

- **1956** Burlington Industries / Hess Goldsmith began weaving fiber glass fabrics in Altavista, VA.
- **1961** Establishment of the world's first giant mill designed expressly for weaving glass fabrics in Cheraw, South Carolina.
- **1961** Patent awarded on the innovative 210 Heat Cleaning process.
- **1969** Hess Goldsmith renamed Burlington Glass Fabrics Company.
- **1976** Burlington Glass Fabrics introduced air jet shuttleless weaving and expanded its line beyond glass fabrics with the weaving of Kevlar® fabric.
- **1980** Manufacturing operations expanded with the opening of a plant in South Hill, Virginia.
- **1981** Carbon Weaving plant opened in Cheraw, SC.
- **1983** Quality Signals Program introduced, giving employees responsibility for evaluating the quality of management and manufacturing operations.
- **1983** Second generation air jet shuttleless weaving added to production lines.
- **1986** Company headquarters relocation from New York City to Greensboro, North Carolina.
- **1987** Burlington Glass Fabrics Company purchased by Burlington Holdings, Inc., with Morgan Stanley, Inc., as the major shareholder.
- **1988** Burlington Glass Fabrics was purchased by [Porcher Industries](#) of Badinieres, France. In recognition of the global capabilities of the merged companies, the former Burlington division became BGF Industries, Inc.
- **1992** ISO 9002 certification achieved.
- **1994** New product capabilities expanded with the opening of the Industrial Nonwovens Division.
- **1994** Techmat® - A needled or thermal bonded mat product consisting of one or more combinations of high performance fibers was introduced.
- **1995** Corporate headquarters relocated within Greensboro, North Carolina into facilities including state-of-the-art research and development laboratories.
- **1996** New plant dedicated to the manufacture of lightweight fabrics for the electronics industry opened in South Hill, Virginia. Equipment housed in clean room environment incorporating all new material handling techniques. Production equipment in this facility is of proprietary technology.
- **1998** BGF was the first in the technical textiles industry to have an internet presence on the world wide web @ www.bgf.com
- **1999** Industrial Nonwoven Facility in Altavista Va, is expanded with 21,000 sq. ft. addition. The modernization includes all new state of the art manufacturing equipment.
- **2001** BGF introduces B2BGF ([see press release](#))
- **2003** BGF successfully upgraded its ISO-Registration to 9001:2000 ([see press release](#))
- **2004** The Industrial Nonwovens Division expands an additional 60,000 ft. with the opening of its new Parts Assembly Plant in Altavista, Va.