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PRODUCTION SUMMARY NO. 53 : PLASTICS FILM, SHEETING AND COATED MATERIALS
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The figures for 1971-72 are derived from Annual Factory Census. All other annual figures are derived from the recorded monthly production and are subject to revision.

Decorative laminated boards and sheets, plastic profile sheet, 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, FOIL AND SHEETING (a) - BY POLYMER TYPE
(*000 kilograms)

Period	Vinyl chloride including co-polymers (423.02.03,06,07)	Poly- ethylene (423.11.15,21,25)	Poly- styrene (423.31.35)	Other (b) (423.41,45,61,65)	Total
1971-72	15,414	37,815	5,156	6,924	65,309
1972-73	16,542	44,371	6,164	8,964	76,042
1973-74	18,744	53,731	7,033	11,701	91,208
1974 -					
April	1,404	4,751	583	915	7,652
May	1,723	5,015	583	1,206	8,527
June	2,164	5,302	604	1,205	9,275
July	2,019	4,955	614	1,120	8,708
August	1,817	5,309	568	1,035	8,729
September	1,819	5,730	597	1,187	9,333
October	1,757	5,759	493	867	8,875
November	1,285	4,584	586	585	7,040
December	1,198	3,933	417	472	6,020
1975 -					
January	340	3,704	292	273	4,609
February	966	3,662	500	508	5,636
March	1,197	3,462	510	609	5,778
April	969	3,654	598	679	4,694
May	993	3,980	516	593	6,084
1973-74 : July to May.	16,580	48,429	6,429	10,496	81,933
1974-75 : July to May	14,360	48,733	5,691	7,927	75,506

(a) Rigid and flexible (includes lay flat tubing) - not profile. Includes film or sheet used in further production in the same establishment. (b) Includes cellulose acetate.

TABLE 2. - UNSUPPORTED PLASTICS FILM, FOIL AND SHEETING (a) - BY THICKNESS
(*000 kilograms)

Period	Film (thickness less than 0.010") (b)			Sheeting and sheets (thickness 0.010" and over) (c)			Total film and sheeting and sheets
	Vinyl chloride including co-polymers (423.02.03)	Other (423.11,21 31,41,61)	Total film	Vinyl chloride including co-polymers (423.06,07)	Other (423.15,25, 35,45,65)	Total sheeting and sheets	
1971-72	8,766	41,396	50,162	6,647	8,499	15,147	65,309
1972-73	9,141	49,146	58,287	7,401	10,354	17,755	76,042
1973-74	10,672	59,613	70,285	8,072	12,852	20,923	91,208
1974 -							
April	780	5,258	6,039	623	990	1,614	7,652
May	948	5,602	6,550	775	1,202	1,977	8,527
June	1,342	5,846	7,188	822	1,265	2,087	9,275
July	1,083	5,463	6,547	935	1,226	2,162	8,708
August	902	5,689	6,591	916	1,222	2,138	8,729
September	1,092	6,026	7,118	728	1,488	2,216	9,333
October	1,058	6,014	7,072	699	1,104	1,803	8,875
November	684	4,795	5,479	601	960	1,561	7,040
December	500	4,069	4,569	698	753	1,451	6,020
1975 -							
January	275	3,837	4,113	65	432	497	4,609
February	577	3,807	4,385	389	862	1,251	5,636
March	666	3,713	4,379	531	868	1,399	5,778
April	611	3,764	4,375	358	1,053	1,412	5,787
May	527	4,160	4,688	467	930	1,396	6,084
1973-74 : July to May	9,330	53,767	63,097	7,249	11,587	18,836	81,933
1974-75 : July to May	7,975	51,340	59,315	6,385	10,900	17,285	76,600

(a) See footnote (a) Table 1. (b) Prior to July 1970 includes film of thickness 0.010". (c) Prior to July 1970, excludes sheeting of thickness 0.010".

TABLE 3. — PLASTICS COATED MATERIALS (a)
(*000 square metres)

Period	Vinyl chloride (incl. co- polymers) on knitted or woven textile material		Vinyl chloride (incl. co-poly- mers and poly- vinylidene chlor- ide on paper or paperboard (excl. bitum- en treated) (424.33,51)	Polyethylene		Other polymers On knitted and woven textile materials (424.61)
	Expanded (424.30)	Other (424.32)		On regener- ated cellulose film (b) (424.42)	On other substrates (424.43-47)	
1971-72	5,763	10,695	12,481	13,075	35,240	7,299
1972-73	6,340	10,533	10,301	13,313	54,320	7,759
1973-74	6,900	11,262	11,841	16,264	76,047	6,541
1974 —						589
April	393	701	(b)	1,085	6,483	726
May	665	1,194	(b)	1,063	10,283	701
June	956	1,229	(b)	1,403	7,137	659
July	702	987	(b)	2,031	8,790	526
August	665	870	(b)	2,037	7,418	483
September	45	854	(b)	1,584	7,020	595
October	397	1,026	(b)	1,490	9,749	534
November	418	796	(b)	1,810	11,876	511
December	(b)	607	(b)	1,306	5,062	
1975 —						178
January	(b)	137	(b)	983	3,747	729
February	306	745	(b)	1,475	4,492	369
March	377	634	(b)	1,433	2,769	403
April	366	762	(b)	1,667	4,030	402
May	525	599	(b)	1,172	4,686	
1973-74 : July to May	5,944	10,033	(b)	14,860	68,911	5,839
1974-75 : July to May	4,770	8,019	(b)	16,988	69,639	5,390

(a) Area of completion of final coating by any method including laminating on continuous supporting materials. Includes production of the specified combinations even if subsequently used in the same establishment for further processing. Excludes coating intended for adhesive purposes in the production of laminates. (b) Not available for publication.

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