

PRODUCTION SUMMARY NO. 3 : PLASTICS AND SYNTHETIC RESINS (a) AND PLASTICISERS  
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As from February 1976 production statistics are no longer being collected from single establishment manufacturing enterprises employing less than four persons or from 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. An indication of the approximate magnitude of the break in comparability may be obtained by comparing annual 1974-75 data which are shown in this publication on both the old and the new basis. Monthly data from July 1975 to January 1976 have also been adjusted on the new basis.

Plastics and synthetic rubbers  
For moulding, extrusion, laminating, calendering, etc.

*For protective coatings, paints etc.*

(a) Liquid resins or emulsion forms are shown in terms of dry weight of resin content. (b) Includes acrylics, cellulose, polystyrene, vinyls. (c) Liquid numbers 403, 02, 18, 20, 73, 90, 92, 96. (d) Includes polyesters. (e) Not available for publication. (f) Excludes the production of certain small producers. See explanatory notes above. (g) Data for July 1975 and subsequent months exclude the production of certain small producers. See explanatory notes above.

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## Plastics and synthetic resins—continued

|                        | For bonding and adhesives |                                  |                                    |                   |        | For other purposes (a) |                 |       | Total for all purposes |
|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------|------------------------|-----------------|-------|------------------------|
|                        | Phenolics<br>(404.34)     | Polyvinyl<br>acetate<br>(404.90) | Ureas and<br>melamines<br>(404.76) | Other<br>(404.96) | Total  | Vinyls<br>(404.84)     | Other(b)<br>(c) | Total |                        |
| 1972-73                | 4,121                     | 3,715                            | 24,492                             | 2,058             | 34,387 | 2,233                  | 348             | 7,581 | 339,964                |
| 1973-74                | 5,146                     | 4,059                            | 25,605                             | 2,470             | 37,280 | 2,641                  | 5,395           | 8,038 | 403,030                |
| 1974-75                | 4,110                     | 3,231                            | 22,471                             | 2,466             | 32,278 | 2,060                  | 5,460           | 7,520 | 365,741                |
| 1974-75 (e)            | 4,110                     | 3,231                            | 22,471                             | 2,466             | 32,278 | 2,060                  | 5,460           | 7,520 | 365,741                |
| 1975 -                 |                           |                                  |                                    |                   |        |                        |                 |       |                        |
| January                | 135                       | 102                              | 723                                | 63                | 1,023  | (d)                    | (d)             | 320   | 18,406                 |
| February               | 294                       | 283                              | 1,741                              | 150               | 2,468  | (d)                    | (d)             | 500   | 26,926                 |
| March                  | 317                       | 299                              | 2,100                              | 196               | 2,912  | 176                    | 408             | 584   | 21,300                 |
| April                  | 335                       | 257                              | 1,927                              | 163               | 2,682  | 273                    | 409             | 682   | 29,246                 |
| May                    | 358                       | 196                              | 2,122                              | 191               | 2,867  | (d)                    | (d)             | 351   | 27,762                 |
| June                   | 315                       | 335                              | 2,308                              | 247               | 3,205  | (d)                    | (d)             | 654   | 30,266                 |
| July (f)               | 292                       | 185                              | 2,118                              | 243               | 2,838  | 223                    | 449             | 672   | 27,177                 |
| August                 | 248                       | 323                              | 2,090                              | 244               | 2,905  | 252                    | 652             | 904   | 30,674                 |
| September              | 347                       | 278                              | 2,669                              | 151               | 3,485  | 240                    | 321             | 561   | 31,492                 |
| October                | 436                       | 320                              | 2,375                              | 173               | 3,327  | 223                    | 649             | 872   | 32,898                 |
| November               | 364                       | 353                              | 2,375                              | 240               | 3,332  | 205                    | 598             | 803   | 33,289                 |
| December               | 269                       | 311                              | 2,312                              | 231               | 3,123  | 304                    | 576             | 880   | 33,814                 |
| 1976 -                 |                           |                                  |                                    |                   |        |                        |                 |       |                        |
| January                | 161                       | 101                              | 1,443                              | 175               | 1,880  | 103                    | 369             | 472   | 28,796                 |
| February               | 332                       | 303                              | 2,465                              | 255               | 3,353  | 112                    | 696             | 808   | 34,416                 |
| 1974-75 : July to Feb. | 2,785                     | 2,144                            | 14,014                             | 1,669             | 20,612 | 1,320                  | 3,929           | 5,249 | 250,178                |
| 1975-76 : July to Feb. | 2,449                     | 2,174                            | 17,868                             | 1,752             | 24,243 | 1,662                  | 4,310           | 5,972 | 252,851                |

(a) e.g. textile impregnation, paper treatment etc. (b) includes phenolics and styrenes (c) Code numbers 404.36-64.78.98. (d) Not available for publication. (e) Excludes the production of certain small producers. See explanatory notes above. (f) Data for July 1975 and subsequent months exclude the production of certain small producers. See explanatory notes above.

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