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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

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 these publications 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.

Classification

3. Most items are identified by Commodity Codes of the Commodity Classification used in Australian manufacturing statistics. However, in cases where data are derived from sources other than ABS collections no commodity code is shown. Further more, combinations of commodities are arranged so as to align production data with import and export commodity items in accordance with the Australian Standard Commodity Classification (ASCC). For further information regarding the ASCC, see the ABS publication *Australian Standard Commodity Classification, Part 1, Introduction Summary Classification and Commodity Keys* (1207.0).

Scope and coverage

4. Production statistics collected by the ABS exclude production by 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.

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

Seasonal adjustment

6. This publication contains seasonally adjusted statistics of sulphuric acid. In the seasonal adjustment, account has been taken not only of normal seasonal factors but also of 'trading-day' effects (arising from the

varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays etc. in the month) and the influence of Easter and Australia Day which may, in successive years, affect figures for different months. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting this and other series are given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0).

Related publications

7. Other ABS publications which may be of interest are:

Production Bulletin No. 1 : Electrical Appliances, Australia (8357.0)—issued monthly

Production Bulletin No. 2 : Clothing and Footwear, Australia (8358.0)—issued monthly

Production Bulletin No. 3 : Food, Drink and Tobacco, Australia (8359.0)—issued monthly

Production Bulletin No. 4 : Textiles, Bedding and Floor Coverings, Australia (8360.0)—issued monthly

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Production Bulletin No. 7 : Motor Vehicles, Motor Bodies and Trained Vehicles, Australia (8363.0)—issued quarterly

Production Bulletin No. 8 : Miscellaneous Products, Australia (8364.0)—issued monthly

Manufacturing Commodities, Selected Principal Articles Produced, Australia, 1982-83, Preliminary (8365.0)

Manufacturing Commodities, Principal Articles Produced, Australia, 1980-81 and 1981-82 (8303.0) (\$1.70, \$2.40 incl. postage)

8. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- n.p. not available for separate publication (but included in totals where applicable)
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PLASTICS FILM, SHEETING AND COATED MATERIALS

	Unsupported plastics film, foil and sheeting— by polymer type(a)			Plastic coated textile materials(b)
	Vinyl chloride incl. co-polymers (423.08)	Polyethylene (423.28)	Other (423.38)	Vinyl chloride (424.31)
	—tonnes—			'000 m ²
1981-82	18,332	81,723	18,817	8,225
1982-83	16,763	81,240	15,846	7,181
1983-84	13,908	90,338	17,609	7,990
<i>1984—</i>				
March	1,425	8,093	1,686	850
April	958	7,396	1,348	603
May	1,435	9,377	1,313	806
June	1,142	8,160	1,701	715
July	1,145	8,343	2,190	813
August	1,392	8,175	2,548	820
September	1,075	7,572	2,235	787
October	1,093	8,285	2,615	1,245
November	1,311	8,396	2,627	799
December	1,124	6,265	1,792	789
<i>1985—</i>				
January	713	5,816	882	443
February	1,262	7,793	2,186	638
March	1,322	8,369	2,156	837
April	1,259	8,348	1,882	760
May	1,361	8,321	2,186	756
1983-84 : July to May.	12,766	82,179	15,909	7,275
1984-85 : July to May.	13,057	85,683	23,300	8,687

PLASTICS AND SYNTHETIC RESINS(c)
(tonnes)

