Global headquarters)**
  1010 Travis Street, Suite 900
  Houston, TX, USA 77002

- **Europe**
  Watson and Crick Hill Park
  11, rue Granbonpré - Bâtiment H
  B-1435 Mont-Saint-Guibert
  Belgium

- **Asia**
  Unit 3602, Raffles City
  No. 268, Xi Zang Road (M)
  Shanghai 200001
  China

**Production sites**

- **Pensacola, Florida**
  Production started: 1953
  Acreage: 2,000 / Hectares: 809
  RCMS certified

- **Chocolate Bayou, Texas**
  Production started: 1962
  Acreage: 2,500 / Hectares: 1,012
  Responsible Care 14001 certified

- **Decatur, Alabama**
  Production started: 1952
  Acreage: 760 / Hectares: 306
  Responsible Care 14001 certified
  ISO 9002 certified

- **Greenwood, South Carolina**
  Production started: 1952
  Acreage: 760 / Hectares: 506
  Safety recognition from the South Carolina Manufacturing Alliance (2013)

- **Foley, Alabama**
  Production started: 1961
  Acreage: 39 / Hectares: 16
  RCMS certified, ISO 9002 certified,
  TS16949 certified

- **Tilburg, the Netherlands**
  Production started: 2006
  Site Area: 10,000 m²
  ISO 9001 certified, TS16949 certified
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Timeline
- 1949: Chemstrand chartered as nylon producer, headquartered in Decatur, Alabama.
- 1952: Production begins in Decatur, Alabama.
- 1953: Production begins in Pensacola, Florida, at the first fully integrated polyamide plant in the United States.
- 1960: Production begins in Greenwood, South Carolina.
- 1961: Production begins in Foley, Alabama.
- 1962: Production begins in Chocolate Bayou, Texas.
- 1973: Vydyne® is launched to serve the growing engineering plastics market.
- 1997: Five production sites are consolidated into one company, Solutia.
- 2009: Ascend Performance Materials is founded through the acquisition of Solutia’s polyamide business.

Products
- **PA66-based products:**
  - Vydyne PA66 resin
  - Vydyne PA66 compounds
  - Vydyne PA66 fiber
  - Ultron® PA66 carpet fiber
  - ENDUR by Ascend™ clean fiber
  - No-Shock® PA66 fiber
  - Acteev™ textile resin

- **Intermediate chemicals:**
  - Acrylonitrile
  - Adipic acid
  - Adiponitrile
  - Hexamethylene diamine
  - Nylon salt

- **Specialty polyamides:**
  - PA610 resin and compounds
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- **Intermediate chemicals:**
  - FlexaTrac™ acids and esters
  - FlexaTram™ amines
  - Hexatran™
  - Prionil®
  - Trinohex Ultra™

- **Specialty chemicals:**
  - Acteev™ textile resin

Industries served
- Automotive
- Consumer and industrial
- Cable ties and fasteners
- Carpet
- Compounding feedstock
- Electrical and electronic products
- Food packaging
- Oil and gas
- Paints and coatings
- Textiles

Management team
- Phil McDvitt, President and Chief Executive Officer
- Kevin Bartol, Chief Financial Officer
- Debbie Keehn, Senior Vice President and Chief Supply Chain Officer
- Carole Wendt, Senior Vice President and Chief Procurement Officer
- Gustavo Nechar, Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resource Officer
- Vikram Gopal, Senior Vice President, Technology
- Finlay Morrison, Senior Vice President, Strategy and Growth
- Andrew Ralston, Senior Vice President, General Counsel
- Kevin Wu, Senior Vice President and Managing Director of Asia Pacific
- Dale Borths, Vice President, Capital Projects and Engineering
- Paul Cartlidge, Vice President, Environment, Security, Safety and Health
- Brian Connelly, Vice President, Operations
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