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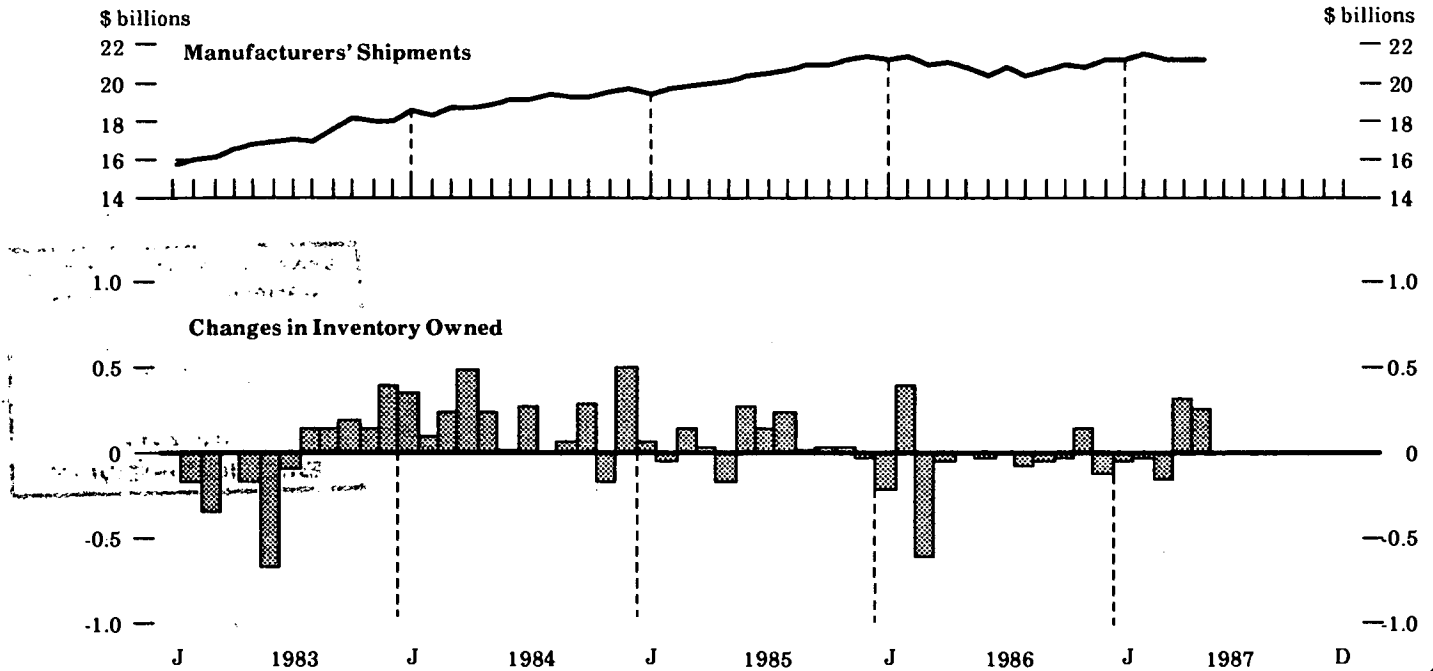
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## Major Release

### Manufacturers' Shipments and Changes in Inventory Owned, 1983-1987

(Seasonally adjusted)



### Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries May 1987

Following the generally upward trend observed during the latter half of 1986, manufacturing shipments have levelled off thus far in 1987.

#### Highlights

- Preliminary estimates indicate that the seasonally adjusted value of **shipments** increased 0.3% in May to a level of \$21,189 million. The modest increases in the last two months, coupled with offsetting fluctuations in February and March, have resulted in virtually no change in the level of shipments since December 1986.
- **New orders** were up 0.6% to \$21,427 million in May. With a pattern of change similar to, but more volatile than shipments, little change in the level of new orders has occurred since December 1986.

- Reversing the declining trend observed since November 1986, **inventory owned** increased for the second month in a row to a level of \$33,690 million in May.
- The ratio of seasonally adjusted total **inventory owned** to seasonally adjusted **shipments** rose marginally from 1.58:1 in April to 1.59:1 in May. This was the fifth consecutive month in which the ratio remained below the 1.60:1 to 1.65:1 range recorded through most of 1986.
- The seasonally adjusted **unfilled orders backlog** increased for the second consecutive month with a 1.0% rise in May to \$24,021 million. Unfilled orders had been on a generally downward trend since May 1986.

