

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

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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.

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TABLE 1. - UNSUPPORTED PLASTICS FILM AND SHEETING (a) - BY POLYMER TYPE
('000 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	r40,200	4,586	4,453	r71,208
Months : 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
	February	2,529	3,512	450	390	6,881
8 months ended February 1969		17,540	27,294	3,437	3,365	51,636
8 months ended February 1968		14,427	26,011	2,974	2,854	46,267

(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
(1000 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	41,847	53,218	10,598	7,392	17,990	71,208
Months : 1967 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
1968 January		700	2,476	3,176	778	402	1,180	4,356
February		1,180	3,654	4,834	1,349	698	2,047	6,881
8 months ended February 1969		8,661	28,634	37,296	8,879	5,461	14,340	51,636
8 months ended February 1968		7,609	27,081	34,690	6,819	4,758	11,577	46,267

(a) Weight at completion of calendaring process

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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)			
1966-67		15,745	5,730(b)	21,475	9,762(b)	1,425(b)	23,696(b)	36,643
1967-68		20,155	6,173	26,328	11,694	1,606(b)	19,956(b)	31,324
Months: 1968								
January		930	371	1,301	737	140	1,639	40,652
February		1,598	592	2,190	586		1,516	2,516
March		1,718	400	2,118	(c)	226	1,805	2,329
April		1,381	451	1,832	(c)	(c)	1,805	3,147
May		2,156	706	2,863	(c)	(c)	3,026	4,054
June		1,688	440	2,128	(c)	(c)	3,626	4,761
July		1,756	954	2,710	1,099	136	1,831	3,066
August		1,652	607	2,259	534	197	2,945	3,676
September		1,648	571	2,219	1,019	187	1,736	2,943
October		1,969	984	2,953	804	233	2,760	3,796
November		1,665	777	2,442	691	227	2,563	3,482
December		1,358	1,094	2,452	1,047	153	3,114	4,313
1969 January		939	685	1,623	933	127	2,623	3,682
February		1,810	1,039	2,849	889	100	1,097	2,086
8 months ended February 1969					830	77	2,309	3,215
8 months ended February 1968		12,795	6,713	19,508	6,746	1,300	19,147	27,193
		13,211	4,175	17,387	7,707	1,556	16,362	25,624

(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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