



Sample Patent Landscape Study

Rubber Based Adhesives

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1. Introduction

1.1 Rubber Based Adhesives

Rubber based adhesives are adhesives made using rubber (both natural and synthetic, high molecular weight rubbers or elastomers) as the base material. Rubber based adhesives are generally used as solvent-based solutions, latex, cements and pressure-sensitive tapes.

Rubber based adhesives score over the acrylic and silicone based adhesive products as they are more cost effective. They have more tackiness and stickiness as compared to acrylic and silicone adhesives. The soft nature of these adhesives allows them to have the ability to wet out and flow into a substrate much better especially when textured. The hydrophobic property of rubber based adhesives are at an advantage in humid atmosphere. Rubber based adhesives are ideal for indoor applications as they can adapt to a wide variety of substrates and provide strong adhesion to materials with high and low-surface energy.

Rubber based adhesives can be divided into two classes, namely

- Synthetic rubber based adhesive
- Natural rubber based adhesive

Natural rubber (NR), also known as Indian rubber, latex and Amazonian. This form of rubber is composed of polymers of isoprene, along with water and some other organic compounds. NR has many uses in adhesive tape applications owing to its outstanding peel adhesion and grab for both polar and low surface tension surfaces.

Moreover, adhesive tape with natural rubber can be removed quite easily without leaving a trace.

Finally, NR based adhesives possesses high tack or stickiness which is highly beneficial for adhesive tapes requiring minimal pressure and time.

Synthetic rubber has an artificial elastomer which is made from various petroleum based monomers. In compared to the natural rubber, the synthetic rubbers have more thermal stability and has better compatibility with petroleum products.

1.2 Market Potential

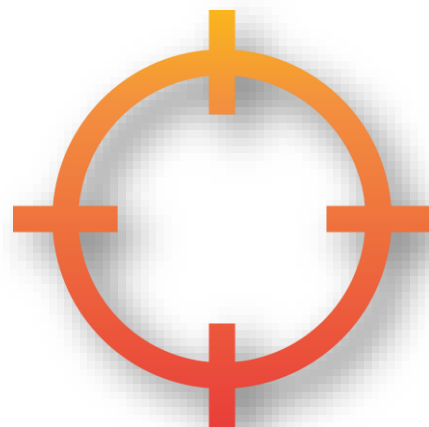
Rubber based adhesive market was estimated to be USD 56.59 billion in 2018 and is now projected to reach USD 71.99 billion by 2023, at a CAGR of 4.93% between 2018 and 2023. The market for the rubber based adhesives is driven by the growth of the automobile and the electronic industry.

In the Asia-Pacific region, China has taken the lead in the demand for adhesive tapes whereas in Europe, the demand of building and construction industry is fuelling the demand for adhesive tapes. Some of the key players operating in the global rubber based adhesive market include Swabs Tapes India Private Limited, MBK Tape Solutions, PPM Industries SpA, Godson Tapes Pvt. Limited, 3A Associates Incorporated, 3M Company, Tesa SE and Intertape Polymer Group, Inc

“Patent data shows 46% of total publication is pending applications. Higher percentages of applications point to a new or growing market”

2.Objective

- To perform detailed analysis of patenting activity pertaining to rubber based adhesives and to understand underlying technologies.
- To generate useful insights pertaining to rubber based adhesive technological field of study for the researchers at industry .
- Graphical representation of trends (Filing, Publication, etc.) from the mined data of relevant patents/applications.

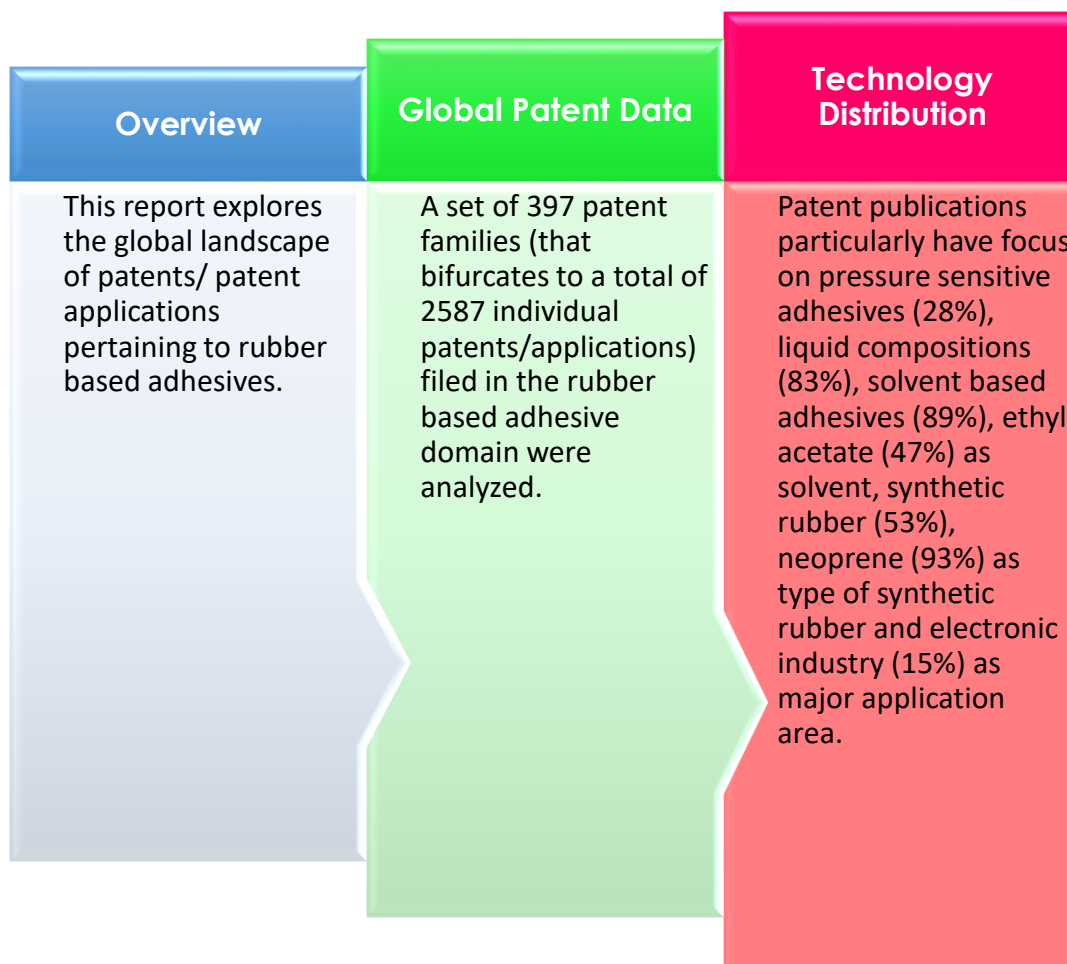


3.Search Methodology



The first step is to create and define a patent set, which then serves as the basis of this study. Patent databases like Derwent Innovation have been used as our data sources. Search has been carried out in Abstract, Title and Claims fields of patent specifications by incorporation of Keywords and International Patent Classes.