Period	For moulding, extrusion, laminating, calendaring, etc.					Total
	Phenolic (403.52)	Polyesters (403.62)	Poly- ethylene (403.65)	Poly- propylene (403.74)	Other(d)	
1981-82	9,362	23,328	182,344	103,590	270,993	589,617
1982-83	6,444	19,293	200,859	103,012	197,733	527,341
1983-84	7,899	22,833	222,790	130,727	226,849	611,098
<i>1984—</i>						
March	755	2,260	18,216	6,764	21,751	49,746
April	666	1,825	18,081	10,650	19,844	51,066
May	775	2,340	20,175	13,917	19,172	56,379
June	607	1,911	19,506	10,031	18,248	50,303
July	684	1,825	19,881	9,265	21,925	53,580
August	556	2,233	21,822	12,532	21,221	57,964
September	565	1,826	19,632	13,409	22,909	58,341
October	672	2,502	18,689	12,495	21,710	56,068
November	709	2,214	18,520	10,128	24,067	55,638
December	546	1,827	21,862	13,780	15,390	53,405
<i>1985—</i>						
January	233	1,375	19,513	12,323	12,615	46,059
February	551	2,125	18,316	12,900	19,340	53,232
March	610	1,907	19,132	12,443	21,507	55,599
April	604	1,906	18,758	12,290	23,602	57,160
May	703	2,057	22,369	18,844	26,069	70,042
1983-84 : July to May.	7,292	20,922	203,284	120,696	208,601	560,795
1984-85 : July to May.	6,433	21,797	218,094	140,409	230,355	617,088

(a) Rigid and flexible (includes lay flat tubing)—not profile. Includes film or sheet used in further production in the same establishment. (b) Area of completion of final coating by any method including laminating on continuous supporting materials. Includes production even if subsequently used in the same establishment for further processing. Excludes coating for adhesive purposes in the production of laminates. (c) Liquid resin or emulsion form are shown in terms of dry weight of resin content. (d) Code nos. 403.22, 73.82, 90, 92, 94.

PLASTICS AND SYNTHETIC RESINS(a)—continued
(tonnes)

Period	For protective coatings, paints, etc.					Ureas and melamines (404.74)	Other (404.40, 62.94)	Total
	Acrylics (404.01)	Alkyds (404.02)	Phenolics (404.32)	Polyvinyl acetate (404.88)	Rosin esters (404.48)			
1981-82	12,469	24,323	1,264	8,841	1,255	1,337	7,638	57,127
1982-83	11,277	17,634	782	8,696	865	945	7,781	47,980
1983-84	13,076	19,748	804	9,750	1,022	1,180	6,834	52,414
1984—								
March	1,024	1,583	70	869	116	90	623	4,375
April	1,122	1,399	59	651	152	98	490	3,971
May	1,265	2,077	89	929	101	132	634	5,227
June	1,109	1,756	104	788	110	89	505	4,461
July	1,161	1,755	83	747	86	109	563	4,504
August	1,158	1,760	74	766	86	141	691	4,676
September	1,148	1,628	79	1,347	132	117	506	4,957
October	1,419	1,792	72	1,240	72	115	560	5,270
November	1,418	2,136	73	1,037	89	97	555	5,405
December	1,116	1,423	76	1,038	128	67	388	4,236
1985—								
January	837	1,237	21	644	28	64	307	3,138
February	1,173	1,802	121	1,138	84	94	540	4,952
March	1,383	1,773	106	1,070	75	110	563	5,080
April	1,023	1,132	108	1,015	122	160	490	3,950
May	1,453	1,899	141	1,193	116	124	687	5,613
1983-84: July to May.	11,967	17,992	700	8,962	912	1,091	6,329	47,953
1984-85: July to May.	13,289	18,337	954	11,235	1,018	1,098	5,850	51,781

PLASTICS AND SYNTHETIC RESINS(a)—continued
(tonnes)

Period	For bonding and adhesives		Total
	Polyvinyl acetate (404.90)	Other (404.34, 76.96)	
1981-82	9,606	47,891	57,497
1982-83	8,116	42,784	50,900
1983-84	9,109	50,443	59,552
1984—			
March	894	5,346	6,440
April	560	4,123	4,683
May	919	4,942	5,861
June	1,072	5,056	6,128
July	1,127	3,976	5,103
August	1,147	4,703	5,850
September	918	5,384	6,302
October	829	4,705	5,534
November	928	4,927	5,855
December	799	2,886	3,685
1985—			
January	91	2,091	2,182
February	824	4,654	5,478
March	1,055	6,037	7,092
April	705	4,930	5,635
May	848	5,191	6,039
1983-84: July to May.	8,037	45,387	53,424
1984-85: July to May.	9,271	49,484	58,755

(a) Liquid resin or emulsion form are shown in terms of dry weight of resin content.

