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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication is one of a series of eight containing monthly and quarterly production statistics. The titles of the other publications of this series are shown in paragraph 7 below.

2. Data contained in these publications are mostly based on monthly or quarterly collections conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). Where another authority is the source this is indicated in a footnote.

Classification

3. Most items are identified by Commodity Codes of the Commodity Classification used in Australian manufacturing statistics. However, in cases where data are derived from sources other than ABS collections no commodity code is shown. Further more, combinations of commodities are arranged so as to align production data with import and export commodity items in accordance with the Australian Standard Commodity Classification (ASCC). For further information regarding the ASCC, see the ABS publication *Australian Standard Commodity Classification, Part 1, Introduction Summary Classification and Commodity Keys* (1207.0).

Scope and coverage

4. Production statistics collected by the ABS exclude production by single establishment manufacturing enterprises employing less than four persons and production of establishments predominantly engaged in non-manufacturing activities but which may carry on, in a minor way, some manufacturing. However, except for a few commodities the effect on production levels and movements is marginal.
5. Annual figures shown are derived by aggregating monthly/quarterly production and relate to production during the year ended 30 June. They may differ from annual manufacturing census data which relate to the census year and, in the case of businesses unable to report on a June year basis include details in respect of substitute accounting periods.

Seasonal adjustment

6. This publication contains seasonally adjusted statistics of sulphuric acid. In the seasonal adjustment, account has been taken not only of normal seasonal factors but also of "trading-day" effects (arising from the

varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays etc. in the month) and the influence of Easter and Australia Day which may, in successive years, affect figures for different months. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting this and other series are given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0).

Related publications

7. Other ABS publications which may be of interest are:

Production Bulletin No. 1 : Electrical Appliances, Australia (8357.0)—issued monthly

Production Bulletin No. 2 : Clothing and Footwear, Australia (8358.0)—issued monthly

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Production Bulletin No. 7 : Motor Vehicles, Motor Bodies and Trained Vehicles, Australia (8363.0)—issued quarterly

Production Bulletin No. 8 : Miscellaneous Products, Australia (8364.0)—issued monthly

Manufacturing Commodities, Selected Principal Articles Produced, Australia, 1982-83, Preliminary (8365.0)

Manufacturing Commodities, Principal Articles Produced, Australia, 1980-81 and 1981-82 (8303.0) (\$1.70, \$2.40 incl. postage)

8. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- n.p. not available for separate publication (but included in totals where applicable)
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PLASTICS FILM, SHEETING AND COATED MATERIALS

	Unsupported plastics film, foil and sheeting— by polymer type(a)			Plastic coated textile materials(b)
	Vinyl chloride incl. co-polymers (423.08)	Polyethylene (423.28)	Other (423.38)	Vinyl chloride (424.31)
	—tonnes—			'000 m ²
1981-82	18,332	81,723	18,817	8,225
1982-83	16,763	81,240	15,846	7,181
1983-84	13,908	90,338	17,609	7,990
1984—				
January	397	5,463	860	313
February	1,146	7,592	1,643	639
March	1,425	8,093	1,686	850
April	958	7,396	1,348	603
May	1,435	9,377	1,313	806
June	1,142	8,160	1,701	715
July	1,145	8,343	2,190	813
August	1,392	8,175	2,548	820
September	1,075	7,572	2,235	787
October	1,093	8,285	2,615	1,245
November	1,311	8,396	2,627	799
December	1,124	6,265	1,792	789
1985—				
January	713	5,816	882	443
February	1,262	7,793	2,186	638
March	1,322	8,360	2,156	837
1983-84 : July to Mar.	10,373	65,405	13,247	5,866
1984-85 : July to Mar.	10,437	69,004	19,231	7,171

PLASTICS AND SYNTHETIC RESINS(c)
(tonnes)

For moulding, extrusion, laminating, calendering, etc.