4. Summary



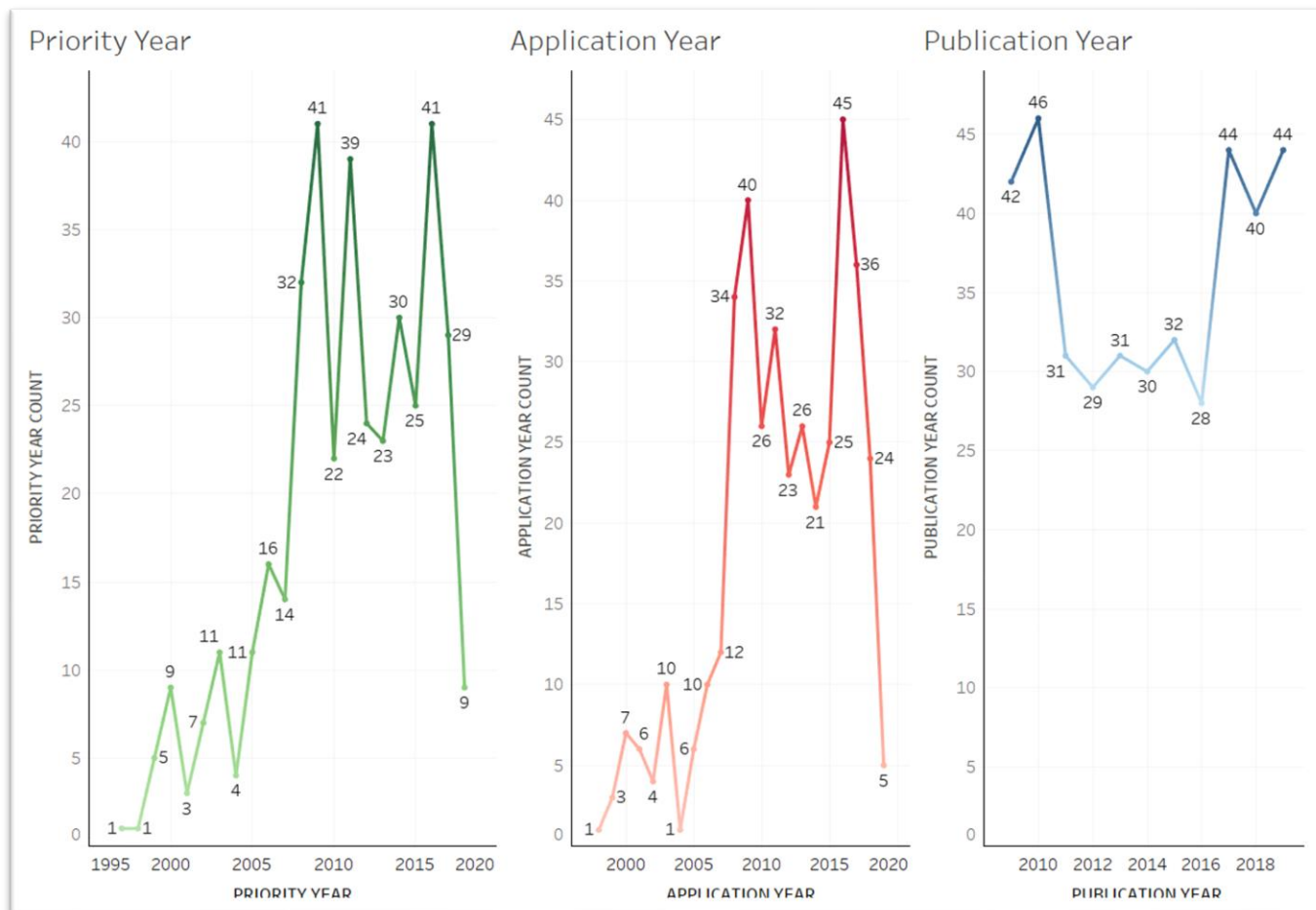
Volgograd State Technical University is the top global innovator in this domain with 35 patent families followed by BRIDGESTONE having 32 patent families.



Japan with 190 patent applications is the largest filing destination.

5. Non-Technical Analysis

5.1. Priority, Filing, Publication Year Based Trend Analysis



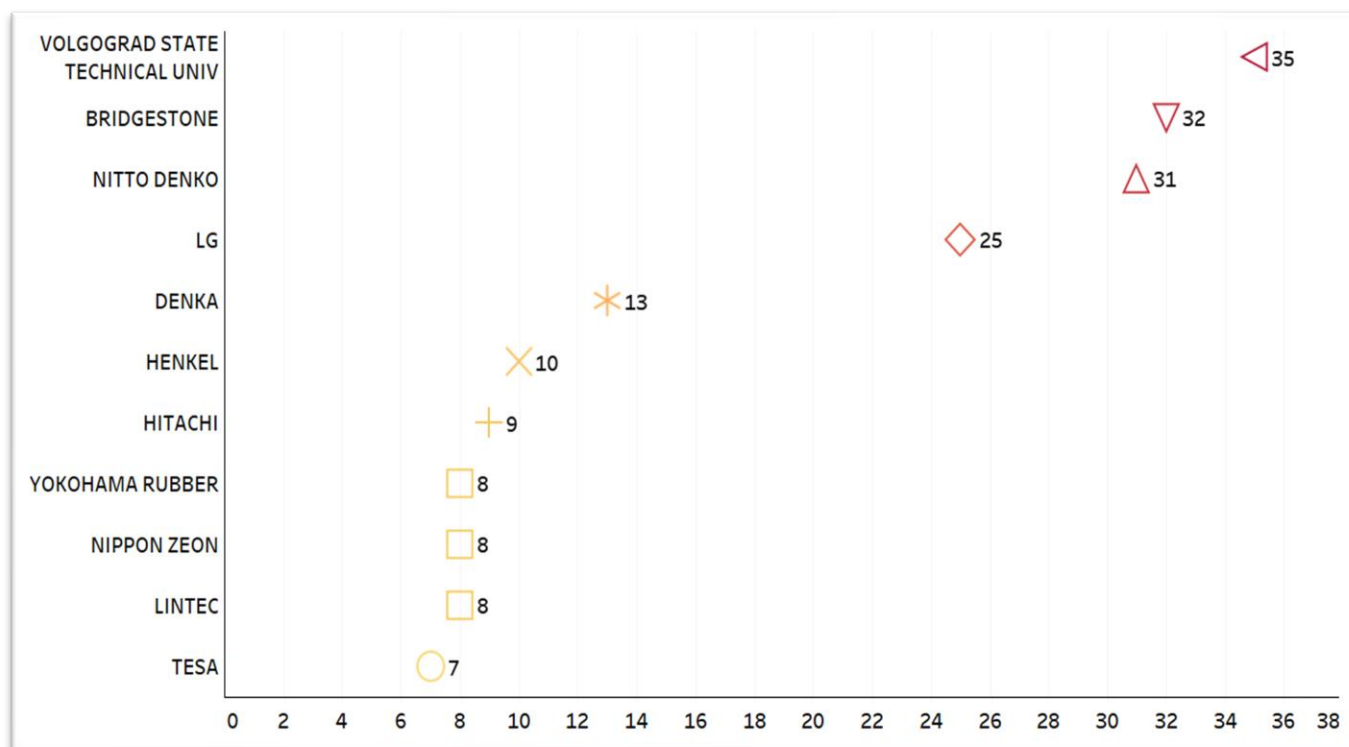
Note: Attributed to non-published patent applications, there may be a higher count in the years 2019-2020



Filing trend indicate a sudden spike of about 300% in the year 2008 which could be attributed to prolific filings by Volgograd State Technical Univ (16 patents/applications) and Bridgestone (14 patents/applications) during this period, predominantly in RU (16 patents/applications) & JP (12 patents/applications) jurisdictions in the field of pressure sensitive rubber based adhesives (7 patents/applications) and neoprene synthetic rubber based adhesive (12 patents/applications).