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- Not adjusted for seasonal variation, manufacturers' shipments in May 1987 were estimated at \$21,786 million, 0.3% higher than the May 1986 level. Cumulative shipments for the first five months of 1987 have been estimated at \$105,142 million, 0.4% higher than the value for the corresponding period in 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 9550-9580.

Order the May 1987 issue of *Inventories, Shipments and Orders in Manufacturing Industries* (31-001, \$15/\$150), available in about three weeks time. Data for shipments by province in greater detail than normally published may be available on request. For further information, please contact Suzette Desrosiers (613-990-9497) or the Shipments, Inventories and Orders Section (613-990-9832), Industry Division.

### Estimated Value of Shipments, Inventories and Orders in all Manufacturing Industries

Based on 1983 Census of Manufactures Benchmarks  
(Millions of Dollars)

	May 1987 <sup>p</sup>	April 1987 <sup>r</sup>	March 1987	May 1986
Not adjusted for Seasonal Variation				
Shipments - Total	21,786.0	21,477.2	22,032.1	21,717.7
New Orders - Total	22,147.3	21,483.7	22,101.7	21,758.3
Unfilled Orders - Total	24,318.5	23,957.2	23,950.7	24,757.0
Inventory Owned - Total	33,810.6	33,767.4	33,524.5	33,708.9
Adjusted for Seasonal Variation				
Shipments - Total	21,188.5	21,127.4	21,112.5	20,697.9
New Orders - Total	21,426.7	21,297.8	21,024.0	20,670.4
Unfilled Orders - Total	24,092.7	23,854.4	23,684.0	24,583.8
Inventory Owned - Total	33,689.5	33,437.4	33,124.9	33,582.2
Ratio of Total Inventories Owned to Shipments	1.59	1.58	1.57	1.62

<sup>p</sup> Preliminary figures.

<sup>r</sup> Revised figures.

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## Data Availability Announcements

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### Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics

May 1987

In May 1987, a total of 68 Canadian urban transit systems with gross annual total operating revenues of \$500,000 or more (subsidies included) carried 108,812,310 fare passengers, a decrease of 3.1% from the previous month. Operating revenues totalled \$75,407,085 – down 0.8% from April 1987.

During the same period, 19 passenger bus carriers earning \$500,000 or more annually from intercity and rural bus operations carried 1,621,692 fare passengers, down 1.4% from the previous month. Earnings for these carriers totalled \$17,164,906 – a 3.4% increase from April 1987 operating revenues.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 351 and 352.

Order the May 1987 issue of *Passenger Bus and Urban Transit Statistics* (53-003, \$6.50/\$65), available the last week of July. Contact the Rail Unit (613-990-8700), Transportation Division.

### Particleboard, Waferboard and Hardboard

May 1987

Canadian firms produced 134 289 cubic metres of waferboard in May 1987, an increase of 8.7% from the 123 485 cubic metres produced a year earlier. Particleboard production reached 123 537 cubic metres in May 1987, up 22.7% from 100 704 cubic metres the previous year. Production of hardboard for May 1987 was 4 016 thousand square metres, basis 3.175 mm (43,231 thousand square feet, basis 1/8-inch), a decrease of 11.9% from the 4 557 thousand square metres, basis 3.175 mm (49,056 thousand square feet, basis 1/8-inch).

Production of waferboard during January to May 1987 totalled 624 134 cubic metres, up 3.9% from the 600 854 cubic metres produced during the same period a year earlier. Particleboard production was 559 304 cubic metres, a rise of 13.1% from 494 571 cubic metres in January to May 1986. Production of hardboard totalled 16 888 thousand square metres, basis 3.175 mm (181,782 thousand square feet, basis 1/8-inch), a decrease of 25.8% from 22 757 thousand square metres, basis 3.175 mm (244,952 thousand square feet, basis 1/8-inch) for the first five months in 1986.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 122 (series 8 and 34).

Order the May 1987 issue of *Particleboard, Waferboard and Hardboard* (36-003, \$4/\$40), to be released this week. Contact Jacques Lepage (613-991-3510), Industry Division.

## Railway Carloadings

Nine-day period Ending June 30, 1987

### Highlights:

- Revenue freight tonnages loaded by railways in Canada during the week totalled 7.4 million tonnes, an increase of 32.7% from the same period the previous year.
- Piggyback traffic increased 15.3% from a year earlier while the number of cars loaded increased 22.7% during the year-to-date.

