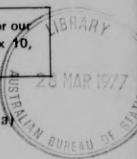


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PRODUCTION SUMMARY NO. 30 : STORAGE BATTERIES - WET CELL (a)
AUSTRALIA : JANUARY 1977

Annual figures shown in this publication are derived by aggregating monthly production and relate to production during the year ended 30 June. They may differ from annual manufacturing census figures relating to the census year which, in the case of businesses unable to report on a June year basis, include details in respect of substitute accounting periods.

As from July 1975 production statistics exclude production of single establishment manufacturing enterprises employing less than four persons 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. 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.

(Number)

2 volt cells for :

Period	Automotive starting, lighting and ignition				Radio, home lighter and fence batteries			Other batteries (b)
	6 volt		12 volt		New (685.33)	Rebuilt (685.35)	(c)	
	New (685.13)	Rebuilt (685.15)	New (685.17)	Rebuilt (685.19)				
1973-74	343,922	10,402	2,128,411	36,789	48,090	936	192,765	
1974-75	359,680	8,381	2,396,364	31,828	39,051	839	217,147	
1974-75 (d)	349,572	5,913	2,364,644	22,396	39,717	916	199,740	
1975-76	294,613	4,181	2,397,866	19,140	24,975	595	166,795	
1975 -								
December	17,641	291	162,560	1,239	2,802	56	15,179	
1976 -								
January	11,494	253	85,414	1,648	878		12,805	
February	19,109	352	210,995	1,495	2,119		14,057	
March	24,236	426	224,730	1,752	1,339		17,326	
April	31,043	315	223,778	1,421	1,188		11,781	
May	27,748	391	238,166	1,663	2,302		14,964	
June	37,143	402	255,967	1,759	3,284		19,062	
July	31,574	310	233,448	1,807	1,940	73	14,041	
August	29,022	266	220,573	1,502	1,330	20	14,113	
September	25,333	228	228,211	1,327		1,519	18,635	
October	24,301	227	183,615	1,024		1,343	9,340	
November	21,321	303	213,873	1,227		1,643	11,444	
December	24,494	211	187,686	1,113	1,403	22	10,818	
1977 -								
January	11,577	228	97,283	1,292		355	8,188	
1975-76 : July to Jan.	155,334	2,295	1,244,230	11,050		15,338	89,605	
1976-77 : July to Jan.	167,622	1,773	1,364,689	9,292		9,648	86,579	

(a) Includes dry charged batteries, but excludes dry-cell batteries. (b) Includes plants (power plant installations). (c) Code numbers 685.43,45,53,55,63,65. (d) Excludes the production of certain small producers. See explanatory note above.

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