5.2. Assignee Based Trend Analysis

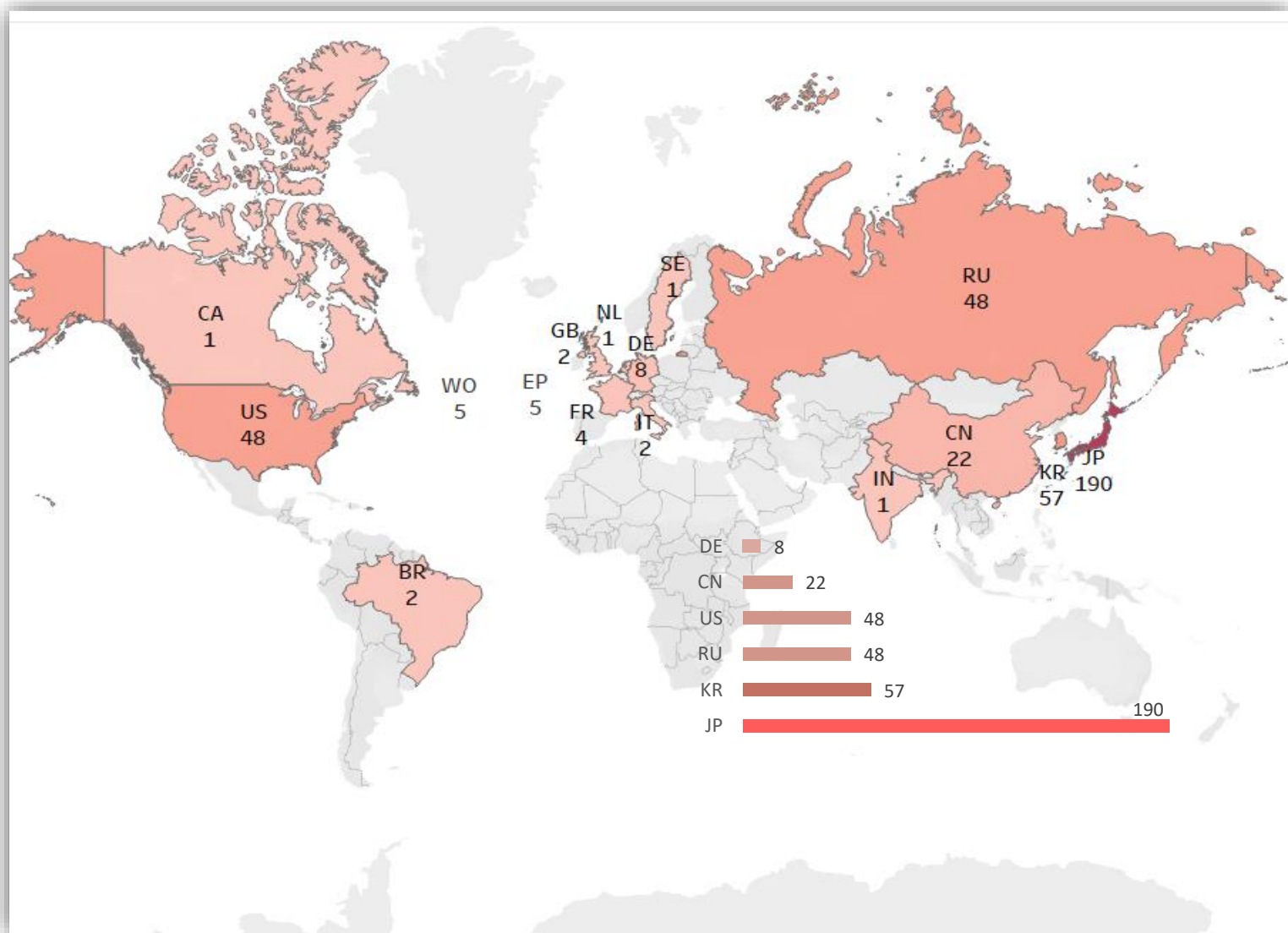
The below graph represents major assignees in the domain.



Volgograd State Technical University (35 patents/applications) is the top applicant/assignee. All other key applicants/assignees are companies Asia based. Volgograd State Technical University has all its filings originating in Russian jurisdiction with majority of the patents/applications belonging to the domain of neoprene synthetic rubber based adhesive (26 patents/applications).

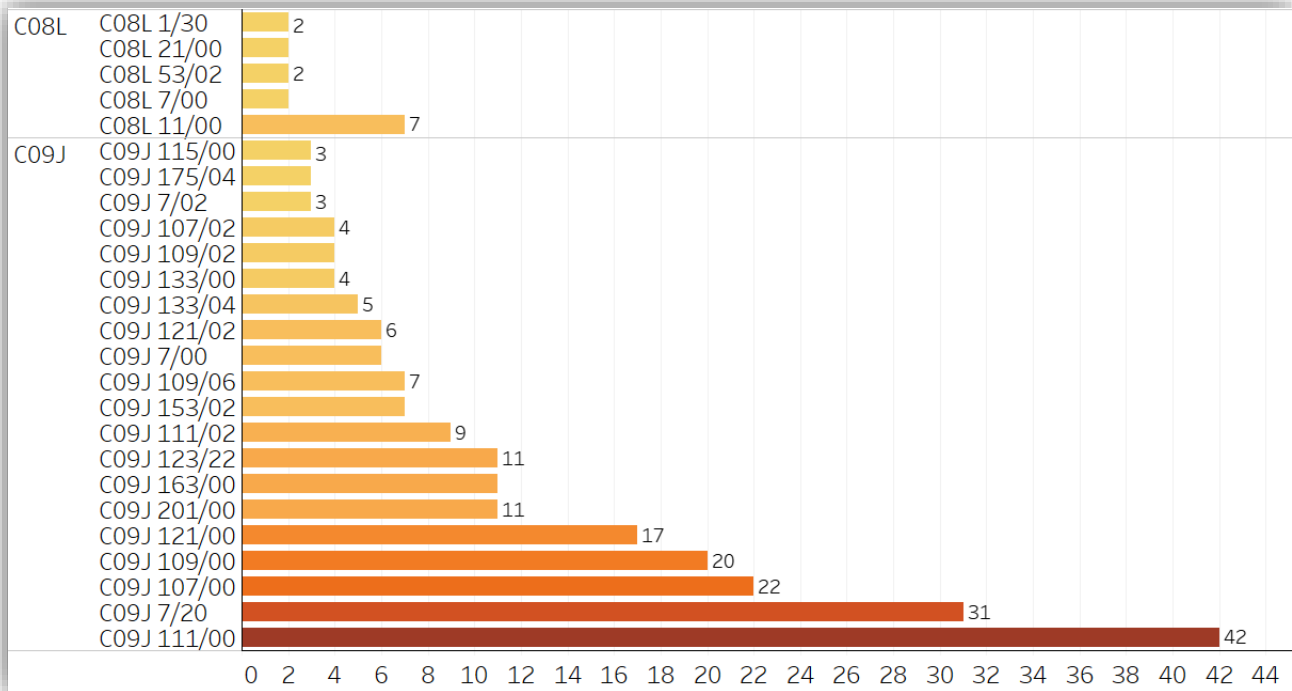
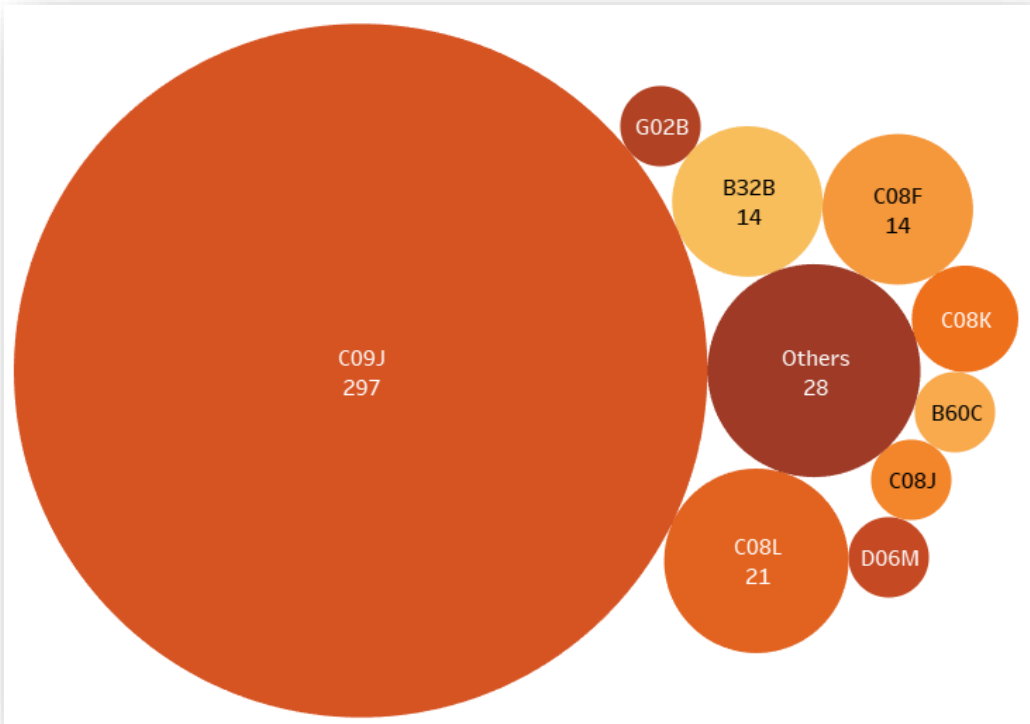
5.3. Geography Based Trend Analysis

5.3.1. Geographical Distribution Of Patent Application Filings



Trend related to geographical filings demonstrate that the maximum number of filings had their origin in Asia, with Japan, emerging as the top jurisdiction. Nitto Denko (31 patents/applications) is the top assignee in JP jurisdiction primarily focusing in the domain of pressure sensitive rubber based adhesives (29 patents/applications).