Period	Phenolic (403.52)	Polyesters (403.62)	Poly- ethylene (403.65)	Poly- propylene (403.74)	Other(d)	Total
1981-82	9,362	23,328	182,344	103,590	270,993	589,617
1982-83	6,444	19,293	200,859	103,012	197,733	527,341
1983-84	7,899	22,833	222,790	130,727	226,849	611,098
1984—						
January	373	1,297	18,483	12,071	11,085	43,309
February	674	2,185	17,920	11,115	20,273	52,167
March	755	2,260	18,216	6,764	21,751	49,746
April	666	1,825	18,081	10,650	19,844	51,066
May	775	2,340	20,175	13,917	19,172	56,379
June	607	1,911	19,506	10,031	18,248	50,303
July	684	1,825	19,881	9,265	21,925	53,580
August	556	2,233	21,422	12,532	21,221	57,964
September	565	1,826	19,632	13,409	22,909	58,341
October	672	2,502	18,689	12,495	21,710	56,068
November	709	2,214	18,520	10,128	24,067	55,638
December	546	1,827	21,862	13,780	15,390	53,405
1985—						
January	233	1,375	19,513	12,323	12,615	46,059
February	551	2,125	18,316	12,900	19,340	53,232
March	610	1,907	19,132	12,443	21,507	55,599
1983-84 : July to Mar.	5,851	16,757	165,028	96,129	169,585	453,350
1984-85 : July to Mar.	5,126	17,834	176,967	109,275	180,684	489,886

(a) Rigid and flexible (includes lay flat tubing)—not profile. Includes film or sheet used in further production in the same establishment. (b) Area of completion of final coating by any method including laminating on continuous supporting materials. Includes production even if subsequently used in the same establishment for further processing. Excludes coating for adhesive purposes in the production of laminates. (c) Liquid resin or emulsion form are shown in terms of dry weight of resin content.

(d) Code nos. 403.22, 73.82, 90.92, 94.

PLASTICS AND SYNTHETIC RESINS(a)—continued
(tonnes)

Period	For protective coatings, paints, etc.							Total
	Acrylics (404.01)	Alkyds (404.02)	Phenolics (404.32)	Polyvinyl acetate (404.88)	Resin esters (404.48)	Ureas and melamines (404.74)	Other (404.40, 62.94)	
1981-82	12,469	24,323	1,264	8,841	1,255	1,337	7,638	57,127
1982-83	11,277	17,634	782	8,696	865	945	7,781	47,980
1983-84	13,076	19,748	804	9,750	1,022	1,180	6,834	52,414
1984—								
January	698	1,296	35	405	55	80	500	3,069
February	1,346	1,912	43	988	50	102	555	4,996
March	1,024	1,583	70	869	116	90	623	4,375
April	1,122	1,399	59	651	152	98	490	3,971
May	1,265	2,077	89	929	101	132	634	5,227
June	1,109	1,756	104	788	110	89	505	4,461
July	1,161	1,755	83	747	86	109	563	4,504
August	1,158	1,760	74	766	86	141	691	4,676
September	1,148	1,628	79	1,347	132	117	506	4,957
October	1,419	1,792	72	1,240	72	115	560	5,270
November	1,418	2,136	73	1,037	89	97	555	5,405
December	1,116	1,423	76	1,038	128	67	388	4,236
1985—								
January	837	1,237	21	644	(b)28	64	307	3,138
February	1,173	1,802	121	1,138	84	94	540	4,952
March	1,363	1,773	106	1,070	75	110	563	5,060
1983-84 : July to Mar.	9,580	14,516	552	7,382	659	861	5,205	38,755
1984-85 : July to Mar.	10,793	15,306	705	9,027	780	914	4,673	42,198

PLASTICS AND SYNTHETIC RESINS(a)—continued
(tonnes)

Period	For bonding and adhesives		
	Polyvinyl acetate (404.90)	Other (404.34, 76.96)	Total
1981-82	9,606	47,891	57,497
1982-83	8,116	42,784	50,900
1983-84	9,109	50,443	59,552
1984—			
January	370	2,378	2,748
February	883	4,421	5,304
March	894	5,546	6,440
April	366	4,123	4,683
May	919	4,942	5,861
June	1,072	5,056	6,128
July	1,127	3,976	5,103
August	1,147	4,703	5,850
September	918	5,384	6,302
October	829	4,705	5,534
November	928	4,927	5,855
December	799	2,886	3,685
1985—			
January	91	2,091	2,182
February	824	4,654	5,478
March	1,055	6,013	7,068
1983-84 : July to Mar.	6,558	36,322	42,880
1984-85 : July to Mar.	7,718	39,339	47,057

(a) Liquid resin or emulsion form are shown in terms of dry weight of resin content. (b) Revised significantly since last issue.

