

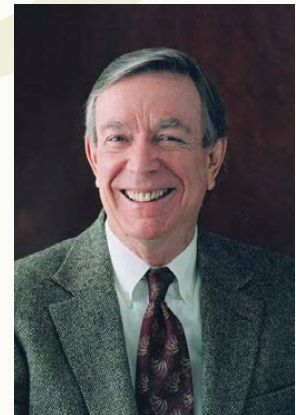
Ray Anderson

Chairman and Founder, Interface Inc.

Education:

Industrial Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology

The story is now legend: the “spear in the chest” epiphany Ray Anderson experienced when he first read Paul Hawken’s *The Ecology of Commerce*, seeking inspiration for a speech to an Interface task force on the company’s environmental vision. Thirteen years and a sea change later, Interface, Inc., is approximately 45 percent towards the vision of “Mission Zero,” the journey no one would have imagined for the company or the petroleum-intensive industry of carpet manufacturing which has been forever changed by Mr. Anderson’s vision. Mission Zero is the company’s promise to eliminate any negative impact it may have on the environment, by the year 2020, through the redesign of processes and products, the pioneering of new technologies, and efforts to reduce or eliminate waste and harmful emissions while increasing the use of renewable materials and sources of energy.



An honors graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology, in 1973 Mr. Anderson founded a company to produce the first free-lay carpet tiles in America. Today, he commands the world’s largest producer of commercial floor coverings and interior finishes. Interface has diversified and globalized its businesses, with sales in 110 countries and manufacturing facilities on four continents.

The once captain of industry has eschewed a luxury car for a Prius and built an off-the-grid home, authored a book chronicling his journey, *Mid-Course Correction*, and become an unlikely screen hero in the 2004 Canadian documentary, “*The Corporation*.” He appears as a master commentator on the Sundance Channel’s 2007 series, “*Big Ideas for a Small Planet*,” and was named one of *Elle Magazine*’s heroes in their 2007 Green Awards coverage. He is a sought after speaker and advisor on all issues eco, including a stint as co-chair of the President’s Council on Sustainable Development during President Clinton’s administration.

Mr. Anderson has been lauded by government, environmental, and business groups alike. He has received numerous national and international awards including most recently being selected as one of *TIME Magazine*’s 2007 “*Heroes of the Environment*” and the International Quality of Life Award.

Mr. Anderson serves on the boards of Ida Cason Callaway Foundation; Rocky Mountain Institute; the David Suzuki Foundation, Emory University Board of Visitors, the ASID Foundation, the Hillary Institute and Melaver, Inc. He is on the Advisory Boards of the Harvard Medical School Center for Health and the Global Environment and the Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper. He also holds eight honorary doctorate degrees.