5.4. International Patent Classification Based Trend

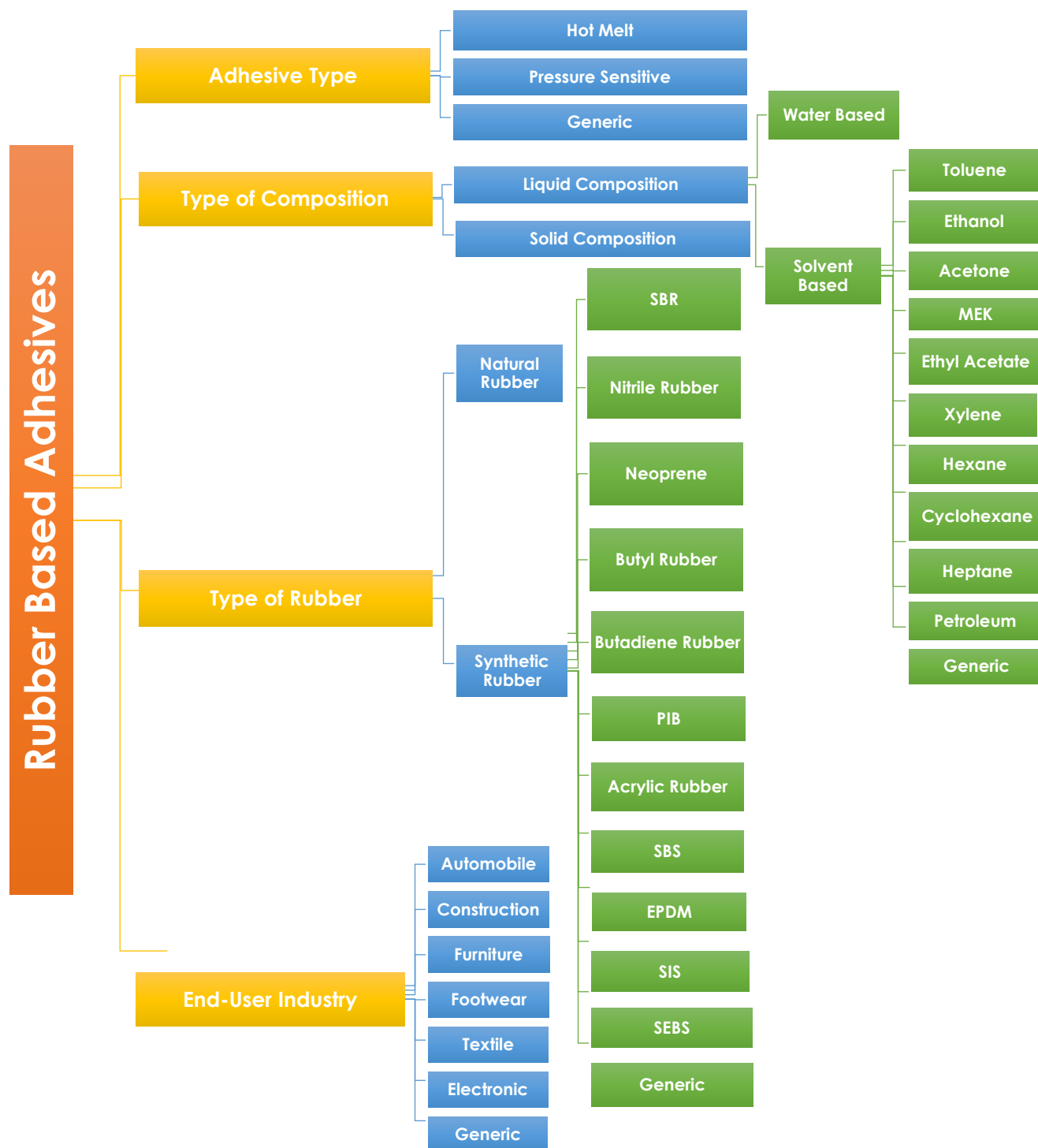


The IPC sub-class definitions are provided in [Appendix B](#)

6. Technical Analysis

6.1. Taxonomy Developed For Bucketing Of Relevant Patent Documents

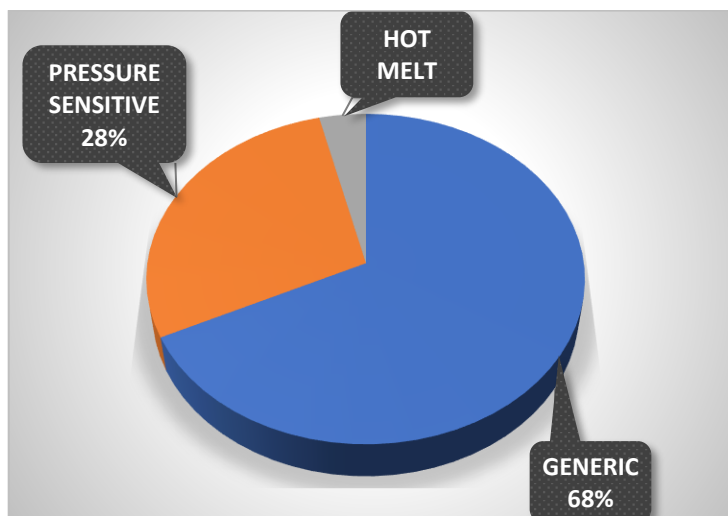
A set of 397 patent families were analyzed in depth to identify the focus areas of the patents related to Rubber Based Adhesives.



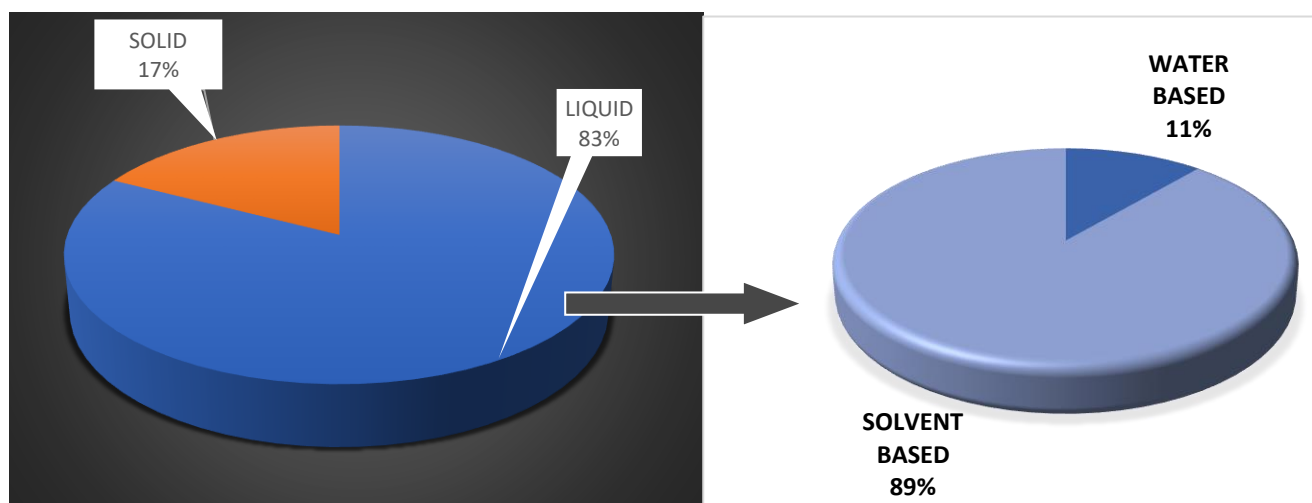
6.2. Distribution Of Patents/Applications Pertaining To Rubber Based Adhesives



Amongst the specific adhesive types, maximum number of patents/applications disclose pressure sensitive rubber based adhesives mostly derived from natural rubber (58%).

