

Biographical Information



James P. Clappin
Executive Vice President
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James P. Clappin is executive vice president of Corning Glass Technologies (CGT). Comprising CGT are: Display Technologies; Precision Materials; High Performance Displays; Specialty Materials, which includes Corning® Gorilla® Glass for handheld, IT, and large cover glass applications and Advanced Optics, a diverse set of businesses with world class optical capabilities for the semiconductor, aerospace, and defense industries; and Advanced Glass Innovations, home to Corning Iris™ glass and other new business development initiatives. In addition to business leadership, Clappin has responsibility for glass-related manufacturing and technology.

Clappin joined Corning Incorporated in 1980 as a process engineer at the Central Falls, Rhode Island, manufacturing plant. He transitioned to GTE Corporation in 1983 when the facility was sold and returned to Corning in 1988. He served in a variety of manufacturing management roles in the consumer products division and began working in the display business in 1994.

In 1996, Clappin relocated to Japan as plant manager at Corning's Shizuoka manufacturing facility. He then progressed through a number of management leadership positions with increasing responsibilities, leading to his appointment as general manager of the CDT worldwide business in May 2002.

From September 2005 through July 2010, Clappin was president of Corning Display Technologies (CDT), with responsibility for all business and manufacturing operations across the division's five regions: Japan, Taiwan, Korea, China, and the United States. Throughout Clappin's tenure in CDT, the demand for LCD glass grew exponentially with the focus of the display industry moving from applications for notebook computers and desktop monitors to small portable devices and LCD television. In response to market demand, Clappin oversaw the expansion of Corning's display business across Asia, including the launch of CDT's business in Taiwan and China and the introduction of several of the world's largest fully integrated LCD glass manufacturing plants. Under his leadership, CDT's sales increased by a factor of seven between 2002 and 2010.

Clappin's organization also has led the development of new technologies for advanced displays and mobile devices. These include the award-winning, environmentally friendly EAGLE XG® glass substrates, Corning® Gorilla® Glass, as well as emerging technologies such as Corning Lotus™ Glass substrates for OLED and high-performance displays, Corning® Willow® Glass for architectural applications, and Corning Iris™ Glass, a high-transmission, light-guide plate which enables display thicknesses less than 5 mm. Corning's commitment to research and development has delivered many LCD and cover glass product and productivity improvements that helped enable the overall growth of the industry.

Clappin holds a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Rhode Island. He was recognized in 2013 with a Distinguished Achievement Award from the University of Rhode Island's College of Engineering.

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