

**MANUFACTURING PRODUCTION, AUSTRALIA  
TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT  
OCTOBER 1991**

**TABLE 1. ASSEMBLED, COMPLETE MOTOR VEHICLES(a)  
(number)**

| Period                | Cars and station wagons |                               |          |                 |                 | Other<br>passenger<br>vehicles<br>(781 28,<br>783 12) | Vehicles for<br>transportation of goods<br>and<br>materials(b)(c) |                 |          |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|---|---|-----------------|----------|
|                       | Cars<br>(781 20)        | Station<br>wagons<br>(781 29) | Total    |                 | Trend<br>(e)(f) |   | Original<br>(782 17,<br>783 20)                                   | Seas.<br>adj(d) | Trend(e) |
|                       |                         |                               | Original | Seas.<br>adj(d) |                 |   |   |                 |          |
| 1988-89               | 269,392                 | 63,748                        | 333,140  | ..              | ..              | 687   | 29,557  | ..              | ..       |
| 1989-90               | 321,457                 | 64,586                        | 386,043  | ..              | ..              | 687   | 25,958  | ..              | ..       |
| 1990-91               | 262,874                 | 47,786                        | 310,660  | ..              | ..              | 434   | 17,668  | ..              | ..       |
| <i>1990 —</i>         |                         |                               |          |                 |                 |   |   |                 |          |
| August                | 29,733                  | 5,434                         | 35,167   | 29,922          | ..              | 37  | 2,252   | 1,860           | 1,752    |
| September             | 20,745                  | 3,240                         | 23,985   | 22,509          | ..              | 35  | 1,526   | 1,496           | 1,697    |
| October               | 25,788                  | 4,275                         | 30,063   | 26,325          | ..              | 37  | 2,207   | 1,922           | 1,644    |
| November              | 23,465                  | 4,760                         | 28,225   | 24,601          | ..              | 34  | 1,460   | 1,381           | 1,577    |
| December              | 16,291                  | 3,847                         | 20,138   | 24,552          | ..              | 28  | 1,095   | 1,363           | 1,488    |
| <i>1991 —</i>         |                         |                               |          |                 |                 |   |   |                 |          |
| January               | 10,019                  | 1,944                         | 11,963   | 34,230          | ..              | 10  | 750   | 1,827           | 1,390    |
| February              | 20,761                  | 4,258                         | 25,019   | 25,602          | ..              | 29  | 1,136   | 1,147           | 1,307    |
| March                 | 18,629                  | 3,500                         | 22,129   | 23,171          | ..              | 45  | 1,159   | 1,094           | 1,255    |
| April                 | 18,739                  | 3,142                         | 21,881   | 23,496          | ..              | 40  | 1,046   | 1,173           | r1,240   |
| May                   | 25,807                  | 4,433                         | 30,240   | 25,293          | ..              | 50  | 1,592   | 1,271           | r1,262   |
| June                  | 20,765                  | 3,950                         | 24,715   | 23,839          | ..              | 48  | 1,532   | 1,427           | r1,297   |
| July                  | 22,219                  | 4,442                         | 26,661   | 22,894          | ..              | 51  | 1,512   | 1,381           | r1,337   |
| August                | 22,740                  | 4,910                         | 27,650   | 24,165          | ..              | 44  | 1,503   | 1,331           | 1,354    |
| September             | 18,601                  | 3,702                         | 22,303   | 20,561          | ..              | 58  | 1,358   | 1,279           | n.y.a.   |
| October               | 21,397                  | 4,592                         | 25,989   | 22,049          | ..              | 49  | 1,583   | 1,366           | n.y.a.   |
| 1990-91: July to Oct. | 108,398                 | 17,952                        | 126,350  | ..              | ..              | 150   | 7,898   | ..              | ..       |
| 1991-92: July to Oct. | 84,957                  | 17,646                        | 102,603  | ..              | ..              | 202   | 5,956   | ..              | ..       |

(a) Excludes conversions of visiting vehicles. (b) Includes utilities, panel vans, prime movers for semi-trailers and units consisting of chassis, engine and cabs produced for sale and transfer out as such. (c) Excludes off-highway trucks (e.g. dump wagons), materials handling trucks (e.g. forklift trucks) and semi-trailers. (d) See paragraph 5, Explanatory Notes. (e) See paragraph 6 to 9, Explanatory Notes. (f) The trend estimates have been temporarily suspended because recent factory shutdowns have adversely affected their reliable estimation. However these influences are not expected to affect the reliability of the seasonally adjusted series.