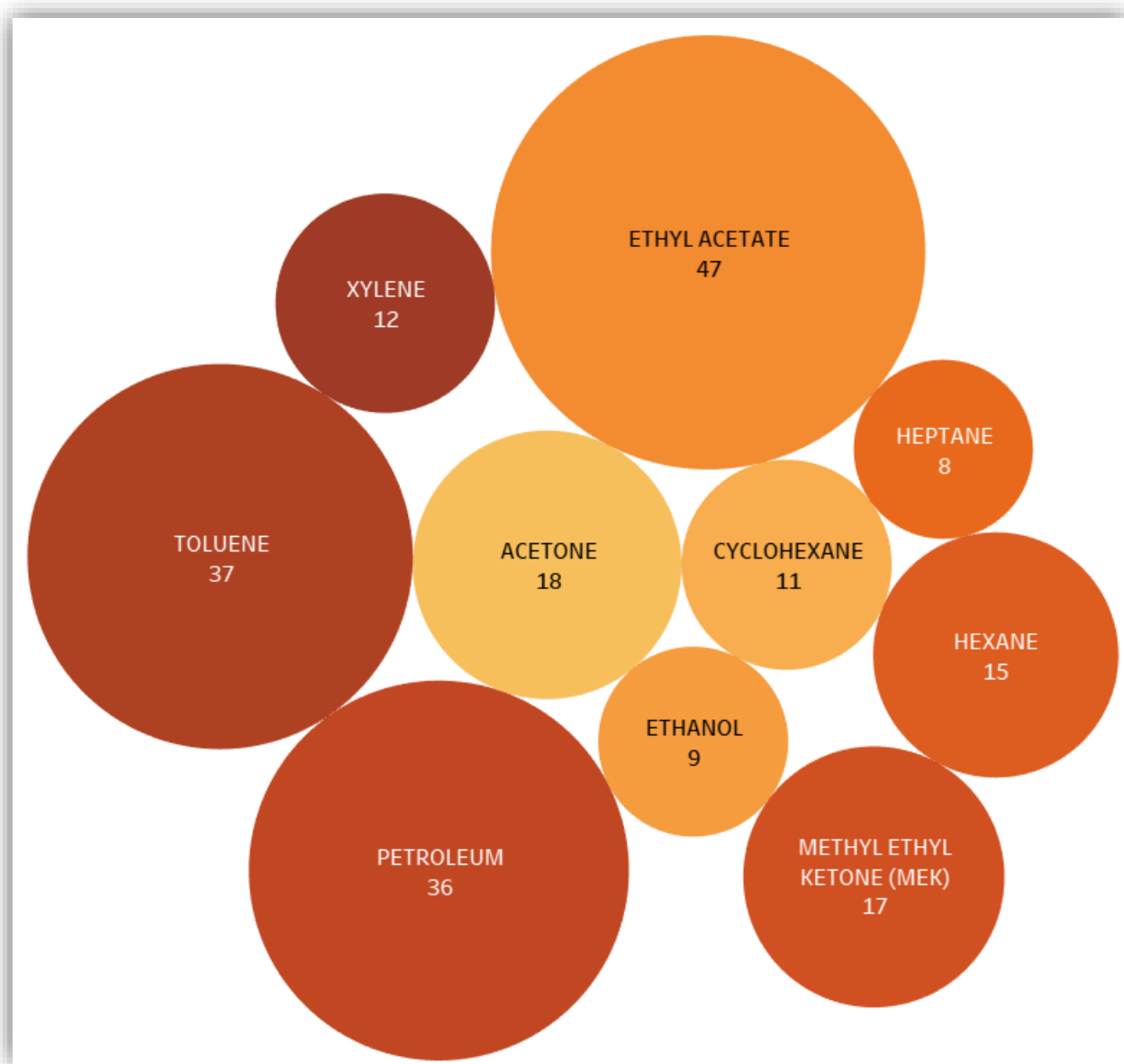


6.2.1. Dissection Of Patents/Applications Pertaining To 'Type Of Composition'



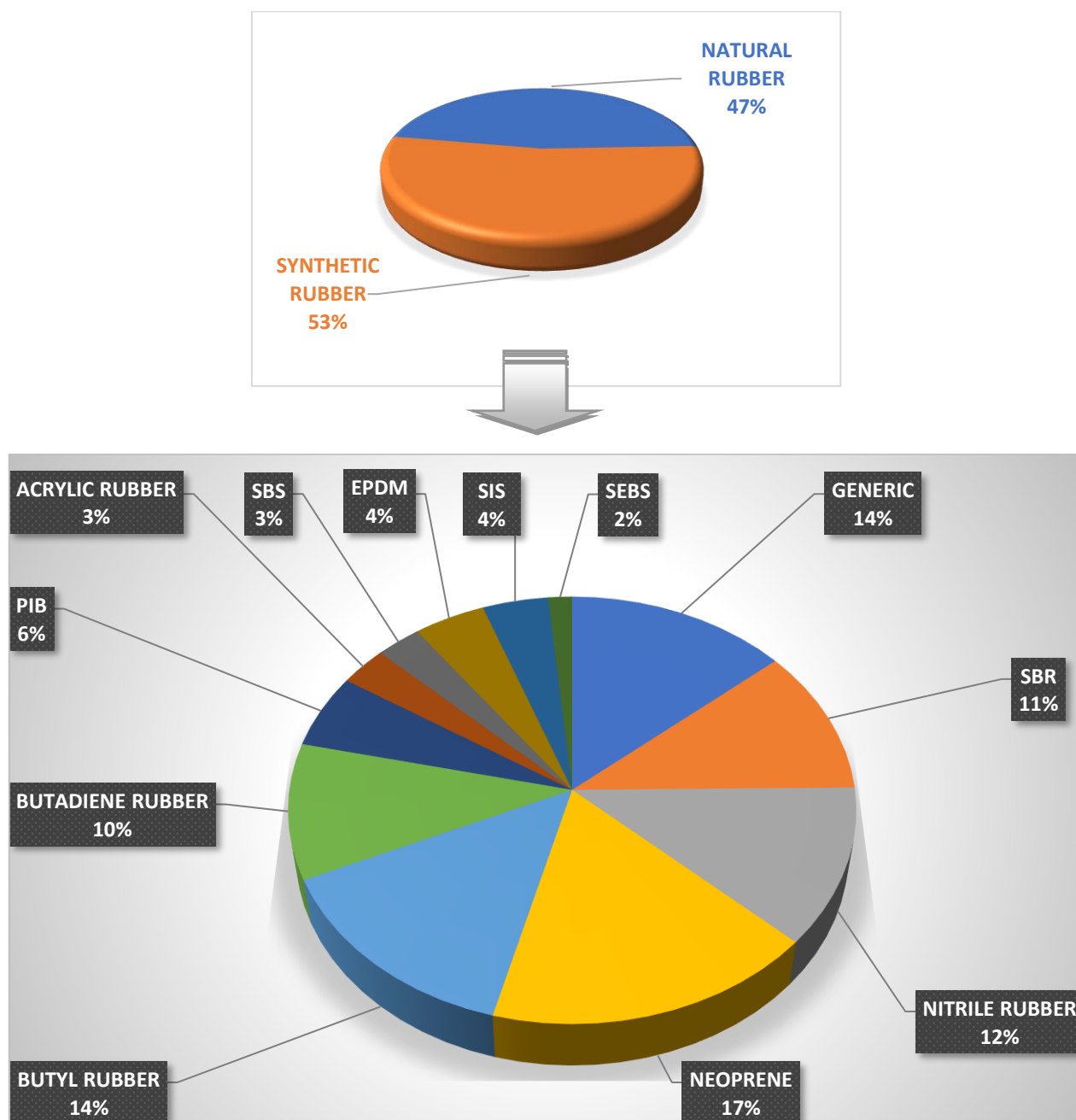
Maximum number of patents/applications are disclosing solvent based liquid adhesive compositions.

