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TABLE 1. 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)		
1985-86	307,790	56,974	364,764	..	25,912	..
1986-87	249,428	52,629	302,057	..	20,462	..
1987-88	253,768	61,107	314,875	..	22,107	..
1987—						
July	24,028	7,113	31,141	25,320	1,924	1,557
August	22,496	5,945	28,441	25,048	1,837	1,680
September	23,508	5,860	29,368	26,050	1,846	1,726
October	23,627	6,126	29,753	26,749	1,778	1,689
November	24,001	5,765	29,766	27,483	1,390	1,339
December	21,681	3,462	25,143	27,594	1,239	1,443
1988—						
January	5,792	1,132	6,924	22,500	282	718
February	20,787	4,421	25,208	27,100	1,926	1,744
March	25,214	6,096	31,310	27,392	2,562	2,101
April	16,998	4,006	21,004	25,187	1,735	2,090
May	22,774	5,734	28,508	25,129	2,883	2,687
June	22,862	5,447	28,309	25,904	2,705	2,403
July	21,404	4,578	25,982	22,869	2,836	2,601
August	26,191	5,177	31,368	26,430	2,985	2,574
September	25,694	5,082	30,776	27,223	2,944	2,700
1987-88 : July to Sept.	70,032	18,918	88,950	..	5,607	..
1988-89 : July to Sept.	73,289	14,837	88,126	..	8,765	..

(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.

TABLE 2. MOTOR BODIES(a)
(number)

Period	For vans			For trucks			For passenger vehicles, for 10 persons or more (551.41)
	Refrigerated (551.32)	Insulated (chiller) (551.33)	Other(b) (551.35)			Concrete mixers (551.51)	
				Trays (551.37)	Tippers (551.38)		
1985-86	169	245	2,285	14,193	2,154	430	912
1986-87	151	207	1,931	10,907	r1,792	476	r796
1987-88	118	220	1,788	r11,020	r1,571	466	r658
1985—							
September qtr	44	91	710	4,318	545	133	218
December qtr	64	66	576	3,535	609	80	221
1986—							
March qtr	37	47	459	3,089	464	97	190
June qtr	24	41	540	3,251	536	120	283
September qtr	42	43	658	3,377	r510	120	r203
December qtr	52	59	478	2,671	r515	96	r201
1987—							
March qtr	32	54	325	2,437	r	104	r
June qtr	25	51	470	2,422	429	156	209
September qtr	24	49	448	2,508	421	109	151
December qtr	51	52	471	2,548	439	80	161
1988—							
March qtr	15	65	312	2,756	300	136	145
June qtr	28	54	557	r3,208	411	141	201
September qtr	25	56	575	3,988	404	153	202

(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.

TABLE 3. SEMI-TRAILERS, TWO WHEEL TRAILERS AND CAMPER TRAILERS
(number)

Period	Semi-trailers						Trailers—two wheel(a)		
	Van						Box type (under 1 tonne load capacity) (551.71)	Boat type (551.73)	Camper trailers of private or domestic type (551.78)
	Flat top (551.61)	Tanker (551.62)	Tipper (551.63)	Low loader or insulated (551.64)	Refrigerated or insulated (551.66,67)	Other(b) (551.68)			
1985-86	1,597	262	804	214	270	200	r11,382	r6,142	r2,543
1986-87	1,498	183	505	156	305	265	r11,504	6,885	r1,903
1987-88 r	1,418	145	406	203	298	263	9,609	6,417	1,816
1985—									
September qtr	442	67	272	54	52	38	3,459	r1,560	749
December qtr	419	83	225	55	72	64	2,811	2,038	640
1986—									
March qtr	343	51	176	55	46	41	2,882	1,404	513
June qtr	393	61	131	50	100	57	2,230	1,140	641
September qtr	377	68	148	45	74	117	3,313	1,648	612
December qtr	341	56	183	46	73	58	3,280	2,241	505
1987—									
March qtr	342	24	149	30	65	37	2,287	1,594	392
June qtr	438	35	118	35	93	53	2,624	1,402	394
September qtr	358	38	109	49	81	42	2,397	1,622	584
December qtr	r348	42	101	r66	r76	55	2,398	2,072	418
1988—									
March qtr	r350	21	r77	r43	62	67	2,221	1,451	439
June qtr	362	44	119	45	79	r99	2,593	1,272	375
September qtr	360	31	125	44	74	83	2,697	1,913	n.p.

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

TABLE 4. CARAVANS, PRIVATE OR DOMESTIC TYPE
(number)

		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
Period	4.6 m and under (551.81)						
1985-86	2,443	2,178	1,665	1,528	782	194	8,790
1986-87	2,207	1,897	1,285	913	330	77	6,709
1987-88	2,322	1,738	833	774	147	69	5,883
1985—							
September qtr	57	535	512	400	216	62	2,382
December qtr	75	592	411	475	231	48	2,516
1986—							
March qtr	411	502	362	314	190	49	1,828
June qtr	616	549	380	339	145	35	2,064
September qtr	647	529	370	233	85	17	1,881
December qtr	498	370	377	301	102	19	1,667
1987—							
March qtr	500	332	248	228	66	15	1,389
June qtr	562	666	290	151	77	26	1,372
September qtr	643	491	206	223	53	38	1,654
December qtr	560	440	232	170	32	15	1,449
1988—							
March qtr	489	334	185	189	n.p.	n.p.	1,220
June qtr	630	473	210	192	n.p.	n.p.	1,560
September qtr	610	555	202	224	n.p.	n.p.	1,719

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

1. 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.

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