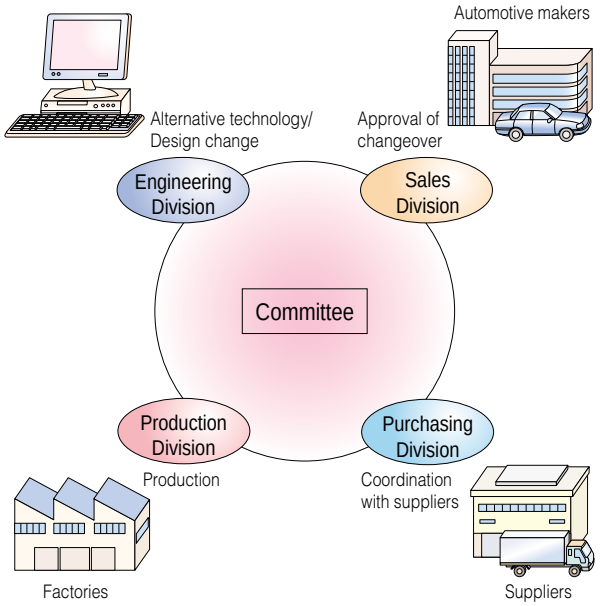
【Reduction in Environmentally Hazardous Substances】
We work toward eliminating substances that are hazardous to the environment or human beings

In order to reduce the environmentally hazardous substances contained in products, we check compliance with ※1the End of Life Vehicles (ELV) Directive and the Restriction of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (※2RoHS) Directive in Europe. At the same time, we have taken the initiative in implementing our own action plans. We are focusing our efforts on reducing heavy metals, including hexavalent chromium, lead, cadmium, and mercury. Plans call for the total elimination of hexavalent chromium and 90% reduction of lead by 2006.

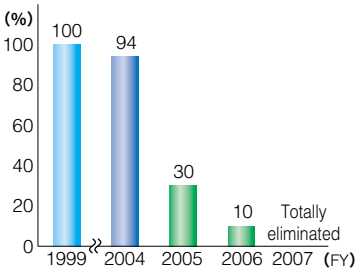
To ensure that we reach the targets, we have established a special in-house committee and are developing company-wide efforts in conjunction with the Engineering, Production, Purchasing, and Sales Divisions, as well as with our suppliers.

Activities of the Special Committee on Hexavalent Chromium

The special committee on hexavalent chromium works toward switching hexavalent chromium to trivalent chromium in conjunction with the associated divisions.



■Hexavalent chromium



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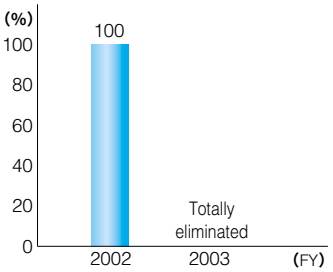

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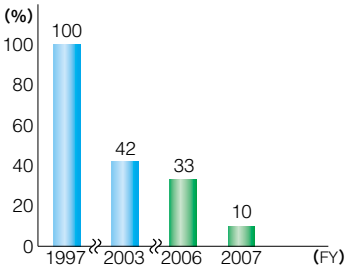

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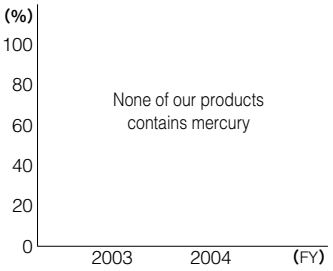

※1. The End of Life Vehicles Directive•••This directive aims to restrict the use of environmentally hazardous substances contained in vehicles (lead, hexavalent chromium, cadmium, and mercury) by the date specified for each individual substance.
※2.The EU RoHS Directive•••This directive aims to restrict the use of environmentally hazardous substances contained in electrical and electronic equipment (lead, hexavalent chromium, cadmium, mercury, and two kinds of bromine flame retardant) by the date specified for each individual substance.