

Multi-talented jack-of-all-trades

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Magazine CHEManager gives a survey of the history of synthetic rubber. Since the manufacture of the first rubber products, based on natural rubber, the demands for these substances has changed considerably. The requirements nowadays often can only be met by means of special types of synthetic rubber. A century ago, chemist Fritz Hoffmann laid the foundation for the production of synthetic rubber with the manufacture of methyl-rubber. LANXESS today is still continuing the heritage of the factory formerly called process of "Elberfelder Farbenfabriken vorm. Friedr. Bayer & Co". The specialty-chemicals corporation manufactures several hundreds of different types of synthetic rubber and is considered to be the manufacturer with the widest product range.