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TABLE 2. MOTOR BODIES(a)  
(number)

| Period        | For vans              |                              |                   | For trucks     |                 |                          | For passenger vehicles, for 10 persons or more (784.41) |
|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---|
|               | Refrigerated (784.22) | Insulated (chiller) (784.23) | Other(b) (784.24) | Trays (784.26) | Tipper (784.27) | Concrete mixers (784.43) |   |
| 1988-89       | 113                   | 236                          | 2,624             | 17,567         | 1,792           | 695                      | 711   |
| 1989-90       | 116                   | 136                          | 2,537             | 19,730         | 2,135           | 779                      | 543   |
| 1990-91       | 91                    | 204                          | 1,912             | 15,044         | 1,686           | 473                      | 288   |
| 1988—         |                       |                              |                   |                |                 |                          |   |
| December qtr  | 31                    | 55                           | 707               | 3,818          | 473             | 165                      | 189   |
| 1989—         |                       |                              |                   |                |                 |                          |   |
| March qtr     | 34                    | 61                           | 537               | 4,536          | 379             | 173                      | 145   |
| June qtr      | 32                    | 64                           | 748               | 5,239          | 524             | 192                      | 175   |
| September qtr | 32                    | 29                           | 670               | 5,138          | 540             | 199                      | 186   |
| December qtr  | 34                    | 34                           | 752               | 4,677          | 577             | 214                      | 148   |
| 1990—         |                       |                              |                   |                |                 |                          |   |
| March qtr     | 20                    | 31                           | 534               | 4,941          | 481             | 187                      | 92  |
| June qtr      | 30                    | 42                           | 581               | 4,974          | 537             | 179                      | 117   |
| September qtr | 26                    | 50                           | 540               | 4,433          | 518             | 170                      | 87  |
| December qtr  | 30                    | 43                           | 671               | 3,588          | 528             | 113                      | 78  |
| 1991—         |                       |                              |                   |                |                 |                          |   |
| March qtr     | 14                    | 77                           | 313               | 3,430          | 291             | 92                       | 45  |
| June qtr      | 21                    | 34                           | 388               | 3,593          | 349             | 98                       | 78  |
| September qtr | 17                    | 40                           | 399               | 3,372          | 395             | 141                      | 76  |

(a) Built up for sale or transfer out as such. Excludes bodies produced by motor vehicle manufacturers for use in their own plant, body panels, cabs, conversions or any work done on old vehicles. (b) Including dry freight.

TABLE 3. SEMI-TRAILERS AND TWO WHEEL TRAILERS  
(number)

| Period        | Semi-trailers     |                        |                 |                 |                     |                                       | Trailers—two wheel(a) |   |                    |
|---------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|--------------------|
|               | Flat top (786.26) | Curtain-sided (786.46) | Tanker (786.22) | Tipper (786.27) | Low loader (786.28) | Van                                   |                       | Box type (under 1 tonne load capacity) (786.23) | Boat type (786.24) |
|               |                   |                        |                 |                 |                     | Refrigerated or insulated (786.42,43) | Other(b) (786.44)     |   |                    |
| 1988-89       | 1,421             | 471                    | 159             | 463             | 160                 | n.p.                                  | 305                   | 14,929  | 7,630              |
| 1989-90       | 1,404             | 658                    | 174             | 523             | 157                 | 321                                   | 278                   | 15,483  | 6,234              |
| 1990-91       | 567               | 399                    | 179             | 289             | 88                  | 156                                   | 276                   | 11,150  | 5,054              |
| 1988—         |                   |                        |                 |                 |                     |                                       |                       |   |                    |
| December qtr  | 356               | 85                     | 46              | 130             | 41                  | 71                                    | 73                    | 3,852   | 2,241              |
| 1989—         |                   |                        |                 |                 |                     |                                       |                       |   |                    |
| March qtr     | 336               | 131                    | 27              | 92              | 27                  | 54                                    | 72                    | 3,875   | 1,790              |
| June qtr      | 379               | 172                    | 49              | 116             | 54                  | n.p.                                  | 78                    | 3,859   | 1,686              |
| September qtr | 447               | 182                    | 46              | 125             | 46                  | 64                                    | 65                    | 3,988   | 1,673              |
| December qtr  | 376               | 176                    | 47              | 178             | 46                  | 113                                   | 72                    | 4,928   | 1,923              |
| 1990—         |                   |                        |                 |                 |                     |                                       |                       |   |                    |
| March qtr     | 299               | 116                    | 38              | 109             | 28                  | 67                                    | 67                    | 3,469   | 1,436              |
| June qtr      | 282               | 184                    | 43              | 111             | 37                  | 77                                    | 74                    | 3,098   | 1,202              |
| September qtr | 175               | 130                    | 56              | 118             | 44                  | 61                                    | 66                    | 3,417   | 1,253              |
| December qtr  | 160               | 105                    | 50              | 90              | 16                  | 40                                    | 122                   | 3,015   | 1,478              |
| 1991—         |                   |                        |                 |                 |                     |                                       |                       |   |                    |
| March qtr     | 108               | 63                     | 28              | 37              | 10                  | 25                                    | 39                    | 2,391   | 1,253              |
| June qtr      | 124               | 101                    | 45              | 44              | 18                  | 30                                    | 49                    | 2,327   | 1,070              |
| September qtr | 152               | 138                    | 39              | 64              | 18                  | 25                                    | 90                    | 2,782   | 1,254              |