PAINTS AND OTHER SURFACE COATINGS(a)
(* 000 litres)

	Architectural and decorative							
	Solvent thinned				Water thinned			
	Finishing coats				Plastic latex			
	Primers and undercoats (410.01)	Pigmented		Clears (410.07)	Primers and undercoats (410.11)	Finishing coats		Other water based (410.17)
		Full gloss (410.03)	Other (410.05)			Flat (410.13)	Other (410.15)	
1981-82	9,519	14,662	5,771	3,632	3,177	26,833	17,719	3,218
1982-83	8,433	13,297	5,131	2,949	3,086	24,713	17,464	4,225
1983-84	8,270	13,691	5,304	3,057	3,590	26,785	19,712	3,823
1984—								
January	533	944	363	182	267	1,916	1,402	305
February	786	1,215	555	269	327	2,481	1,813	351
March	701	1,184	419	257	295	2,334	1,796	300
April	515	951	348	248	236	1,781	1,485	252
May	640	1,343	525	206	329	2,437	1,953	351
June	508	1,012	391	234	350	2,122	1,543	276
July	498	1,033	414	406	350	1,973	1,494	531
August	538	1,013	380	488	313	2,628	1,473	341
September	578	1,006	426	319	363	2,440	1,699	254
October	719	1,208	611	336	485	2,989	1,884	421
November	598	1,434	560	524	421	3,386	2,092	405
December	644	1,260	415	244	356	2,478	1,578	269
1985—								
January	641	1,273	475	252	300	2,621	1,522	243
February	802	1,323	458	347	379	2,879	1,847	272
March	661	1,219	452	335	405	2,408	1,761	202
1983-84 : July to Mar.	6,606	10,384	4,040	2,369	2,716	20,445	14,731	2,945
1984-85 : July to Mar.	5,679	10,769	4,190	3,250	3,372	23,803	15,350	2,937

PAINTS AND OTHER SURFACE COATINGS(a)—continued
(* 000 litres)

	Automotive				Other industrial			
	Finishing coats				Finishing coats			
	Primers and undercoats (410.31)	Nitro-cellulose lacquers		Primers and undercoats (410.41)	Nitro-cellulose lacquers		Other	
		(410.33)	Other (410.37)		Clears (410.43)	Colours (410.45)	Clears (410.47)	Colours (410.49)
1981-82	5,041	355	10,177	7,235	3,941	1,448	7,140	19,098
1982-83	4,291	273	8,181	5,923	3,318	1,136	6,124	15,099
1983-84	4,374	341	8,779	6,205	3,471	1,133	6,155	18,008
1984—								
January	234	13.8	469	265	127	49	312	731
February	392	30.6	889	629	278	91	571	1,592
March	424	34.9	893	595	351	116	497	1,540
April	303	30.0	757	488	258	80	451	1,424
May	562	46.6	757	613	304	82	606	1,804
June	305	28.8	674	525	294	87	523	1,488
July	478	26.8	715	547	300	90	607	1,570
August	430	37.1	705	650	321	106	727	1,808
September	430	24.3	685	528	249	108	535	1,604
October	494	30.6	1,026	597	337	130	559	1,882
November	390	37.5	838	673	372	142	728	1,703
December	315	29.6	696	568	263	88	504	1,412
1985—								
January	210	16.7	433	319	128	59	436	982
February	373	29.9	788	546	279	93	653	1,560
March	371	48.0	656	555	308	113	553	1,504
1983-84 : July to Mar.	3,204	236	6,591	4,578	2,614	884	4,574	13,292
1984-85 : July to Mar.	3,491	281	6,539	4,983	2,557	928	5,302	14,025

(a) Includes enamels, clears, lacquers and varnishes.

