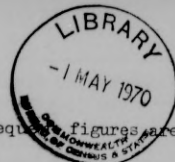


COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS, CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA
PRODUCTION SUMMARY NO. 53 : PLASTICS FILM, SHEETING AND COATED MATERIALS

JANUARY 1970



The figures for 1966-67 and 1967-68 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	
1966-67	19,983	34,218	4,208	4,563	62,973
1967-68	22,206	40,391	4,608	4,453	71,658
1968-69	24,212	47,854	5,270	5,376	82,711
Months : 1968 December	1,306	3,642	307	353	5,608
1969 January	1,158	2,700	267	241	4,366
February	2,145	3,930	426	407	6,907
March	2,036	4,660	477	483	7,656
April	2,106	4,279	461	426	7,273
May	2,530	4,393	491	578	7,992
June	2,348	4,645	487	465	7,946
July	r3,234	4,447	667	618	r8,966
August	r2,623	4,216	465	r498	r7,801
September	r2,676	5,309	692	r549	r9,227
October	r3,187	5,175	612	r663	r9,637
November	2,418	4,896	516	r511	r8,341
December	1,771	4,633	525	r552	r7,481
1970 January	1,642	4,303	254	324	6,523
7 months ended January 1970	17,551	32,979	3,730	3,716	57,976
7 months ended January 1969	13,047	25,948	2,927	3,016	44,937

(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		
1966-67		10,692	36,481	47,173	9,291	6,509	15,800	62,973
1967-68		11,608	42,036	53,646	10,598	7,414	18,012	71,658
1968-69		14,006	49,839	63,845	10,206	8,661	18,867	82,711
Months :	1968 December	847	3,790	4,637	459	512	971	5,608
	1969 January	710	2,807	3,517	447	402	849	4,366
	February	1,206	4,064	5,271	939	698	1,637	6,907
	March	1,109	4,876	5,984	928	744	1,671	7,656
	April	1,160	4,425	5,585	946	742	1,688	7,273
	May	1,573	4,522	6,095	957	941	1,897	7,992
	June	1,295	4,826	6,121	1,053	772	1,825	7,946
	July	r1,912	4,657	r6,569	r1,322	1,076	r2,398	r8,966
	August	1,361	4,382	5,742	r1,262	797	r2,059	r7,801
	September	1,506	r5,489	r6,995	r1,170	1,062	r2,232	r9,227
	October	1,885	5,416	7,301	r1,302	1,035	r2,337	r9,638
	November	1,251	5,117	6,367	1,167	806	r1,973	r8,341
	December	1,132	4,868	6,000	639	842	r1,481	r7,481
	1970 January	946	4,433	5,380	695	447	1,142	6,523
7 months ended January 1970		9,994	34,360	44,354	7,557	6,066	13,623	57,977
7 months ended January 1969		7,663	27,126	34,789	5,384	4,765	10,149	44,937

(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)
(1000 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	
1966-67		15,745	5,730(b)	21,475	9,762(b)	1,606(b)	19,956(b)	31,324
1967-68		20,149	6,192	26,341	11,694	2,232	26,650	40,576
1968-69		20,060	9,807	29,867	9,955	2,022	29,040	41,017
Months : 1968 December		1,358	1,094	2,452	933	127	2,623	3,682
1969 January		774	685	1,459	889	100	1,097	2,086
February		1,570	1,039	2,609	830	77	2,309	3,215
March		1,799	866	2,665	806	254	2,222	3,282
April		1,760	746	2,506	749	156	3,306	4,211
May		2,326	679	3,005	565	179	2,175	2,919
June		1,784	784	2,568	1,088	132	2,191	3,412
July		2,410	882	3,292	985	273	4,200	5,458
August		1,898	766	2,665	884	448	1,751	3,082
September		2,080	1,057	3,138	963	279	3,762	5,004
October		2,588	1,196	3,784	1,125	150	2,583	3,858
November		1,850	1,283	3,132	1,100	78	3,950	5,128
December		1,721	963	2,684	1,314	1,162	2,298	3,775
1970 January		1,102	522	1,624	1,241	163	1,535	2,940
7 months ended Jan. 1970		13,649	6,669	20,318	7,612	1,554	20,078	29,244
7 months ended Jan. 1969		10,821	5,673	16,494	5,917	1,223	16,838	23,978

(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 the same establishment 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.

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