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PRODUCTION SUMMARY NO. 53 : PLASTICS FILM, SHEETING AND COATED MATERIALS
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The figures for 1968-69 are those recorded in the Annual Factory Census. All subsequent figures are derived from the recorded monthly production and are subject to revision.

Decorative laminated boards and sheets, plastic profile sheet, floor coverings and material prepared for cutting into floor tiles are not included in this summary. For details of these see monthly Production Summaries Nos 49 and 22.

TABLE 1. - UNSUPPORTED PLASTICS FILM, FOIL AND SHEETING (a) - BY POLYMER TYPE

('000 lb)

Period	Code No.	Vinyl chloride including co-polymers	Poly- ethylene	Poly- styrene	Other (b)	Total
		423.02,03,06,07	423.11,15,21,25	423.31,35	423.41,45,61,65	
1968-69		24,384	48,103	5,270	5,460	83,216
1969-70		30,763	59,791	6,762	6,688	104,003
1970-71		33,250	68,762	8,073	9,035	119,119
Months : 1970 August		2,342	5,641	570	682	9,235
September		2,967	5,703	897	836	10,403
October		2,481	5,676	644	846	9,647
November		2,781	6,365	691	724	10,561
December		2,393	5,013	605	523	8,534
1971 January		1,308	4,787	508	465	7,069
February		2,707	5,385	638	594	9,325
March		3,023	6,166	718	825	10,733
April		3,725	5,894	569	886	11,075
May		3,359	6,280	678	892	11,209
June		3,539	6,783	770	882	11,973
July		3,096	6,039	599	837	10,571
August		2,823	6,006	874	823	10,526
September		2,849	7,053	997	870	11,769
3 months ended September 1971		8,768	19,098	2,470	2,530	32,866
3 months ended September 1970		7,935	16,412	2,253	2,395	28,994

(a) Rigid and flexible (includes lay flat tubing) - not profile. Includes film or sheet used in further production in the same establishment. (b) Includes cellulose acetate.

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TABLE 2. - UNSUPPORTED PLASTICS FILM, FOIL AND SHEETING (a) - BY THICKNESS
(000 lb)

Period	Code No.	Film (thickness less than 0.010") (b)			Sheeting and sheets (thickness 0.010" and over) (c)			Total film and sheeting and sheets
		Vinyl chloride including co-polymers	Other	Total film	Vinyl chloride including co-polymers	Other	Total sheeting and sheets	
		423.02,03	423.11,21, 31.41.61		423.06,07	423.15,25, 35.45.65		
1968-69		14,069	50,109	64,178	10,315	8,724	19,038	83,217
1969-70		17,815	62,216	80,031	12,948	11,024	23,972	104,003
1970-71		19,410	71,760	91,170	13,840	14,109	27,949	119,119
Months : 1970 August		1,236	5,847	7,083	1,106	1,047	2,152	9,235
September		1,783	5,992	7,775	1,184	1,444	2,629	10,403
October		1,446	5,955	7,401	1,034	1,211	2,246	9,647
November		1,594	6,645	8,239	1,187	1,135	2,322	10,561
December		1,330	5,283	6,613	1,063	858	1,921	8,521
1971 January		706	4,980	5,686	602	781	1,383	7,069
February		1,783	5,534	7,317	924	1,084	2,008	9,325
March		1,921	6,439	8,361	1,102	1,270	2,372	10,733
April		2,282	6,153	8,435	1,443	1,198	2,640	11,075
May		2,088	6,528	8,616	1,271	1,323	2,593	11,209
June		1,947	7,080	9,027	1,591	1,354	2,946	11,973
July		1,708	6,305	8,012	1,388	1,171	2,559	10,571
August		1,590	6,304	7,894	1,233	1,399	2,632	10,526
September		1,618	7,296	8,914	1,231	1,624	2,855	11,769
3 months ended September 1971		4,916	19,905	24,821	3,852	4,194	8,045	32,866
3 months ended September 1970		4,311	17,163	21,474	3,624	3,896	7,520	28,994

(a) See footnote (a) page 1. (b) Prior to July 1970 includes film of thickness 0.010". (c) Prior to July 1970, excludes sheeting of thickness 0.010".

TABLE 3. - PLASTICS COATED MATERIALS (a)

('000 sq yd)

Period	Code No.	Vinyl chloride (incl. co- polymers) on knitted or woven textile material		Vinyl chloride (incl. copolymers) and polyvinylidene chloride on paper or paperboard (excl. bitumen treated)	Polyethylene			Other polymers
		Expanded	Other		On regenerated cellulose film (b)	On aluminium foil	On paper or paperboard (excl. bitumen) treated	
		424.30.32		424.33.51	424.42	424.43	424.45	424.61
1968-69		20,216		9,807	9,955	2,022	29,040	(c)
1969-70		23,485		12,034	13,056	2,488	30,057	(c)
1970-71		7,226	12,793	13,086	16,389	1,885	23,416	6,352
Months : 1970 August		527	1,069	889	1,160	125	1,719	487
September		804	1,293	1,006	1,359	123	2,153	581
October		800	1,130	1,295	1,682	311	2,026	656
November		627	971	1,358	1,706	69	2,559	488
December		510	810	1,264	1,307	141	1,781	442
1970 January		208	484	819	1,061	111	1,669	203
February		484	973	1,333	1,166	142	1,000	506
March		564	1,256	1,310	1,156	287	3,627	527
April		753	1,148	1,116	1,758	108	1,595	454
May		617	1,183	898	1,203	192	1,768	600
June		721	1,229	995	1,328	161	1,654	673
July		561	1,101	1,113	1,651	219	1,254	419
August		605	1,162	1,352	1,465	152	2,105	584
September		587	1,145	1,225	1,430	174	1,570	791
3 months ended September 1971		1,753	3,408	3,690	4,547	544	4,929	1,794
3 months ended September 1970		1,942	3,610	2,697	4,023	363	5,737	1,803

(a) Area of completion of final coating by any method including laminating on continuous supporting materials. Includes production of the specified combinations even if subsequently used in the same establishment for further processing. Excludes coating intended for adhesive purposes in the production of laminates. (b) Figures prior to July 1970 relate to polyethylene on cellulose film. (c) Not collected prior to July 1970.

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