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Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted

Seasonally adjusted, sales of refined petroleum products in February increased 10.3% from January 1987 to 6 789 942 cubic metres. This represents the highest volume of sales since March 1984. On a cumulative basis, total sales in 1987 are now up 0.2% over sales for the same period last year.

• The February increase reflected advances for all of the main products. Following a decrease in January, sales of motor gasoline rose 4.6% to reach 2 832 231 cubic metres. Diesel fuel sales increased 5.7% to 1 256 720 cubic metres, the highest level of sales for this product since June 1986. Heavy fuel sales rose 13.8% to reach 568 842 cubic metres while light fuel sales increased 15.9% to 564 792 cubic metres, the first gain since August 1986.

• Excluding the main products, sales of the remaining 14 products increased by 23.0%. In total, sales of these refined petroleum products represented less than 25% of all product sales in February.

Unadjusted Sales

Following a 5.7% decrease in January, total sales of refined petroleum products in February rose 6.2% to 6 452 500 cubic metres. As a result of this increase, cumulative sales for 1987 are now equal to those for the same period last year.

• Three of the four main products contributed to the February increase. Motor gasoline sales rose 5.5% over February 1986 to 2 412 100 cubic metres. For the first time since June 1986, diesel fuel sales also increased 0.3% to reach 1 068 000 cubic metres. Heavy fuel sales registered the largest proportional increase of the main products, rising 19.9% to 627 400 cubic metres, its tenth consecutive gain. Light fuel sales, at 1 016 800 cubic metres, continued its downward trend by recording a 0.2% decrease, the fourth in as many months.

• On a provincial basis, sales gains outnumbered declines by a margin of eight to three. Ontario posted the largest increase (+180 700 cubic metres, 8.7%) in petroleum product sales, followed by Quebec (+159 000 cubic metres, 11.6%). These increases were only partially offset by decreases in Alberta (-50 200 cubic metres, -7.4%), the Saskatchewan/Northwest Territories region (-27 700 cubic metres, -10.3%) and the Yukon (-600 cubic metres, -10.3%).

(see table on page 3)

Available on CANSIM: matrices 628-641 and 644-647.

Order the February 1987 issue of *Refined Petroleum Products* (45-004, \$15/\$150), available the second week of May. Contact Gérard O'Connor (613-991-3562), Energy Section, Industry Division.

Sales of Refined Petroleum Products
(thousands of cubic metres)

	Nov. 1986	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1987 ^r	Feb. 1987 ^p	Feb. 1987/ January 1987
	Adjusted for seasonal variation				% change
Total - all products	6 372.5	6 642.2	6 157.1	6 789.9	10.3
Main products:					
Motor gasoline	2 692.0	2 779.5	2 707.7	2 832.2	4.6
Diesel fuel oil	1 203.4	1 336.0	1 188.5	1 256.7	5.7
Light fuel oil	567.8	550.0	487.3	564.8	15.9
Heavy fuel oil	499.5	590.5	499.8	568.8	13.8
	Feb. 1987 ^p	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1987 ^r	Total Jan. - Feb. 1987	Total Jan. - Feb. 1986
	Not adjusted for seasonal variation				
Total - all products	6 452.5	6 075.9	6 253.6	12 706.1	12 706.0
Main products:					
Motor gasoline	2 412.1	2 286.3	2 417.7	4 829.8	4 733.4
Diesel fuel oil	1 068.0	1 065.3	987.0	2 055.0	2 181.7
Light fuel oil	1 016.8	1 018.8	990.3	2 007.1	2 199.1
Heavy fuel oil	627.4	523.5	587.4	1 214.8	1 096.1

^p Preliminary figures.

^r Revised figures.

Data Availability Announcements

Steel Ingots

Week Ending April 11, 1987

Preliminary estimates indicate that Canadian steel ingot production for the week ending April 11, 1987 totalled 294 059 tonnes, a decrease of 6.7% from the preceding week's total of 315 009 tonnes and down 0.9% from the year-earlier level of 296 649 tonnes.

The cumulative total in 1987 reached 4 206 459 tonnes, an increase of 4.9% from 4 008 271 tonnes for the same period in 1986.

Contact Gerry Barrett (613-991-3515), Industry Division.

Shipments of Rolled Steel

February 1987

Rolled steel shipments for February 1987 totalled 1 010 839 tonnes, a decrease of 3.1% from the preceding month's total of 1 043 072 tonnes but an increase of 8.1% from the year-earlier level of 934 692^r (revised figure) tonnes.

Year-to-date shipments totalled 2 053 911 tonnes, an increase of 4.5% compared to 1 964 719^r tonnes the previous year.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 58 and 122 (series 22-25).

Order the February 1987 issue of *Primary Iron and Steel* (41-001, \$4/\$40), to be released the week of May 4. Contact Gerry Barrett (613-991-3515), Industry Division.

Radio and Television Broadcasting 1986

Preliminary information on the radio and television broadcasting industry for 1986 is now available.

Order the Vol. 17, No. 2 issue of *Communications Service Bulletin* (56-001), scheduled for release the week of April 27. Contact J.R. Slattery (613-991-2205), Services Division.

Selected Financial Indexes

March 1987

March 1987 figures are now available for the selected financial indexes.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 412.

Order the first quarter 1987 issue of *Construction Price Statistics* (62-007, \$15/\$60), available in June. Contact the Information and Current Analysis Unit (613-990-9606/7), Prices Division.

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(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

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Transportation Equipment Industries – Motor Vehicle Engine and Engine Parts Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures.
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Non-metallic Mineral Products Industries – Clay Products Industry (From Imported Clay), 1985 Census of Manufactures.
Catalogue number 44-250B 3512
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Refined Petroleum and Coal Products Industries – Other Petroleum and Coal Products Industries, 1985 Census of Manufactures.
Catalogue number 45-250B 3699
(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

New Motor Vehicle Sales, December 1986.
Catalogue number 63-007
(Canada: \$8/\$80; Other Countries: \$9/\$90).

Merchandising Inventories, December 1986.
Catalogue number 63-014
(Canada: \$12/\$120; Other Countries: \$13/\$130).

Travel-log, Vol. 6, No. 1,
Catalogue number 87-003
(Canada: \$8/\$32; Other Countries: \$9/\$36).

Quarterly Estimates of Population for Canada, the Provinces and the Territories, January 1987. Catalogue number 91-001
(Canada: \$6/\$24; Other Countries: \$7/\$28).

Please note that population figures contained in this publication from July 1986 onward, are estimates still based on the 1981 Census counts.

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