6.2.2. Dissection Of Patents/Applications Pertaining To 'Solvent'



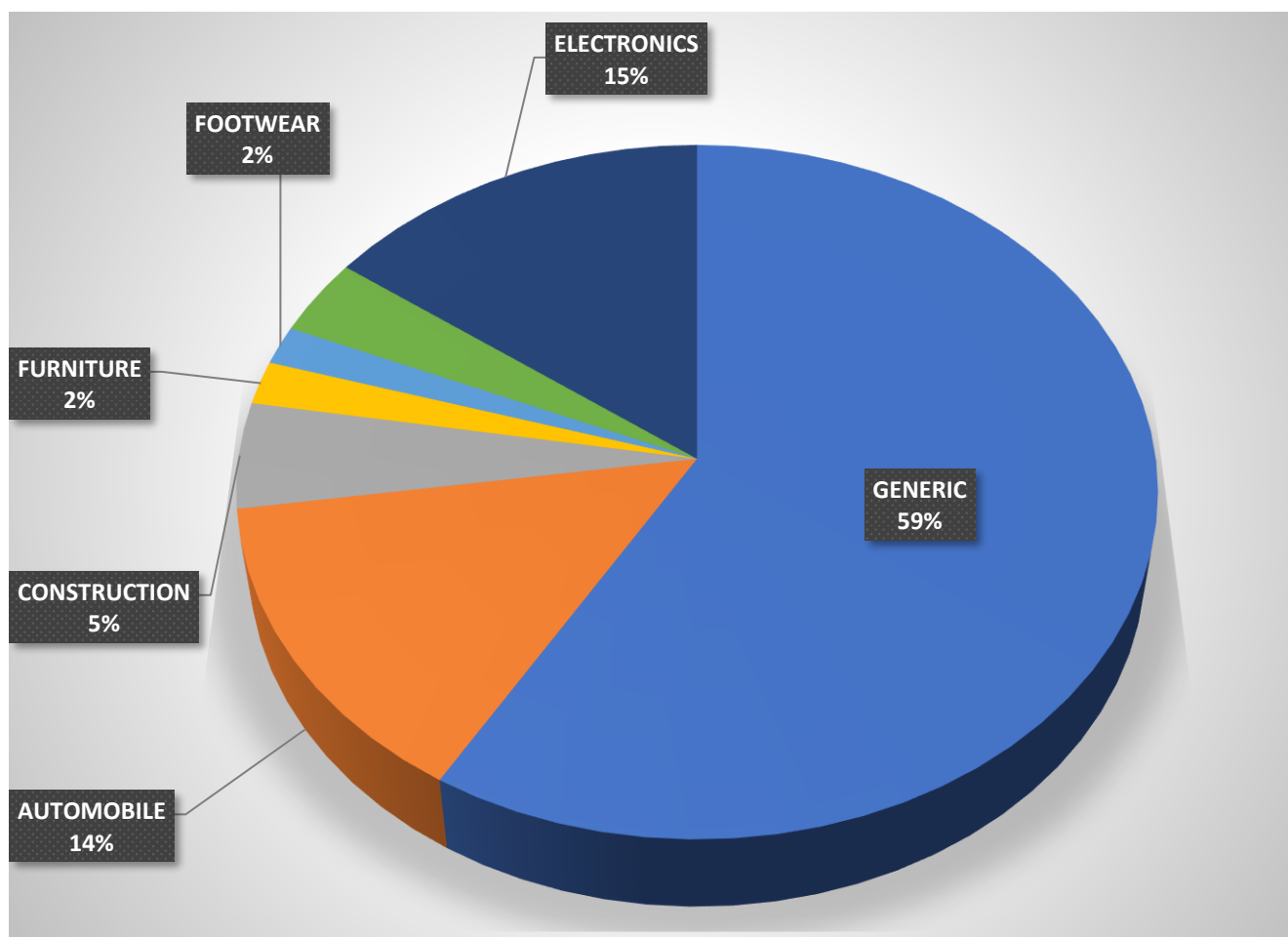
Maximum number of patents/applications are disclosing use of non polar solvents such as toluene (37), petroleum (36), hexane (15), xylene (12), cyclohexane (11) and heptanes (8) for the preparation of liquid rubber based adhesive compositions.

6.2.3. Dissection Of Patents/Applications Pertaining To 'Type Of Rubber



As evident from the chart, maximum number of patents/applications are disclosing use of Neoprene (17%), Butyl Rubber (14%), Nitrile rubber (12%) and SBR (11%) as the type of synthetic rubber for the preparation of rubber based adhesives.

6.2.4. Dissection Of Patents/Applications Pertaining To 'End-User Industry'



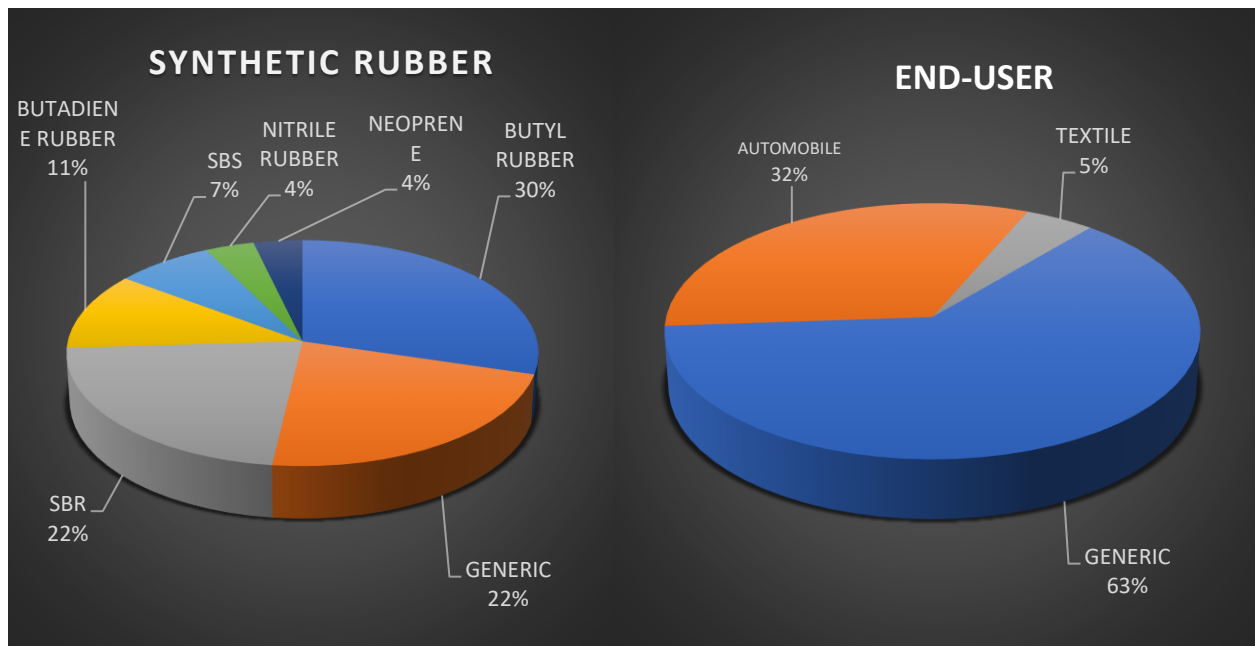
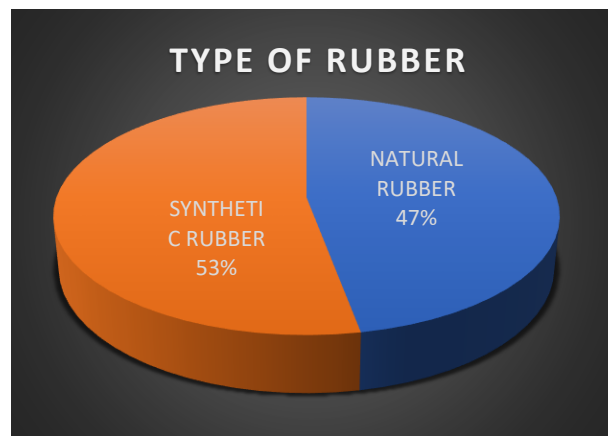
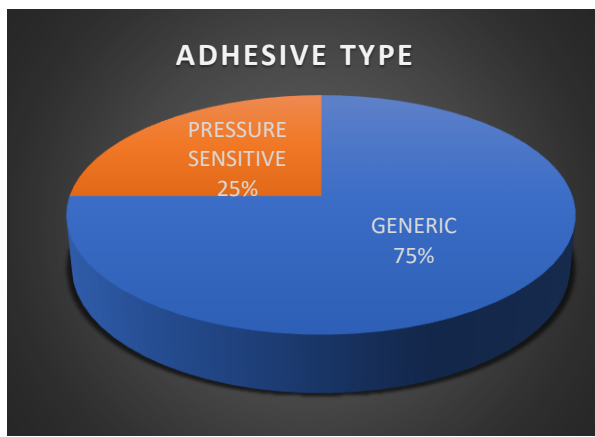
A significant number of patents/applications are disclosing use of rubber based adhesives in Electronics (15%) and Automobile (14%) sector.