PAINTS AND OTHER SURFACE COATINGS(a)—continued
(' 000 litres)

Period	Wood stains (oil, spirit, etc.) packed for sale or transfer out(b) (410.57)	Marine coatings(c) (410.59)	Heavy duty coatings (410.55)	Thinners	
				For nitro- cellulose coatings (410.85)	For all other coatings (410.87)
1981-82	4,461	2,214	7,312	9,517	14,087
1982-83	4,038	1,611	8,997	8,340	12,876
1983-84	4,083	1,372	6,487	8,301	13,112
1984—					
January	236	87	365	406	781
February	405	133	586	743	1,266
March	323	134	564	872	1,253
April	298	83	496	665	945
May	318	150	623	728	1,304
June	233	89	462	663	1,023
July	303	101	550	611	1,222
August	357	101	575	757	1,338
September	327	122	510	549	1,322
October	339	151	619	719	1,519
November	344	106	606	712	1,410
December	349	182	569	540	997
1985—					
January	382	92	522	348	1,063
February	406	122	659	652	1,377
March	417	121	588	683	1,420
1983-84 : July to Mar.	3,234	1,051	4,907	6,244	9,840
1984-85 : July to Mar.	3,225	1,098	5,199	5,570	11,668

PAINTS AND OTHER SURFACE COATINGS(a) : STATES—MARCH 1985
(' 000 litres)

Code No.	Item	N.S.W.	Vic.	Other States	Australia
	Architectural and decorative paints—				
	Solvent thinned—				
410.01	Primers and undercoats	313	133	215	661
	Finishing coats, pigmented—				
410.03	Full gloss	628	327	264	1,219
410.05	Other than full gloss	171	197	84	452
410.07	Finishing coats, clears	246	52	37	335
	Water thinned—				
	Plastic latex—				
410.11	Primers and undercoats	203	92	109	405
	Finishing coats—				
410.13	Flat	1,060	689	660	2,408
410.15	Other than flat (satin, semi-gloss, gloss)	662	483	616	1,761
410.17	Other water based	70	69	64	202
	Industrial paints—				
	Automotive—				
410.31	Primers and undercoats	52	285	35	371
	Finishing coats—				
410.33	Nitro-cellulose lacquers	27	n.p.	n.p.	48
410.37	Other	131	357	168	656
	Other industrial—				
410.41	Primers and undercoats	160	235	160	555
	Finishing coats—				
	Nitro-cellulose lacquers—				
410.43	Clears	104	118	87	308
410.45	Colours	58	33	22	113
	Other—				
410.47	Clears	302	n.p.	n.p.	553
410.49	Colours	614	619	271	1,504
410.55	Heavy duty coatings	197	138	253	588
410.57	Wood stains (oil, spirit, etc.) packed for sale or transfer out(b)	228	164	25	417
410.59	Marine coatings(c)	52	16	53	121
	Thinners—				
410.85	For nitro-cellulose coatings	281	226	177	683
410.87	For all other coatings	624	389	408	1,420

(a) Includes enamels, clears, lacquers and varnishes. (b) Includes part-pigmented, Madison and Creosote types for all uses including industrial. (c) Excludes super structure paints which are included with architectural and decorative paints.