- Revenue freight tonnage loaded-to-date this year is 2.9% more than that loaded the previous year.

**Note:** Piggyback traffic includes trailers and containers on flat cars. The 1986 figures and the 1987 year-to-date figures have been revised. Piggyback traffic numbers are included in total carload traffic.

Contact the Surface Transport Unit (613-991-2484), Transportation Division.

## Railway Carloadings

	Nine-day period ending June 30, 1987	Year-to-date
<b>Carload Traffic</b>		
Tonnes	7 385 613	123 784 648
% change from previous year	32.7	2.9
<b>Cars</b>		
	105,379	1,834,829
% change from previous year	29.1	1.5
<b>Piggyback Traffic</b>		
Tonnes	318 102	6 378 263
% change from previous year	15.3	5.3
<b>Cars</b>		
	11,962	229,950
% change from previous year	22.7	5.6

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## Publications Released

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**The Sugar Situation, May 1987.**

**Catalogue number 32-013**

(Canada: \$4/\$40; Other Countries: \$5/\$50).

**Production and Stocks of Tea, Coffee and Cocoa, Quarter Ended March 1987.**

**Catalogue number 32-025**

(Canada: \$5/20; Other Countries: \$6/\$24).

**Wood Industries, Wooden Kitchen Cabinet and Bathroom Vanity Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures.**

**Catalogue number 35-250B 2542**

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

**Fabricated Metal Products Industries, Other Fabricated Structural Metal Products Industries, 1985 Census of Manufactures.**

**Catalogue number 41-251B 3029**

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

**Fabricated Metal Products Industries, Metal Door and Window Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures.**

**Catalogue number 41-251B 3031**

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

**Fabricated Metal Products Industries, Other Ornamental and Architectural Metal Products Industries, 1985 Census of Manufactures.**

**Catalogue number 41-251B 3039**

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

**Fabricated Metal Products Industries, Other Hardware and Cutlery Industries, 1985 Census of Manufactures.**

**Catalogue number 41-251B 3069**

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

**Fabricated Metal Products Industries, Machine Shop Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures.**

**Catalogue number 41-251B 3081**

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

**Fabricated Metal Products Industries, Other Metal Fabricating Industries, 1985 Census of Manufactures.**

**Catalogue number 41-251B 3099**

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

**Machinery Industries (except Electrical Machinery), Construction and Mining Machinery and Materials Handling Equipment Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures.**

**Catalogue number 42-250B 3192**

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

**Specified Domestic Electrical Appliances, May 1987.**

**Catalogue number 43-003**

(Canada: \$4/\$40; Other Countries: \$5/\$50).

**Electrical and Electronic Products Industries, Major Appliance Industry (Electric and Non-electric), 1985 Census of Manufactures.**

**Catalogue number 43-250B 3321**

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

**Electrical and Electronic Products Industries, Telecommunication Equipment Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures.**

**Catalogue number 43-250B 3351**

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

**Electrical and Electronic Products Industries, Electronic Parts and Components Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures.**

**Catalogue number 43-250B 3352**

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

**Electrical and Electronic Products Industries, Electronic Computing and Peripheral Equipment Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures.**

**Catalogue number 43-250B 3361**

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

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**Electrical and Electronic Products Industries, Electrical Transformer Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures. Catalogue number 43-250B 3371**  
(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

**Electrical and Electronic Products Industries, Electrical Switchgear and Protective Equipment Industry, 1985 Census of Manufactures. Catalogue number 43-250B 3372**  
(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

**Electrical and Electronic Products Industries, Other Electrical Products Industries n.e.c., 1985 Census of Manufactures. Catalogue number 43-250B 3399**  
(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

**Electrical and Electronic Products Industries, Other Electrical Industrial Equipment Industries, 1985 Census of Manufactures. Catalogue number 43-250B 3379**  
(Canada: \$4; Other Countries: \$5).

**Cement, May 1987. Catalogue number 44-001**  
(Canada: \$4/\$40; Other Countries: \$5/\$50).

**Quarterly Report on Energy Supply-Demand in Canada, Fourth Quarter 1986. Catalogue number 57-003**  
(Canada: \$25/\$100; Other Countries: \$26.50/\$106).

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