PAINTS AND OTHER SURFACE COATINGS(a)
(* 000 litres)

	Architectural and decorative								Other water based (410.17)
	Solvent thinned				Water thinned				
	Finishing coats				Plastic latex				
	Primers and undercoats (410.01)	Pigmented		Clears (410.07)	Primers and undercoats (410.11)	Finishing coats		Other (410.15)	
Full gloss (410.03)		Other (410.05)	Flat (410.13)			Other (410.15)			
1981-82	9,519	14,662	5,771	3,632	3,177	26,833	17,719	3,218	
1982-83	8,433	13,297	5,131	2,949	3,086	24,713	17,464	4,225	
1983-84	8,270	13,691	5,304	3,057	3,590	26,785	19,712	3,823	
1984—									
March	701	1,184	419	257	295	2,334	1,796	300	
April	515	951	348	248	236	1,781	1,485	252	
May	640	1,343	525	206	329	2,437	1,953	351	
June	508	1,012	391	234	350	2,122	1,543	276	
July	498	1,033	414	406	350	1,973	1,487	513	
August	538	1,013	380	488	313	2,628	1,469	329	
September	578	1,006	426	319	363	2,440	1,694	r236	
October	719	1,208	611	336	484	2,989	1,878	404	
November	598	1,434	560	524	420	3,386	2,083	r377	
December	644	1,260	415	244	355	2,478	1,573	r236	
1985—									
January	641	1,273	475	252	299	2,621	1,516	r229	
February	802	1,323	458	347	379	2,879	1,839	r252	
March	661	1,219	452	335	405	2,408	1,753	193	
April	637	1,100	299	264	397	2,179	1,589	202	
May	744	1,427	542	412	453	2,994	2,192	191	
1983-84 : July to May.	7,761	12,679	4,913	2,823	3,281	24,663	18,170	3,548	
1984-85 : July to May.	7,061	13,296	5,030	3,926	4,218	28,977	19,073	3,163	

PAINTS AND OTHER SURFACE COATINGS(a)—continued
(* 000 litres)

	Automotive				Other industrial				
	Finishing coats				Finishing coats				
	Primers and undercoats (410.31)	Nitro-cellulose lacquers (410.33)	Other (410.37)	Primers and undercoats (410.41)	Nitro-cellulose lacquers		Other		
Clears (410.43)					Colours (410.45)	Clears (410.47)	Colours (410.49)		
1981-82	5,041	355	10,177	7,235	3,941	1,448	7,140	19,098	
1982-83	4,291	273	8,181	5,923	3,318	1,136	6,124	15,099	
1983-84	4,374	341	8,779	6,205	3,471	1,133	6,155	18,008	
1984—									
March	424	34.9	893	595	351	116	497	1,540	
April	303	30.0	757	488	258	80	451	1,424	
May	562	46.6	757	613	304	82	606	1,804	
June	305	28.8	674	525	294	87	523	1,488	
July	478	26.8	715	543	294	90	606	1,554	
August	430	37.1	705	647	312	106	727	1,791	
September	430	24.3	685	523	243	108	534	1,591	
October	494	30.6	1,026	593	328	129	559	1,869	
November	390	37.5	838	671	364	142	728	1,689	
December	315	29.6	696	565	258	87	504	1,402	
1985—									
January	210	16.7	433	315	123	59	436	970	
February	373	29.9	788	544	273	93	653	1,549	
March	371	48.0	656	551	305	113	553	1,490	
April	308	32.5	557	517	263	98	526	1,369	
May	577	49.1	1,236	713	396	111	565	2,091	
1983-84 : July to May.	4,069	312	8,105	5,680	3,177	1,046	5,631	16,520	
1984-85 : July to May.	4,375	362	8,332	6,184	3,157	1,135	6,392	17,366	

(a) Includes enamels, clears, lacquers and varnishes.

