

PRODUCTION STATISTICS NO. 8A

STORAGE BATTERIES

DECEMBER, 1956

The information set out below has been compiled from returns of establishments engaged in the production of Storage Batteries and indicates current trends in the production of this item. The figures for 1957-58 and later periods are subject to revision.

AUSTRALIAN PRODUCTION STATISTICS

Period	Storage Batteries (incl. dry charged batteries (a)) made, built or assembled				
	Number of Batteries Produced		Number of 2 VOLT CELLS produced for:		
	Starting, Lighting, Ignition (incl. Motor Cycle)		Radio Homelighter, Fencer, Batteries	Traction Batteries	Plante (Power Plant Installations) and other types of Batteries
	6 Volt	12 Volt			
	- Number of Batteries -		- Number of 2 Volt Cells -		
Year . 1956-57	672,755	573,488	260,619	29,448	6,313
1957-58	639,799	626,159	247,714	28,735	16,619
Six months ended December, 1956	311,280	318,331	115,489	16,573	(b)
Six months ended December, 1957	322,092	295,852	138,761	14,757	(b)
Month, 1957 - December	41,669	37,033	13,315	2,374	(b)
1958 : January	40,403	41,806	13,205	1,739	(b)
February	55,364	54,699	12,503	1,803	(b)
March	55,137	54,171	17,884	2,349	(b)
April	52,896	55,631	17,146	2,481	(b)
May	63,223	69,064	26,703	3,287	(b)
June	50,684	54,936	21,512	2,319	(b)
July	*58,137	63,021	25,789	2,713	(b)
August	*49,552	55,228	23,946	2,798	(b)
September	*53,748	53,119	21,197	2,846	(b)
October	*53,674	54,087	17,433	2,834	(b)
November	*52,030	*49,302	*15,452	*3,026	(b)
December	44,139	43,574	11,672	2,356	(b)

(a) Excludes Dry-Cell Batteries such as Torch Batteries.

(b) Confidential - Not available for publication

* Revised.

NOTE: Monthly production of Batteries was collected for the first time in July, 1957. Data on a comparable basis was not collected for years up to 1955-56 and production as recorded in each of the three years ended June, 1954 to 1956 was as under viz.:-

Number of Wet Cell Batteries made, built or assembled

Year	Auto, Radio	For Power Plants and Other Purposes
1953-54	1,310,573	179,093
1954-55	1,313,281	188,507
1955-56	1,229,717	173,410

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