(a) Including complete trailer kits. (b) Including dry freight.

TABLE 4. CARAVANS AND CAMPER TRAILERS, PRIVATE OR DOMESTIC TYPE  
(number)

| Period        | Caravans, private or domestic type |   |   |   |   |                     | Total | Camper trailers of private or domestic type (786.17) |
|---------------|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---------------------|-------|--|
|               | 4.6 m and under (786.11)           | Over 4.6 m up to and including 5.2 m (786.12) | Over 5.2 m up to and including 6.1 m (786.13) | Over 6.1 m up to and including 7.6 m (786.14) | Over 7.6 m up to and including 9.8 m (786.15) | Over 9.8 m (786.16) |       |  |
| 1988-89       | 2,323                              | 1,889   | 926   | 789   | n.p.  | n.p.                | 6,190 | 1,528  |
| 1989-90       | 1,574                              | 1,219   | 801   | 495   | 113   | 16                  | 4,218 | 1,078  |
| 1990-91       | 1,180                              | 1,137   | 640   | 216   | 86  | 20                  | 3,279 | 857  |
| 1988—         |                                    |   |   |   |   |                     |       |  |
| December qtr  | 683                                | 460   | 235   | 188   | n.p.  | n.p.                | 1,628 | 394  |
| 1989—         |                                    |   |   |   |   |                     |       |  |
| March qtr     | 376                                | 352   | 200   | 172   | 27  | 6                   | 1,133 | 321  |
| June qtr      | 623                                | 475   | 270   | 206   | n.p.  | n.p.                | 1,614 | 361  |
| September qtr | 582                                | 427   | 234   | 183   | 39  | 4                   | 1,469 | 250  |
| December qtr  | 349                                | 268   | 175   | 130   | 38  | 6                   | 966   | 218  |
| 1990—         |                                    |   |   |   |   |                     |       |  |
| March qtr     | 267                                | 216   | 181   | 86  | 21  | —                   | 771   | 267  |
| June qtr      | 376                                | 308   | 211   | 96  | 15  | 6                   | 1,012 | 343  |
| September qtr | 325                                | 312   | 224   | 74  | n.p.  | n.p.                | 975   | 272  |
| December qtr  | 287                                | 286   | 156   | 47  | 17  | 5                   | 798   | 174  |
| 1991—         |                                    |   |   |   |   |                     |       |  |
| March qtr     | 227                                | 197   | 111   | 34  | n.p.  | n.p.                | 595   | 156  |
| June qtr      | 341                                | 342   | 149   | 61  | 14  | 4                   | 911   | 255  |
| September qtr | 330                                | 312   | 128   | 21  | n.p.  | n.p.                | 805   | 254  |

#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

##### Introduction

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##### Classification

2. Data contained in these publications are mostly based on monthly or quarterly collections conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). Most items are identified by the commodity codes used in Australian Standard Commodity Classification (ASCC), which was developed by the ABS to facilitate greater comparability of manufacturing production commodity statistics with import and export commodity statistics.

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##### Seasonal adjustment and trend estimates

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6. The smoothing of seasonally adjusted series to create trend estimates is a means of reducing the impact of the irregular component of the series. The trend estimates have been derived by applying a 13-term Henderson weighted moving average to the seasonally adjusted series.

7. While this smoothing technique enables estimates of trend to be produced for the latest month, it does result in revisions to the estimates for the most recent months as data for subsequent months become available. Generally subsequent revisions become smaller and after 3 months have little impact on the series. There will also be

revisions as a result of revisions to the original estimates and annual reviews of seasonal and 'working day' factors.

8. Because of the highly irregular nature of some production series it is not possible to discern with reasonable confidence the current direction of the trend at the end of these series. For such highly irregular series the ABS does not provide the last two trend estimates.

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