PAINTS AND OTHER SURFACE COATINGS(a)—continued
(' 000 litres)

Period	Wood stains (oil, spirit, etc.) packed for sale or transfer out(b) (410.57)	Marine coatings(c) (410.59)	Heavy duty coatings (410.55)	Thinners	
				For nitro- cellulose coatings (410.85)	For all other coatings (410.87)
1981-82	4,461	2,214	7,312	9,517	14,087
1982-83	4,038	1,611	8,997	8,340	12,876
1983-84	4,083	1,372	6,487	8,301	13,112
1984—					
March	323	134	564	872	1,253
April	298	83	496	665	945
May	318	150	623	728	1,304
June	233	89	462	663	1,023
July	303	101	550	605	1,209
August	357	101	575	752	1,328
September	327	122	510	541	1,307
October	339	151	619	710	1,501
November	344	106	606	705	1,398
December	349	182	569	534	988
1985—					
January	382	92	522	341	1,054
February	406	122	659	643	1,366
March	417	121	588	680	1,406
April	290	95	506	632	1,329
May	389	162	780	936	1,726
1983-84 : July to May.	3,850	1,283	6,025	7,638	12,090
1984-85 : July to May.	3,904	1,355	6,485	7,076	14,611

PAINTS AND OTHER SURFACE COATINGS(a) : STATES—MAY 1985
(' 000 litres)

Code No.	Item	N.S.W.	Vic.	Other States	Australia
Architectural and decorative paints—					
Solvent thinned—					
410.01	Primers and undercoats				
	Finishing coats, pigmented—				
410.03	Full gloss	575	398	453	1,427
410.05	Other than full gloss	194	210	139	542
410.07	Finishing coats, clears	286	85	42	412
Water thinned—					
410.11	Plastic latex—				
	Primers and undercoats	206	102	145	453
	Finishing coats—				
410.13	Flat	1,351	817	826	2,994
410.15	Other than flat (satin, semi-gloss, gloss)	833	578	780	2,192
410.17	Other water based	65	78	47	191
Industrial paints—					
Automotive—					
410.31	Primers and undercoats	78	459	40	577
	Finishing coats—				
410.33	Nitro-cellulose lacquers	21	27	1	49
410.37	Other	206	853	176	1,236
Other industrial—					
410.41	Primers and undercoats	174	342	197	713
	Finishing coats—				
	Nitro-cellulose lacquers—				
410.43	Clears	168	128	99	396
410.45	Colours	57	37	17	111
	Other—				
410.47	Clears	230	316	19	565
410.49	Colours	851	985	255	2,091
410.55	Heavy duty coatings	284	215	281	780
410.57	Wood stains (oil, spirit, etc.) packed for sale or transfer out(b)	219	148	22	389
410.59	Marine coatings(c)	71	36	55	162
Thinners—					
410.85	For nitro-cellulose coatings	358	354	224	936
410.87	For all other coatings	782	535	409	1,726

(a) Includes enamels, clears, lacquers and varnishes. (b) Includes part-pigmented, Madison and Crosstote types for all uses including industrial. (c) Excludes super structure paints which are included with architectural and decorative paints.

