

**PRODUCTION SUMMARY NO. 30 : STORAGE BATTERIES — WET CELL (a)
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All annual figures are derived from the recorded monthly production and are subject to revision.

As from July 1975 production statistics exclude production of 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. An indication of the approximate magnitude of the break in comparability may be obtained by comparing annual 1974-75 data which are shown in this publication on both the old and the new basis.

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Period	Automotive starting, lighting and ignition				2 volt cells for :		
	6 volt		12 volt		Radio, home lighter and fence batteries		Other batteries (b)
	New (685.13)	Rebuilt (685.15)	New (685.17)	Rebuilt (685.19)	New (685.33)	Rebuilt (685.35)	(c)
1973-74	343,922	10,402	2,128,411	36,789	48,090	936	192,765
1974-75	<u>359,680</u>	<u>8,381</u>	<u>2,396,364</u>	<u>31,828</u>	<u>39,051</u>	<u>839</u>	<u>217,147</u>
1974-75 (d)	349,572	5,913	2,364,644	22,396	39,717	916	199,740
1975-76	294,613	4,181	2,397,866	19,140	24,975	595	166,785
1975 —							
July	34,448	337	215,604	1,996	1,574		14,880
August	24,427	322	214,866	1,762	1,834		12,710
September	27,711	380	213,293	1,587	3,443	69	12,384
October	20,915	319	201,919	1,292	2,617	79	12,140
November	18,697	393	150,574	1,526	1,956	30	9,503
December	17,641	291	162,560	1,239	2,802	56	15,179
1976 —							
January	11,494	253	85,414	1,648	878		12,804
February	19,109	453	210,995	1,495	2,119		14,056
March	24,236	426	224,730	1,752	1,339		17,325
April	31,043	315	223,778	1,421	1,188		11,779
May	27,748	391	238,166	1,663	2,302		14,963
June	37,143	402	255,967	1,759	3,284		19,061
July	31,574	310	233,448	1,807	1,940	73	14,041
August	29,022	266	220,573	1,502	1,330	20	14,113
1975-76 : July to Aug.	58,875	659	430,470	3,758	3,408		27,591
1976-77 : July to Aug.	60,596	576	454,021	3,309	3,270	93	28,154

(a) Includes dry charged batteries, but excludes dry-cell batteries. (b) Includes plant (power plant installations). (c) Code numbers 685.43,45,53,55,63,65. (d) Excludes the production of certain small producers. See explanatory note above.

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