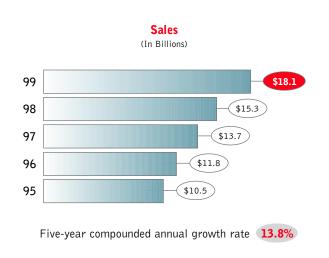
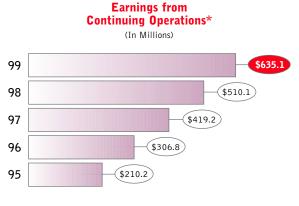
Financial Highlights

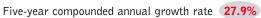
In millions, except per share	1999	1998	% Change
Sales	\$18,098.3	\$ 15,273.6	18.5
Operating profit*	1,135.5	940.5	20.7
Net earnings*	635.1	510.1	24.5
Diluted earnings per common share*	1.55	1.26	23.0





Five-year compounded annual growth rate 22.2%







Five-year compounded annual growth rate 27.0%

 $^{^* \}textit{Excludes the effect of the merger, restructuring and other nonrecurring charges that were recorded in 1998, 1997, 1996 and 1995. \textit{See page 41 for further information.} \\$