7. Patent Portfolio Analysis

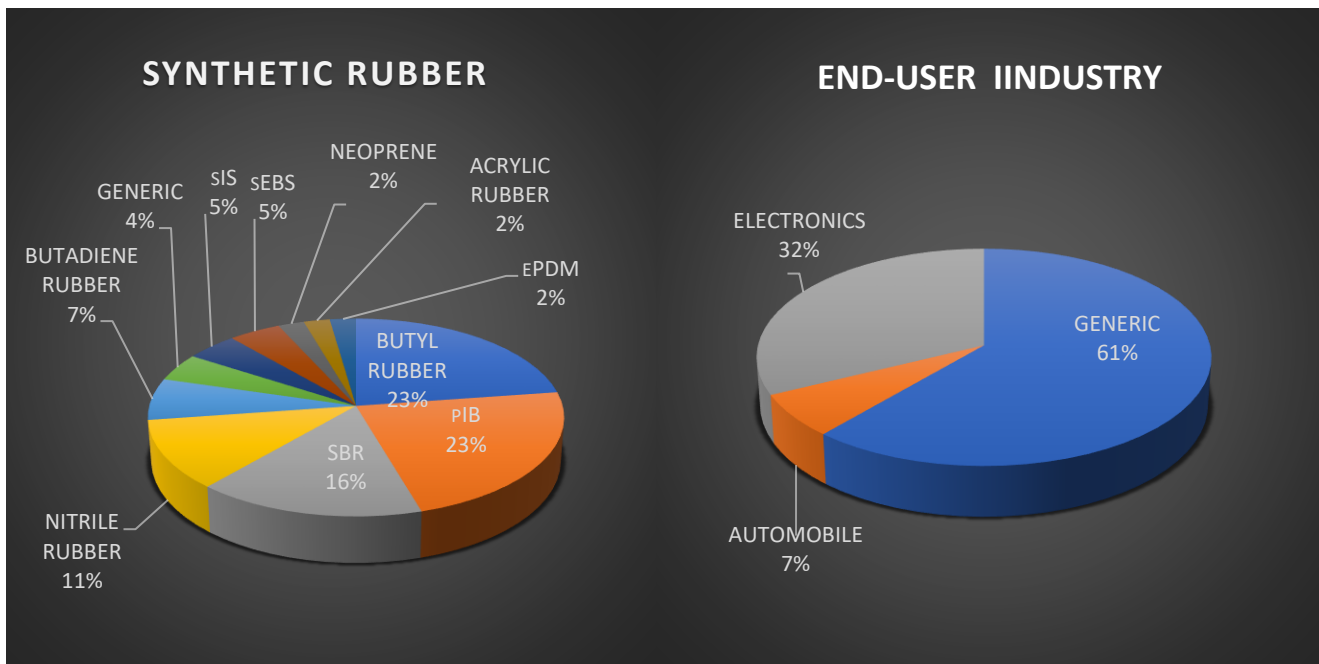
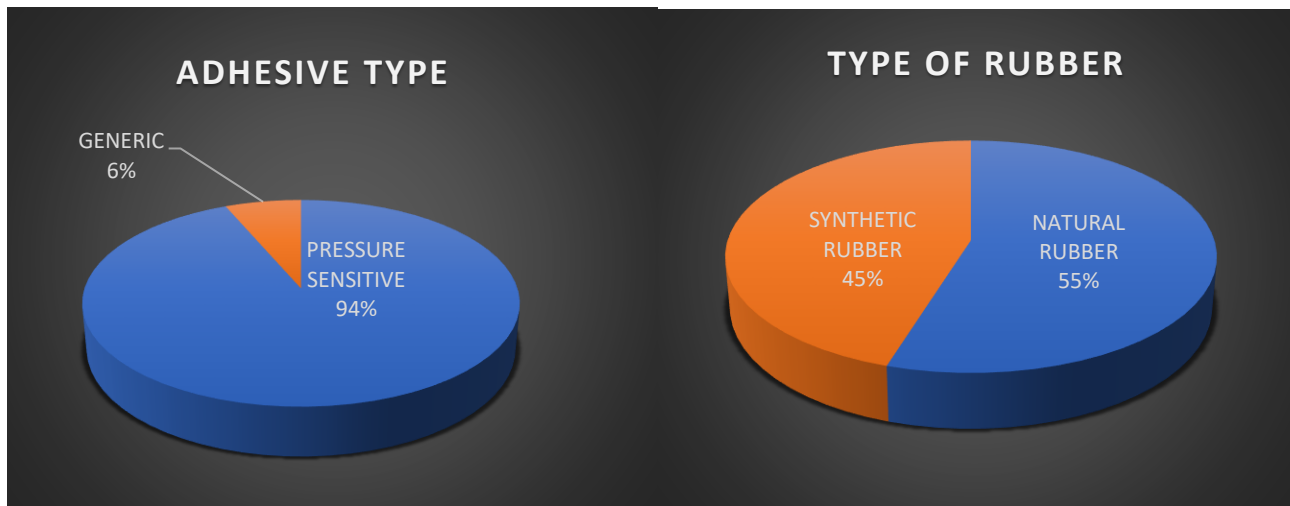
7.1 BRIDGESTONE



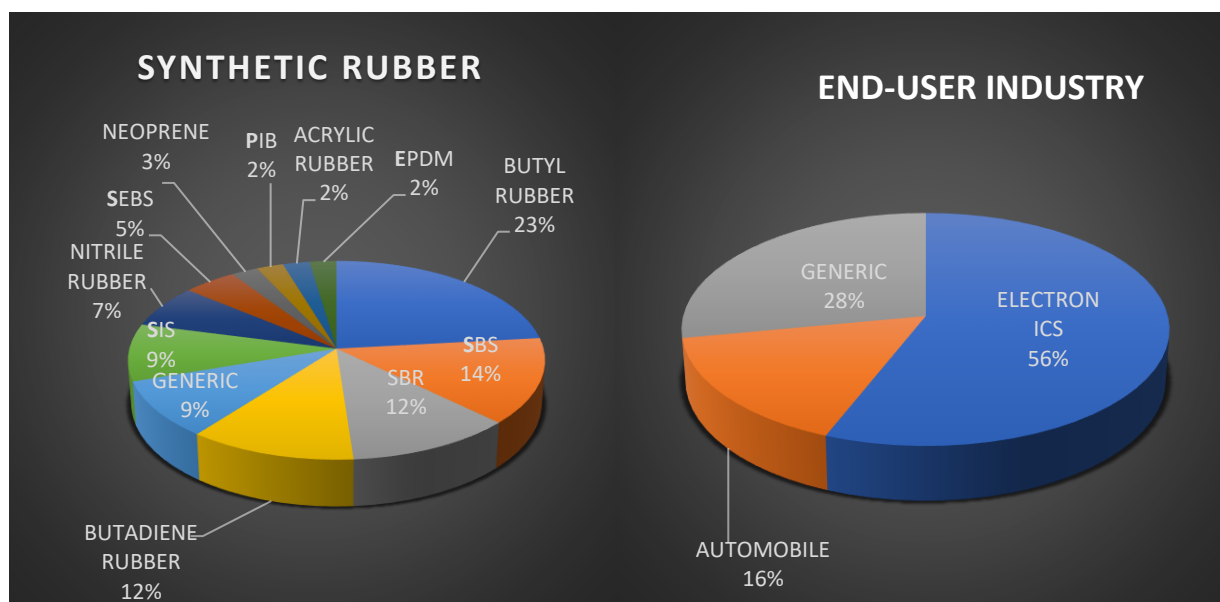
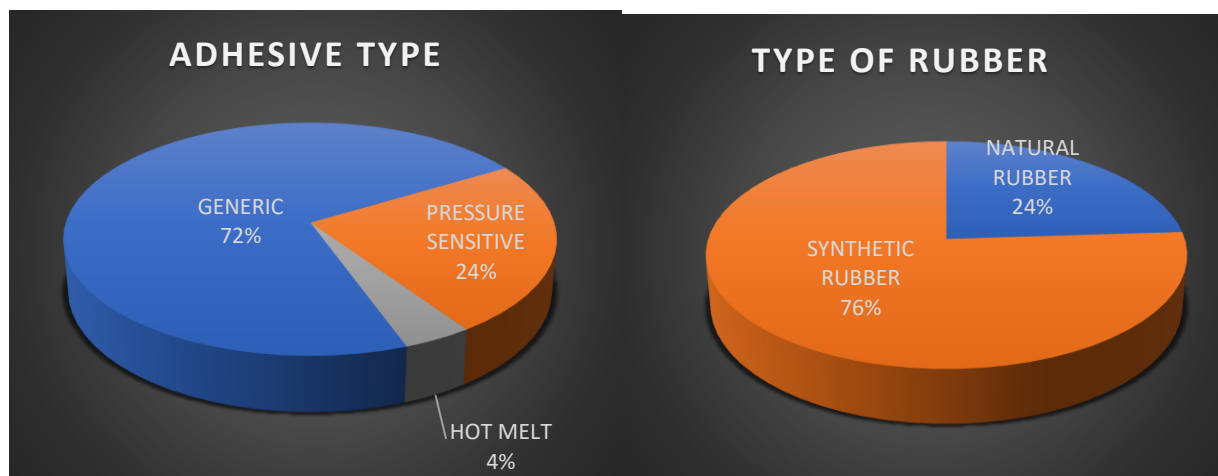
Bridgestone is a Japanese multinational auto and truck parts manufacturer and is one of the largest manufacturer of tyres in the world.