Period	PULP AND PAPERBOARDS (tonnes)				ADHESIVE TAPES(c) (* 000 square metres)	
	Wood pulp(a)			Paper boards, all types(b) (352.01)	Pressure sensitive (non-reinforced)(d)	
	Chemical (341.32,36)	Mechanical (341.39)	Other (341.45)		Plastic (769.54)	Other(e) (769.51,52,53,59)
1981-82	180,844	218,577	273,812	461,297	11,093	8,748
1982-83	171,468	227,557	244,439	434,788	13,002	7,312
1983-84	185,395	228,955	244,418	439,768	13,172	6,862
1984—						
March	18,031	20,820	22,059	36,467	1,452	765
April	17,818	20,455	21,492	37,425	932	600
May	18,678	19,789	20,605	35,841	1,523	675
June	19,550	18,044	21,162	41,161	1,621	564
July	n.p.	17,789	20,365	36,806	1,529	646
August	n.p.	17,542	21,012	47,323	864	561
September	n.p.	15,999	16,712	37,491	1,402	565
October	n.p.	17,046	21,570	41,992	1,986	824
November	n.p.	17,282	22,099	55,433	1,649	751
December	n.p.	15,738	20,053	29,231	1,397	574
1985—						
January	n.p.	14,413	21,505	32,522	221	170
February	n.p.	17,399	22,109	29,634	1,108	381
March	n.p.	17,277	18,548	41,387	1,319	540
April	n.p.	17,723	20,543	40,462	656	596
May	n.p.	18,759	22,106	41,597	1,605	597
1983-84 : July to May.	165,845	210,911	223,256	398,607	11,551	6,299
1984-85 : July to May.	n.p.	186,967	226,622	433,878	13,737	6,204

Period	PAPER (tonnes)					Total
	Newsprint (351.11)	Printing (351.18)	Writing and duplicating(f) (351.25,29)	Wrapping (incl. Kraft) (351.61)	Tissue and sanitary (351.51)	
1981-82	307,183	91,912	101,471	369,316	107,396	1,004,011
1982-83	375,727	94,422	84,326	298,620	112,811	995,188
1983-84	378,091	131,086	90,928	333,355	125,156	1,080,708
1984—						
March	33,208	11,076	7,770	27,936	9,693	90,940
April	31,588	10,712	6,484	29,169	11,321	91,637
May	33,811	12,520	8,141	23,085	9,712	89,175
June	30,127	12,884	7,112	33,661	10,030	95,715
July	30,660	11,167	7,468	25,088	11,380	87,519
August	28,904	11,143	7,312	30,104	9,249	89,314
September	30,444	14,076	6,224	30,880	8,529	92,934
October	29,844	12,536	7,024	24,424	11,349	91,276
November	29,819	13,383	5,450	42,860	9,687	103,833
December	30,697	10,435	6,681	19,732	8,654	78,416
1985—						
January	33,646	10,407	9,560	28,658	9,889	95,883
February	31,081	11,107	6,913	26,836	7,935	85,439
March	35,159	10,578	6,849	25,809	9,854	89,868
April	31,839	12,722	6,287	24,989	10,703	88,791
May	28,501	13,074	6,873	32,631	9,417	91,850
1983-84 : July to May.	347,964	118,202	83,816	299,694	115,126	984,993
1984-85 : July to May.	340,594	130,628	76,641	312,011	106,646	990,300

(a) Quantities shown represent tonnes air-dried. (b) Paper exceeding 205 grammes per square metre is classified as paperboard. (c) Excludes friction and surgical tapes. (d) Original production only. Excludes tape converted from rolls purchased or transferred in. (e) Includes cloth. (f) Includes cartridge.

DETERGENTS
 (tonnes)

SOAP
 (tonnes)

