

TIMELINE PROFILE

A decade of highlights: 1993-2003

GLS CORPORATION

1993

With roots that go back to 1940 (as Great Lakes Solvents, Inc.), GLS Plastics is renamed GLS Thermoplastic Elastomers Division (TED). Over the years, GLS introduces such popular TPE brand names as DYNAFLEX® styrenic block TPE compounds, VERSALLOY™ elastomer alloys (thermoplastic vulcanizates), VERSOLLAN™ TPE alloys and VERSAFLEX® TPE alloys (thermoplastic polyurethanes) plus custom compounds for numerous markets and applications.

DYNaflex
TPE Compounds

VERSollan
Elastomer Alloys

VERSalloy
Elastomer Alloys

VERSAflex
TPE Alloys

1996

GLS more than doubles capacity, providing TPE solutions to the automotive, consumer goods, hardware and power tool, FDA and medical, appliance, household goods, toys, personal products, sports and leisure, lawn and garden, kitchen products, electrical/electronic, plumbing and industrial, plus numerous other markets.



1997

GLS becomes ISO 9001 certified.

1998

TED moves into state of the art manufacturing, R & D and compounding facility in McHenry, IL.

1999

GLS Thermoplastic Elastomer Division customers are invited to begin submitting product designs that utilize GLS TPEs for international awards, with major wins following ever since.

2000

GLS Corporation releases FDA certified medical TPEs to the marketplace. Also positions the company's TPEs as the industry's first "soft touch" materials.

2001

GLS TPEs win resoundingly over 29 competitors in an independent test for superior nylon and an overmolding bonding strength. Also expands base of warehouses to strategic locations throughout the US, Asia and Europe. Subsidiary GLS International Inc. formed to handle growing needs.

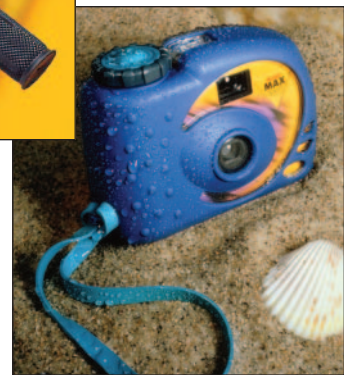
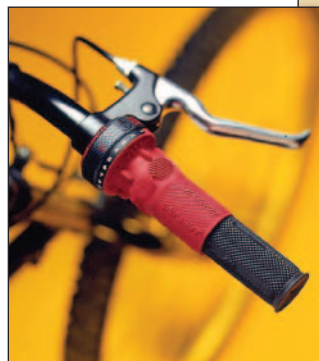
2002-2003

GLS makes major breakthroughs in TPE technologies- introduces Shore 00 ultra soft TPEs (below Shore A scale); forms strategic partnerships with DSM Corporation for TPV-like TPEs; BASF for TPE alloys based on specialty TPUs; and GE Plastics for Softfx™ line of hard/soft TPE products.

2003

GLS Hong Kong Limited is formed to continue developing the TPE business in Asia.

GLS Corporation is expert in the manufacture of custom formulated soft thermoplastic TPE elastomers and elastomer alloys, designed for injection molding and extrusion processing techniques in numerous markets and categories.



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