PULP AND PAPER BOARDS
(tonnes)

ADHESIVE TAPES(c)
(* 000 square metres)

Period	Wood pulp(a)			Paper boards, all types(b) (352.01)	Pressure sensitive (non-reinforced)(d)	
	Chemical (341.32.36)	Mechanical (341.39)	Other (341.45)		Plastic (769.54)	Other(e) (769.51,52,53.59)
1981-82	180,844	218,577	273,812	461,297	11,093	8,748
1982-83	171,468	227,557	244,439	434,788	13,002	7,312
1983-84	185,395	228,955	244,418	439,768	13,172	6,862
1984—						
January	17,130	17,912	17,803	25,244	675	218
February	15,161	19,355	17,339	37,399	1,204	677
March	18,031	20,820	22,059	36,467	1,452	765
April	17,818	20,455	21,492	37,425	932	600
May	18,678	19,789	18,952	35,841	1,523	675
June	19,550	18,044	22,815	41,161	1,621	564
July	n.p.	17,789	20,365	36,806	1,529	646
August	n.p.	17,542	21,012	47,323	864	561
September	n.p.	15,999	16,712	37,491	1,402	565
October	n.p.	17,046	21,570	41,992	1,986	824
November	n.p.	17,282	22,099	55,433	1,649	751
December	n.p.	15,738	20,053	29,231	1,397	574
1985—						
January	n.p.	14,413	21,505	32,522	221	170
February	n.p.	17,399	22,109	29,634	1,108	381
March	n.p.	17,277	18,548	39,185	1,319	540
1983-84 : July to Mar.	129,349	170,667	181,159	325,341	9,095	5,024
1984-85 : July to Mar.	n.p.	150,485	183,973	349,617	11,475	5,011

PAPER
(tonnes)

Period	Newsprint (351.11)	Printing (351.18)	Writing and duplicating(f) (351.25.29)	Wrapping (incl. Kraft) (351.61)	Tissue and sanitary (351.51)	Other (incl. blotting) (351.65)	Total
1981-82	307,183	91,912	101,471	369,316	107,396	26,733	1,004,011
1982-83	375,727	94,422	84,326	298,620	112,811	29,282	995,188
1983-84	378,091	131,086	90,928	333,355	125,156	22,092	1,080,708
1984—							
January	32,653	8,935	10,849	24,788	12,380	1,556	91,161
February	31,502	11,562	7,180	33,962	10,691	1,849	96,746
March	33,208	11,076	7,770	27,936	9,693	1,257	90,940
April	31,588	10,712	6,484	29,169	11,321	2,363	91,637
May	33,811	9,544	6,058	23,085	9,712	928	89,175
June	30,127	15,860	9,195	33,661	10,030	2,879	95,715
July	30,660	11,167	7,468	25,088	11,380	1,756	87,519
August	28,904	11,143	7,312	30,104	9,249	2,602	89,314
September	30,444	14,076	5,224	30,880	8,529	2,781	92,934
October	29,844	12,536	7,024	24,424	11,349	1,276	86,453
November	29,819	13,383	5,450	42,860	9,687	2,634	103,833
December	30,697	10,435	6,681	19,732	8,654	2,217	78,416
1985—							
January	33,646	10,407	9,560	28,658	9,889	3,723	95,883
February	31,081	11,107	6,913	26,836	7,935	1,567	85,439
March	35,159	10,578	6,849	25,809	9,854	1,619	89,868
1983-84 : July to Mar.	282,565	94,970	69,191	247,440	94,093	15,922	804,181
1984-85 : July to Mar.	280,254	104,832	63,481	254,391	86,526	20,175	809,659

(a) Quantities shown represent tonnes air-dried. (b) Paper exceeding 205 grammes per square metre is classified as paper board. (c) Excludes friction and surgical tapes. (d) Original production only. Excludes tape converted from rolls purchased or transferred in. (e) Includes cloth. (f) Includes cartridge.

