

COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS, CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA
PRODUCTION SUMMARY NO. 53 : PLASTICS FILM, SHEETING AND COATED MATERIALS
SEPTEMBER 1970

The figures for 1967-68 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	
1967-68		22,206	40,391	4,608	4,453	71,658
1968-69		24,212	47,854	5,270	5,376	82,711
1969-70		30,763	59,791	6,762	6,688	104,003
Months : 1969						
August		2,623	4,216	465	498	7,801
September		2,676	5,309	692	549	9,227
October		3,187	5,175	612	663	9,637
November		2,418	4,896	516	511	8,341
December		1,771	4,633	525	552	7,481
1970						
January		1,642	4,303	254	324	6,523
February		2,264	5,073	595	558	8,490
March		2,453	5,322	483	509	8,768
April		3,503	5,335	705	767	10,311
May		2,637	5,232	657	551	9,076
June		2,354	5,850	592	586	9,383
July		2,500	5,067	758	796	9,121
August		2,525	5,641	555	571	9,293
September		2,965	5,703	854	754	10,276
3 months ended September 1970		7,990	16,412	2,167	2,121	28,690
3 months ended September 1969		8,532	13,972	1,824	1,665	25,994

(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.



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		
1967-68		11,608	42,038	53,646	10,598	7,414	18,012	71,658
1968-69		14,006	49,839	63,845	10,206	8,661	18,867	82,711
1969-70		17,815	62,216	80,031	12,948	11,024	23,972	104,003
Months : 1969	August	1,361	4,382	5,742	1,262	797	2,059	7,801
	September	1,506	5,489	6,995	1,170	1,062	2,232	9,227
	October	1,885	5,416	7,301	1,302	1,034	2,336	9,637
	November	1,251	5,117	6,367	1,167	806	1,973	8,341
	December	1,132	4,868	6,000	639	842	1,481	7,481
1970	January	948	4,433	5,380	695	447	1,142	6,523
	February	1,274	5,255	6,529	990	971	1,961	8,490
	March	1,555	5,549	7,105	898	766	1,663	8,768
	April	1,967	5,601	7,569	1,536	1,206	2,742	10,311
	May	1,601	5,376	6,977	1,036	1,064	2,100	9,076
	June	1,424	6,075	7,499	931	954	1,885	9,383
	July	1,278	5,324	6,602	1,222	1,297	2,519	9,121
	August	1,360	5,847	7,207	1,165	921	2,086	9,293
	September	1,780	5,992	7,772	1,184	1,319	2,504	10,276
3 months ended September 1970		4,419	17,163	21,582	3,571	3,537	7,108	28,690
3 months ended September 1969		4,778	14,527	19,305	3,754	2,935	6,689	25,994

(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)

Period	Code No.	Vinyl chloride (incl. co- polymers) on knitted or woven textile material	Vinyl chloride (incl. co- polymers) and polyvinylidene chloride on paper or paperboard (excl. bitumen treated)	Polyethylene		
				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
1967-68		20,149	6,192	11,694	2,232	26,650
1968-69		20,060	9,807	9,955	2,022	29,040
1969-70		23,485	12,034	13,056	2,488	30,057
Months : 1969 August		1,898	766	884	448	1,751
September		2,080	1,057	963	279	3,762
October		2,588	1,196	1,125	150	2,583
November		1,850	1,283	1,100	78	3,950
December		1,721	963	1,314	163	2,298
1970 January		1,102	522	1,241	163	1,535
February		1,934	993	889	337	2,231
March		1,814	1,228	850	129	1,689
April		2,292	1,123	1,837	113	2,950
May		2,092	1,239	813	172	1,590
June		1,703	782	1,056	183	1,519
July		1,923	802	1,505	114	1,865
August		1,635	889	1,160	125	1,719
September		2,203	1,006	1,359	123	2,153
3 months ended September 1970		5,760	2,697	4,023	363	5,737
3 months ended September 1969		6,388	2,706	2,831	1,000	9,713

(a) Area at 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.

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