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PRODUCTION SUMMARY NO. 53 : PLASTICS FILM, SHEETING AND COATED MATERIALS

JANUARY 1969

The figures for 1965-66 and 1966-67 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, rigid building and roofing boards and sheets, 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 AND SHEETING (a) - BY POLYMER TYPE
(¹000 lb)

Period	Code No.	Vinyl chloride including co-polymers	Poly- ethylene	Poly- styrene	Other	Total
		423.01.05	423.11.15,21,25	423.31.35	423.41.45,61,65	
1965-66		15,056	24,422	3,684	4,825	47,987
1966-67		19,983	34,218	4,208	4,563	62,972
1967-68		21,969	39,890	4,586	4,453	70,897
1967 December		1,402	3,185	341	306	5,234
1968 January		990	2,904	180	191	4,266
February		1,876	3,166	433	332	5,807
March		2,159	3,522	306	398	6,386
April		1,633	3,750	336	392	6,111
May		2,194	3,614	533	476	6,816
June		1,554	3,303	437	333	5,628
July		2,419	3,255	603	377	6,653
August		2,178	3,258	493	490	6,420
September		2,232	4,042	504	511	7,289
October		2,639	3,638	393	477	7,146
November		2,479	3,908	414	526	7,327
December		1,587	3,312	312	353	5,564
1969 January		1,478	2,369	267	241	4,356
7 months ended January 1969		15,011	23,781	2,987	2,976	44,755
7 months ended January 1968		12,552	22,504	2,542	2,522	40,150

(a) Weight at completion of calendering, extrusion or casting of continuous or sheeted materials, flat or corrugated, not supported, including lay flat tubing, foil and sheets. For laminated materials weight of plies drawn from a stock is excluded.

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TABLE 2. - UNSUPPORTED PLASTICS FILM AND SHEETING (a) - BY THICKNESS
('000 lb)

Period	Code No.	Film (thickness up to and including 0.010")			Sheeting (thickness over 0.010")			Total
		Vinyl chloride including co-polymers	Other	Total film	Vinyl chloride including co-polymers	Other	Total sheeting	
		423.01	423.11,21 31,41,61		423.05	423.15,25 35,45,65		
1965-66		8,266	27,386	35,651	6,791	5,545	12,336	47,987
1966-67		10,692	38,446	49,137	9,291	6,509	15,800	62,972
1967-68		11,371	41,537	52,907	10,598	7,392	17,990	70,897
Months : 1967	December	702	3,297	3,999	700	535	1,235	5,234
1968	January	565	2,969	3,534	426	307	732	4,266
	February	1,057	3,340	4,397	819	591	1,410	5,807
	March	1,157	3,670	4,826	1,003	557	1,560	6,386
	April	742	3,880	4,622	891	598	1,489	6,111
	May	1,097	3,791	4,887	1,097	832	1,929	6,816
	June	767	3,426	4,193	788	647	1,435	5,628
	July	1,123	3,404	4,527	1,296	830	2,126	6,653
	August	1,076	3,456	4,532	1,102	786	1,888	6,420
	September	1,110	4,232	5,341	1,122	826	1,948	7,289
	October	1,391	3,807	5,197	1,248	701	1,949	7,146
	November	1,279	4,142	5,421	1,199	706	1,906	7,327
	December	803	3,465	4,267	784	512	1,296	5,564
1969	January	700	2,476	3,176	778	402	1,180	4,356
7 months ended	January 1969	7,481	24,981	32,462	7,530	4,763	12,293	44,755
7 months ended	January 1968	6,552	23,430	29,982	6,000	4,167	10,167	40,150

(a) Weight at completion of calendering, extrusion or casting of continuous or sheeted materials, flat or corrugated, not supported, including lay flat tubing, foil and sheets. For laminated materials weight of plies drawn from stock is excluded.

TABLE 3. - PLASTICS COATED MATERIALS (a)
('000 sq yd)

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)	Total	Polyethylene			Total
					On cellulose film	On aluminium foil	On paper or paperboard (excl. bitumen treated)	
		424.31	424.33,51		424.41	424.43	424.45	
1965-66		12,794	2,392(b)	15,186	11,522(b)	1,425(b)	23,696(b)	36,643
1966-67		15,745	5,730(b)	21,475	9,762(b)	1,606(b)	19,956(b)	31,324
1967-68		20,155	6,173	26,328	11,694	2,308	26,650	40,652
Months :								
1967	December	1,597	382	1,980	1,091	237	1,861	3,188
1968	January	930	371	1,301	737	140	1,639	2,516
	February	1,598	592	2,190	586	226	1,516	2,329
	March	1,718	400	2,118	(c)	(c)	1,805	3,147
	April	1,381	451	1,832	(c)	(c)	3,026	4,054
	May	2,156	706	2,863	(c)	(c)	3,626	4,761
	June	1,688	440	2,128	1,099	136	1,851	3,066
	July	1,756	954	2,710	534	197	2,945	3,676
	August	1,652	607	2,259	1,019	187	1,736	2,943
	September	1,648	571	2,219	804	233	2,760	3,796
	October	1,969	984	2,953	691	227	2,563	3,482
	November	1,665	777	2,442	1,047	153	3,114	4,313
	December	1,358	1,094	2,452	933	127	2,623	3,682
1969	January	939	685	1,623	889	100	1,097	2,086
7 months ended Jan. 1969		10,985	5,673	16,659	5,917	1,223	16,838	23,978
7 months ended Jan. 1968		11,613	3,583	15,197	7,121	1,330	14,846	23,295

(a) Area at completion of permanent coating by any method, including laminating on the continuous supporting materials specified. Includes production of the specified combinations (even if subsequently used in works for further processing). Excludes production of plastics coating on supporting materials that are laminates of different materials. (b) Derived from monthly returns; not available in Annual Factory Census. (c) Not available for publication.

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