DETERGENTS (tonnes)										SOAP (tonnes)	
Synthetic											
Non-abrasive											
Period	Abrasives cleansers and scourers	For personal toilet use		For other purposes			Other than synthetic		For personal toilet use		
		Small packs(a) (806.20,22)	Shampoo (806.06)	Liquid paste and cream (806.04)	Liquid, paste and cream		Powder and granule (806.14,32)	Alkaline (806.40)	Emulsion cleansers (806.44)	Solid (805.01)	Shampoo (805.08)
					Small packs(a) (806.16)	Large packs(b) (806.34)					
1981-82	7,982	11,403	(c)1,606	72,619	34,481	83,175	24,182	5,910	(d)31,699	1,595	
1982-83	8,189	14,742	2,258	77,305	34,950	82,849	28,028	6,104	29,163	1,167	
1983-84	7,758	13,941	2,186	63,066	36,137	94,728	32,561	6,544	29,963	n.p.	
1984—											
January	349	874	123	2,921	2,114	4,922	2,270	447	1,739	n.p.	
February	738	1,088	198	5,329	3,015	9,921	2,828	581	2,601	n.p.	
March	761	1,351	200	6,742	3,034	8,087	3,223	583	3,230	n.p.	
April	554	1,077	171	5,446	2,516	8,023	2,667	564	2,086	n.p.	
May	985	1,449	257	6,166	2,849	7,099	3,039	542	2,543	n.p.	
June	740	1,306	178	4,905	3,464	8,456	2,500	569	2,127	n.p.	
July	827	1,288	214	5,792	3,208	8,907	2,731	496	2,774	n.p.	
August	455	1,089	196	4,094	3,024	5,187	2,441	563	2,176	n.p.	
September	896	1,070	153	5,040	3,576	6,929	2,328	555	2,274	n.p.	
October	603	1,338	195	6,080	3,273	8,502	2,833	461	2,051	n.p.	
November	1,056	1,124	231	5,769	3,121	9,413	2,837	607	2,210	n.p.	
December	525	940	179	6,105	3,306	8,066	2,481	424	2,201	n.p.	
1985—											
January	384	1,022	202	2,830	2,411	3,526	2,390	518	694	n.p.	
February	766	1,227	206	6,189	3,416	8,428	3,051	574	2,595	n.p.	
March	961	1,277	200	6,429	3,464	8,562	2,940	885	2,668	n.p.	
1983-84 : July to Mar.	5,479	10,109	1,580	46,549	27,308	71,150	24,355	4,869	23,207	n.p.	
1984-85 : July to Mar.	6,473	10,375	1,776	48,328	28,799	67,520	24,032	5,083	19,643	n.p.	

CHEMICALS AND ACIDS

Acids (in terms of 100% acid)						
Period	Hydrochloric (401.29)	Nitric (401.37)	Sulphuric		Ammonium sulphate (405.36)	Super- phosphate(f) (415.07; 405.25)
			Original	Seas. adj.(e) (401.57)		
—tonnes—		—'000 tonnes—		tonnes	'000 tonnes	
1981-82	54,617	179,858	2,027	..	206,539	3,568
1982-83	60,186	189,371	1,782	..	199,786	2,986
1983-84	56,975	189,167	1,726	..	216,674	2,663
1984—						
January	4,591	13,326	182	160	17,168	277
February	4,856	14,773	150	150	21,483	289
March	5,073	23,253	175	151	13,867	305
April	4,632	19,666	172	153	22,096	253
May	4,962	15,011	155	155	19,105	299
June	4,996	14,111	106	109	13,799	171
July	5,250	19,944	128	155	27,097	175
August	5,484	18,661	135	159	16,727	122
September	4,822	15,612	98	111	18,600	90
October	5,625	15,445	121	141	16,708	205
November	4,880	6,122	163	158	24,884	250
December	3,475	15,386	168	155	26,412	244
1985—						
January	5,074	21,818	171	153	23,315	216
February	5,314	18,423	156	157	20,270	228
March	5,140	18,701	166	144	20,036	266
1983-84 : July to Mar.	42,385	140,379	1,278	..	161,674	1,940
1984-85 : July to Mar.	45,064	150,112	1,306	..	194,049	1,795

(a) Containing 3 kg or less. Excludes dairy cleansers regardless of pack size. (b) Containing over 3 kg. Includes dairy cleansers regardless of pack size. (c) Prior to July 1982 includes solid and powder forms for personal use. (d) Prior to July 1982 includes soap for personal use in powder form. (e) See paragraph 6, Explanatory Notes. (f) Includes double and triple superphosphates and ammonium phosphate expressed in terms of single phosphate i.e. 22% P₂O₅ equivalent.