NITTO DENKO is a Japanese company which produces tapes, vinyl, LCDs, insulation and several other products. Adhesion technology is one of the core technologies onto which Nitto Denko is working, and the said technologies include Adhesive Design, Adhesion Property Evaluation, Layering, Release, Substrate Design and Adhesive Synthesis.



LG formerly Lucky-Goldstar is a South Korean multinational conglomerate corporation. LG Chem is involved in manufacturing of Pressure Sensitive Adhesive, Butadiene Rubber, NBR LATEX, Styrene Butadiene Rubber, SBS, SB LATEX, etc.



8. Key Patents Assigned To Educational Institutes

Patent No.	Field of Invention
<u>KR20190091865A</u> KONGJU NATIONAL UNIV	The patent application relates to an adhesive composition used in temperature insensitive-type adhesive tape, comprises first rubber containing un-vulcanized natural rubber, second rubber made of synthetic rubbers, tackifying resin, anti-aging agent, and chloroprene rubber
<u>RU2448997C2</u> VOLGOGRAD STATE TECHNICAL UNIV	The patent document relates to an adhesive composition based on chloroprene rubber, which can be used in the rubber industry when gluing together vulcanised rubber based on different rubber.
<u>RU2374286C1</u> VOLGOGRAD STATE TECHNICAL UNIV	The patent document relates to an adhesive composition contains polychloropene rubber, nairit, butylphenolformaldehyde resin, zinc oxide, magnesium oxide, water and organic solvent.
<u>CN108165205A</u> BEIJING RUBBER INDUSTRY RES DESIGNING INSTITUTE	The patent document relates to a hot melt adhesive composition comprises high diene monomer content rubber, maleic anhydride-modified thermoplastic elastomer, tackifying resin, processing oil, filler, vulcanizing agent, and vulcanization auxiliary agent.
<u>RU2527223C1</u> MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY	The patent document relates to an adhesive composition based on butadiene-nitrile rubber with content of acrylic acid nitrile 18% or 28%.

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14. Rubber Adhesive Tapes Market - Global Industry Analysis, Size, Share, Growth, Trends, and Forecast, 2019–2027.

10. Appendix B – Definitions Of IPC Classes

IPC Subclass	Definition
B32B	LAYERED PRODUCTS, I.E. PRODUCTS BUILT-UP OF STRATA OF FLAT OR NON-FLAT, E.G. CELLULAR OR HONEYCOMB, FORM
B60C	VEHICLE TYRES
C08J	WORKING-UP; GENERAL PROCESSES OF COMPOUNDING
C08F	MACROMOLECULAR COMPOUNDS OBTAINED BY REACTIONS ONLY INVOLVING CARBON-TO-CARBON UNSATURATED BONDS
C08K	USE OF INORGANIC OR NON-MACROMOLECULAR ORGANIC SUBSTANCES AS COMPOUNDING INGREDIENTS
C09J	ADHESIVES; NON-MECHANICAL ASPECTS OF ADHESIVE PROCESSES IN GENERAL; ADHESIVE PROCESSES NOT PROVIDED FOR ELSEWHERE; USE OF MATERIAL AS ADHESIVES
C09J 7/20	ADHESIVES IN THE FORM OF FILMS OR FOILS; CHARACTERISED BY THEIR CARRIERS
C09J 111/00	ADHESIVES BASED ON HOMOPOLYMERS OR COPOLYMERS OF CHLOROPRENE
C09J 109/00	ADHESIVES BASED ON HOMOPOLYMERS OR COPOLYMERS OF CONJUGATED DIENE HYDROCARBONS
C09J 107/00	ADHESIVES BASED ON NATURAL RUBBER; LATEX
C09J 121/00	ADHESIVES BASED ON UNSPECIFIED RUBBERS
C09J 123/22	ADHESIVES BASED ON HOMOPOLYMERS OR COPOLYMERS OF UNSATURATED ALIPHATIC HYDROCARBONS HAVING ONLY ONE CARBON-TO-CARBON DOUBLE BOND; ADHESIVES BASED ON DERIVATIVES OF SUCH POLYMERS; NOT MODIFIED BY CHEMICAL AFTER-TREATMENT; HOMOPOLYMERS OR COPOLYMERS OF HYDROCARBONS HAVING FOUR OR MORE CARBON ATOMS; HAVING FOUR TO NINE CARBON ATOMS; COPOLYMERS OF ISOBUTENE; BUTYL RUBBER HOMO- OR COPOLYMERS OF OTHER ISO-OLEFINS
C09J 163/00	ADHESIVES BASED ON EPOXY RESINS; ADHESIVES BASED ON DERIVATIVES OF EPOXY RESINS
C09J 201/00	ADHESIVES BASED ON UNSPECIFIED MACROMOLECULAR COMPOUNDS
C09J 111/02	ADHESIVES BASED ON HOMOPOLYMERS OR COPOLYMERS OF CHLOROPRENE; LATEX
C09J 109/06	ADHESIVES BASED ON HOMOPOLYMERS OR COPOLYMERS OF CONJUGATED DIENE HYDROCARBONS; COPOLYMERS WITH STYRENE

C09J 153/02	ADHESIVES BASED ON BLOCK COPOLYMERS CONTAINING AT LEAST ONE SEQUENCE OF A POLYMER OBTAINED BY REACTIONS ONLY INVOLVING CARBON-TO-CARBON UNSATURATED BONDS; ADHESIVES BASED ON DERIVATIVES OF SUCH POLYMERS; VINYL AROMATIC MONOMERS AND CONJUGATED DIENES
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C09J 107/02	ADHESIVES BASED ON NATURAL RUBBER; LATEX
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C08L 7/00	COMPOSITIONS OF NATURAL RUBBER; LATEX
C08L 1/30	COMPOSITIONS OF CELLULOSE, MODIFIED CELLULOSE OR CELLULOSE DERIVATIVES; CELLULOSE DERIVATIVES; CELLULOSE ETHERS; ARYL ETHERS; ARALKYL ETHERS
C08L 21/00	COMPOSITIONS OF UNSPECIFIED RUBBERS; LATEX
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