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

NOVEMBER 1968

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
('000 lb)

Period		Vinyl chloride including co-polymers	Poly- ethylene	Poly- styrene	Other	Total
	Code No.	423.01,05	423.11,15,21,25	423.31,35	423.41,45,61,65	
1965-66		r15,056	24,422	3,684	4,825	47,987
1966-67		19,983	34,218	4,208	4,563	r62,972
1967-68		r21,969	r39,890	4,586	4,453	r70,897
Months : 1967	October	r2,107	r3,755	469	356	r6,686
	November	r2,032	r3,517	390	532	r6,471
	December	r1,402	r3,185	341	306	r5,234
1968	January	r 990	r2,904	180	191	r4,266
	February	r1,876	r3,166	433	332	r5,807
	March	r2,159	r3,522	306	398	r6,386
	April	r1,633	r3,750	336	392	r6,111
	May	r2,194	r3,614	533	476	r6,816
	June	r1,554	r3,303	437	333	r5,628
	July	r2,419	r3,255	603	377	r6,653
	August	r2,178	r3,258	493	490	r6,420
	September	r2,232	r4,042	504	511	r7,289
	October	r2,639	r3,638	393	477	7,146
	November	2,479	3,908	414	526	7,327
5 months ended November 1968		11,946	18,101	2,407	2,381	34,835
5 months ended November 1967		10,159	16,445	2,020	2,025	30,649

(a) Weight at completion of calendaring, 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.

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TABLE 2. - UNSUPPORTED PLASTICS FILM AND SHEETING (a) - BY THICKNESS
(1'000 lb)

Period		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		
Code No.		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	r62,972	
1967-68		r11,371	r41,537	r52,907	10,598	7,392	17,990	r70,897	
Months :	1967	October	r1,055	r3,865	r4,920	1,052	714	1,766	r6,686
		November	r1,100	r3,779	r4,878	932	660	1,592	r6,471
		December	r 702	r3,297	r3,999	700	535	1,235	r5,234
	1968	January	r 565	r2,969	r3,534	426	307	732	r4,266
		February	r1,057	r3,340	r4,397	819	591	1,410	r5,807
		March	r1,157	r3,670	r4,826	1,003	557	1,560	r6,386
		April	r 742	r3,880	r4,622	891	598	1,489	r6,111
		May	r1,097	r3,791	r4,887	1,097	832	1,929	r6,816
		June	r 768	r3,426	r4,193	788	647	1,435	r5,628
		July	r1,123	r3,404	r4,527	1,296	830	2,126	r6,653
		August	r1,076	r3,456	r4,532	1,102	786	1,888	r6,420
		September	r1,110	r4,232	r5,341	1,122	826	1,948	r7,289
		October	r1,391	r3,807	r5,197	1,248	701	1,949	r7,146
	November	1,279	4,142	5,421	1,199	706	1,906	7,327	
	5 months ended	November 1968	5,979	19,040	25,019	5,967	3,850	9,817	34,835
	5 months ended	November 1967	5,286	16,978	22,450	4,874	3,326	8,199	30,649

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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		19,909	6,173	26,082	11,694	2,308	26,650	40,652
Months : 1967	October	1,589	720	2,309	1,102	123	1,791	3,016
	November	1,976	545	2,521	1,399	318	2,143	3,859
	December	1,577	382	1,959	1,091	237	1,861	3,188
1968	January	909	371	1,281	737	140	1,639	2,516
	February	1,577	592	2,169	586	226	1,516	2,329
	March	1,698	400	2,098	(c)	(c)	1,805	3,147
	April	1,361	451	1,812	(c)	(c)	3,026	4,054
	May	2,136	706	2,842	(c)	(c)	3,626	4,761
	June	1,668	440	2,108	1,099	136	1,831	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
5 months ended Nov. 1968		8,689	3,894	12,583	4,095	997	13,119	18,210
5 months ended Nov. 1967		8,983	2,830	11,814	5,293	954	11,346	17,591

(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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