Chevron Oronite

a world leader in lubricant & fuel additives for over 100 years

2000s

2004
First fully qualified ILSAC GF-4 product

2005
Developed patented marine trunk piston engine oil with carboxylate technology

2012-2017
Completed major expansion projects in Singapore, Gonfreville and Oak Point additive plants

2017
100th anniversary of the Oronite brand

2020s

2021
Commercial production started at our Ningbo Manufacturing Plant in China

2023-2024
OLOA® 49844, an additive package for 2-stroke low-speed marine engines and OLOA 59361, an API CK-4/FA-4 heavy-duty additive package, wins F&L Asia Product Development of the Year.

2024
Chevron Oronite receives 3rd party certification of product carbon footprint methodology

and beyond
We will be the additives leader and grow our specialty chemicals business, providing our customers with reliable, innovative, and lower carbon solutions that keep the world moving forward.

1990s

1999
Opened Asia-Pacific region's first world-scale lubricant additives plant in Singapore

1998
Expanded product range with acquisition of PARATONE® viscosity modifier business

Korea and China offices opened

1980s

1989
New plant and Technology Center in Omaezaki, Japan. Established joint venture in India

First diesel locomotive engine oil to receive multi-grade approval

1970s

1977
Construction began on Mauá plant in Brazil

1969
First deposit-control additive for gasoline to help keep engines clean

1960s

1961
Karonite, a Japan joint venture, formed

1960
First dispersant additive package for natural gas engine oils

1950s

1958
First ashless detergent for 2-cycle engine oils

1957
Caltex Central Laboratory opens in the Netherlands

French affiliate, Orogil, formed; construction began on Gonfreville plant

1954
Revolutionary gasoline additive to help keep carburetors clean

First thermally-stable alkaline additive for marine engine cylinder oils

1940s

1943
Oronite Chemical Company formed under Standard Oil of California

Oak Point manufacturing plant opened, began supplying additives to help extend the range of the U.S. submarine fleet

1946
First to develop detergent Alkane, the basic ingredient in most synthetic household detergents

1930s

1935
Breakthrough additive package introduced for compounded oil

1941
First detergent additive for passenger cars

1920s

1925
First commercial use of chemicals to improve oil performance. Anti-chatter transmission additive ("Zerolene F") designed for Ford Model T

1910s

1917
Oronite brand first used for a line of specialty oil products by Standard Oil Company (California)

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