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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 this publication 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 the commodity codes used in Australian manufacturing statistics. However, in cases where data are derived from sources other than ABS collections no commodity code is shown. In general, where items are combined they have been 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. Manufacturing commodity statistics collected by the ABS exclude details relating to single establishment manufacturing enterprises with fewer than four persons employed 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 in this publication 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 several items. 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. However, care should be exercised in interpreting the figures for those months in which Christmas/New Year and Easter holidays fall as some manufacturers vary holiday shutdowns in the light of prevailing demand for their products. The seasonally adjusted figures have been revised following annual re-analysis. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series are available on request.

Related publications

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

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

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

Production Bulletin No. 3: Food, Drink and Tobacco, Australia (8359.0)—issued monthly

Production Bulletin No. 4: Textiles, Bedding and Floor Coverings, Australia (8360.0)—issued monthly

Production Bulletin No. 5: Building Materials and Fittings, Australia (8361.0)—issued monthly

Production Bulletin No. 6: Chemicals and By-products, Australia (8362.0)—issued monthly

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

Manufacturing Commodities: Selected Principal Articles Produced, Australia, 1983-84 (8365.0) (Preliminary)

Manufacturing Commodities : Principal Articles Produced, Australia, 1982-83 and 1983-84 (8303.0) (\$1.90, \$2.80 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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ASSEMBLED, COMPLETE MOTOR VEHICLES(a)
(number)

Period	Cars and station wagons				Vehicles for transportation of goods and materials(b)(c)	
	Cars (551.03)	Station wagons (551.06)	Total		Original (551.21.29)	Seas. adj.(d)
			Original	Seas. adj.(d)		
1982-83	274,258	60,427	334,685	..	21,921	..
1983-84	274,045	68,271	342,316	..	25,301	..
1984-85	309,548	66,264	375,812	..	28,947	..
1985—						
January	8,696	1,923	10,619	31,090	1,204	2,870
February	22,930	6,105	29,035	30,745	2,503	2,495
March	27,331	5,630	32,961	30,649	2,664	2,431
April	23,177	3,868	27,045	31,166	1,828	2,149
May	30,614	5,696	36,310	31,000	2,618	2,190
June	29,680	5,332	35,012	34,838	2,408	2,190
July	35,475	6,303	41,778	35,512	2,623	2,093
August	33,705	5,937	39,642	33,867	2,809	2,676
September	29,617	5,912	35,529	32,982	2,591	2,485
October	32,899	6,433	39,332	33,872	2,745	2,526
November	27,383	5,284	32,667	30,278	1,842	1,846
December	20,138	3,695	23,833	26,841	1,734	2,025
1986—						
January	10,251	1,610	11,861	34,927	1,032	2,452
February	22,830	4,715	27,545	29,295	2,407	2,399
March	24,066	5,447	29,513	29,492	1,999	1,990
1984-85: July to Mar.	226,077	51,368	277,445	..	22,093	..
1985-86: July to Mar.	236,364	45,336	281,700	..	19,782	..

(a) Excludes conversions of existing vehicles. (b) Includes utilities, panel vans, prime movers for semi-trailers and units consisting of chassis, engine and cabs produced for sale and transfer out as such. (c) Excludes off-highway trucks (e.g. dump wagons), materials handling trucks (e.g. forklift trucks) and semi-trailers. (d) See paragraph 6. Explanatory Notes.

MOTOR BODIES(a)
(number)

Period	For vans			For trucks		For passenger vehicles, for 10 persons or more	
	Refrigerated (551.32)	Insulated (chiller) (551.33)	Other(b) (551.35)	Trays (551.37)	Tippers (551.38)	Concrete mixers (551.51)	(551.41)
1982-83	712		1,651	9,993	2,007	177	640
1983-84	462		1,669	14,297	1,807	130	672
1984-85	745		1,946	13,420	2,218	337	903
1983—							
March qtr	161		533	2,083	409	24	140
June qtr	159		382	2,397	404	38	176
September qtr	133		413	3,827	459	37	161
December qtr	135		361	3,389	473	39	170
1984—							
March qtr	96		378	3,646	417	19	146
June qtr	98		517	3,435	458	35	195
September qtr	158		501	3,341	505	59	223
December qtr	198		503	2,914	671	52	235
1985—							
March qtr	184		393	3,330	455	96	184
June qtr	205		549	3,835	587	130	261
September qtr	46	89	717	4,309	542	133	218
December qtr	61	70	1,566	3,540	620	98	221
1986—							
March qtr	34	44	433	3,087	461	97	190
1984-85: July to Mar.	540		1,397	9,585	1,631	207	642
1985-86: July to Mar.	141	203	1,716	10,936	1,623	328	629

