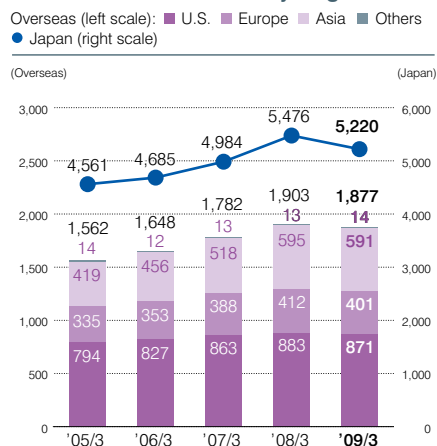
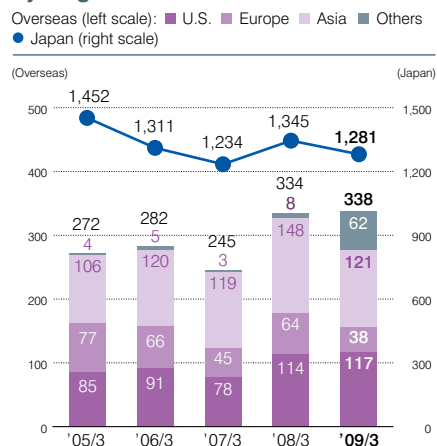


Intellectual Property

Number of Patents Held by Region



Number of Patent Applications by Region



● Intellectual Property Policies

The Fuji Electric Group, based on a respect for both its own and other companies' intellectual property rights, is implementing an intellectual property strategy that is aligned with the Group's business and R&D strategies. All Group companies share a common patent strategy objective of improving their patent portfolios, and on that basis each company is working to (1) strengthen its portfolio through effective acquisition of patents, (2) reduce patent litigation risk through research and avoidance of infringement on patents held by other companies, (3) utilization of unnecessary patents through inventory-taking of patent holdings, and (4) management of an appropriate balance of patents for core products.

● Intellectual Property Management Organization

The intellectual property management framework comprises the intellectual property rights division of Fuji Electric Holdings Co., Ltd., which focuses on strategic functions, such as planning and development of the Group-wide intellectual property strategy; Fuji Techno Survey Co., Ltd., which is responsible for handling intellectual property operations; and individual operating company divisions responsible for intellectual property rights. These units cooperate on intellectual property activities based on a Group-wide intellectual property strategy.

In fiscal 2009, we will continue to take steps to build a patent portfolio that supports our competitive edge in a wide range of fields.

● Fiscal 2008 Results

To protect its business with an even stronger patent portfolio, the Fuji Electric Group filed nearly 1,300 patent applications in Japan in fiscal 2008, and the total number of patents held in Japan reached more than 5,200. Overseas, the Group filed approximately 340 patent applications in the United States, Europe, China, and other areas of Asia, primarily in such fields as semiconductors, magnetic disks, and ED&C equipment, and the Group holds approximately 2,000 patents overseas.

In the core field of "energy and the environment," we have filed applications for and hold patents related to alternative energy, such as film-type solar cells, and many patents that help increase efficiency and reduce energy and resource consumption in devices and equipment related to power semiconductors, inverters, and power supplies and other power electronics products. Moreover, in patents related to manufacturing, we have filed applications for and hold many patents in such areas as production technology for original film-type solar cells, production methods for phosphoric acid fuel cells, and production methods for semiconductor components and devices.