Period	Synthetic											
	Non-abrasive											
	Abrasives cleansers and scourers	For personal toilet use					For other purposes				For personal toilet use	
		Liquid, paste and cream					Powder and granule				Other than synthetic	
		Small packs(a) (806.20,22)	Shampoo (806.06)	Liquid paste and cream (806.04)	Small packs(a) (806.16)	Large packs(b) (806.34)	Powder and granule (806.14,32)	Alkaline (806.40)	Emulsion cleansers (806.44)	Solid (805.01)	Shampoo (805.08)	
1981-82	7,982	11,403	(c)1,606	72,619	34,481	83,175	24,182	5,910	(d)31,699	1,595		
1982-83	8,189	14,742	2,258	77,305	34,950	82,849	28,028	6,104	29,163	1,167		
1983-84	7,758	13,941	2,186	63,066	36,137	94,728	32,561	6,544	29,963	n.p.		
1984—												
March	761	1,351	200	6,742	3,034	8,087	3,223	583	3,230	n.p.		
April	554	1,077	171	5,446	2,516	8,023	2,667	564	2,086	n.p.		
May	985	1,449	257	6,166	2,849	7,099	3,039	542	2,543	n.p.		
June	740	1,306	178	4,905	3,464	8,456	2,500	569	2,127	n.p.		
July	827	1,288	214	5,792	3,208	8,907	2,731	496	2,774	n.p.		
August	455	1,089	196	4,094	3,024	5,187	2,441	563	2,176	n.p.		
September	896	1,070	153	5,040	3,576	6,929	2,328	555	2,274	n.p.		
October	603	1,338	195	6,080	3,273	8,502	2,833	461	2,051	n.p.		
November	1,056	1,124	231	5,769	3,121	9,413	2,837	607	2,210	n.p.		
December	525	940	179	6,105	3,306	8,066	2,481	424	2,201	n.p.		
1985—												
January	383	1,022	202	2,830	2,404	3,526	2,386	518	694	n.p.		
February	777	1,227	212	6,210	3,417	8,474	3,058	574	2,595	n.p.		
March	961	1,277	199	6,429	3,464	8,562	2,940	885	2,668	n.p.		
April	649	1,108	176	5,838	3,529	7,630	2,819	639	2,016	n.p.		
May	1,066	1,336	222	6,726	3,249	9,287	3,022	754	2,505	n.p.		
1983-84 : July to May.	7,018	12,635	2,008	58,161	32,673	86,272	30,061	5,975	27,836	n.p.		
1984-85 : July to May.	8,198	12,819	2,179	60,913	35,571	84,483	29,876	6,476	24,164	n.p.		

CHEMICALS AND ACIDS

Period	Acids (in terms of 100% acid)						
	Hydrochloric (401.29)	Nitric (401.37)	Sulphuric		Ammonium sulphate (405.36)	Super- phosphate(f) (415.07; 405.25)	
			Original (401.57)	Seas. adj.(e)			
	—tonnes—		—'000 tonnes—		tonnes	'000 tonnes	
1981-82	54,617	179,858	2,027	..	206,539	3,568	
1982-83	60,186	189,371	1,782	..	199,786	2,986	
1983-84	56,975	189,167	1,726	..	216,674	2,663	
1984—							
March	5,073	23,253	175	151	13,867	305	
April	4,677	19,666	172	153	22,096	253	
May	4,900	15,011	170	155	19,105	299	
June	4,996	14,111	106	109	13,799	171	
July	5,250	19,944	128	155	27,097	175	
August	5,484	18,661	135	159	16,727	122	
September	4,822	15,612	98	111	18,600	90	
October	5,625	15,445	121	141	16,708	205	
November	4,880	6,122	163	158	24,884	250	
December	3,475	15,386	168	155	26,412	244	
1985—							
January	5,074	21,818	171	153	23,315	216	
February	5,314	18,423	156	157	20,270	228	
March	5,140	18,701	166	144	20,036	266	
April	4,555	11,468	155	137	15,424	283	
May	5,281	17,440	161	146	11,532	279	
1983-84 : July to May.	51,979	175,056	1,620	..	202,875	2,492	
1984-85 : July to May.	54,900	179,020	1,622	..	221,005	2,357	

(a) Containing 3 kg or less. Excludes dairy cleansers regardless of pack size. (b) Containing over 3 kg. Includes dairy cleansers regardless of pack size. (c) Prior to July 1982 includes solid and powder forms for personal use. (d) Prior to July 1982 includes soap for personal use in powder form. (e) See paragraph 6, Explanatory Notes. (f) Includes double and triple superphosphates and ammonium phosphate expressed in terms of single phosphate i.e. 22% P₂O₅ equivalent.