(a) Built up for sale or transfer out as such. Excludes bodies produced by motor vehicle manufacturers for use in their own plant, body panels, cabs, conversions or any work done on old vehicles. (b) Including dry freight.

SEMI-TRAILERS, TWO WHEEL TRAILERS AND CAMPER TRAILERS
(number)

Period	Semi-trailers					Trailers—two wheel(a)			Camper trailers of private or domestic type (551.78)	
	Flat top (551.61)	Tanker (551.62)	Tipper (551.63)	Low loader (551.64)	Refrigerated (551.66)	Van		Box type (under 1 tonne load capacity) (551.71)		Boat type (551.73)
						Insulated (chiller) (551.67)	Other(b) (551.68)			
1982-83	1,196	131	n.p.	91		148		12,964	6,233	2,828
1983-84	1,017	135	563	131		272		16,173	6,818	3,137
1984-85	1,381	173	925	172		305		16,533	6,782	3,158
1984—										
March qtr	199	24	n.p.	18		27		3,223	1,178	442
June qtr	254	36	n.p.	16		41		3,047	820	772
September qtr	256	42	108	37		75		3,834	1,427	874
December qtr	267	33	195	36		80		4,224	2,304	799
1984—										
March qtr	229	22	131	31		57		3,992	1,709	691
June qtr	265	38	129	27		60		4,123	1,378	773
September qtr	320	45	194	35		87		4,095	1,464	852
December qtr	313	52	245	40		95		4,743	2,118	910
1985—										
March qtr	281	46	237	38		55		3,939	1,748	691
June qtr	467	30	249	59		68		3,756	1,452	705
September qtr	442	61	270	54		52		3,886	r1,566	749
December qtr	422	83	223	52		r72		r2,950	r2,157	643
1986—										
March qtr	353	57	148	55		46		2,895	1,404	518
1984-85: July to Mar.	914	143	676	113		237		12,777	5,330	2,453
1985-86: July to Mar.	1,217	201	641	161		170		9,731	5,127	1,910

(a) Including complete trailer kits. (b) Including dry freight.

CARAVANS, PRIVATE OR DOMESTIC TYPE
(number)

Period	4.6 m and under (551.81)	Over 4.6 m up to and including 5.2 m (551.82)	Over 5.2 m up to and including 6.1 m (551.84)	Over 6.1 m up to and including 7.6 m (551.85)	Over 7.6 m up to and including 9.8 m (551.87)	Over 9.8 m (551.88)	Total
1982-83	2,759	1,299	1,649	1,082	885	244	7,918
1983-84	3,310	2,014	1,326	967	667	156	8,440
1984-85	2,932	2,300	1,619	1,260	713	253	9,077
1983—							
March qtr	531	229	296	198	94	31	1,379
June qtr	782	435	333	195	124	36	1,905
September qtr	1,028	555	288	257	195	45	2,368
December qtr	743	478	351	198	143	40	1,953
1984—							
March qtr	748	487	296	197	143	40	1,911
June qtr	791	494	391	315	186	31	2,208
September qtr	913	626	397	295	173	52	2,456
December qtr	728	505	428	298	147	54	2,160
1985—							
March qtr	577	455	349	254	128	76	1,839
June qtr	714	714	445	413	265	71	2,622
September qtr	657	535	523	406	230	98	2,449
December qtr	832	r563	408	r440	224	r78	r2,545
1986—							
March qtr	411	502	348	326	205	84	1,876
1984-85: July to Mar.	2,218	1,586	1,174	847	448	182	6,455
1985-86: July to Mar.	1,900	1,600	1,279	1,172	659	260	6,870