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MAJOR RELEASE

- Monthly Survey of Manufacturing, June 1993

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The seasonally adjusted value of shipments increased $0.5 \%$ in June following two declines in a row. Nine of the 22 major groups recorded higher shipments. A $6.0 \%$ jump in the motor vehicle, parts and accessories industries accounted for most of the increase. For the rest of manufacturing, shipments decreased $0.6 \%$ after virtual flatness during the previous two months. Unfilled orders rose $1.0 \%$ in June because of some large contracts in the fabricated metal products industry. Inventory levels increased for the fourth month in a row.

The short-term trend smooths irregular month-tomonth movements not sustained over a longer period. The trend for shipments was unchanged in the latest period after increasing for more than one year. Increases for 13 of the major groups were offset by declining trends for seven other groups: notably motor vehicle, parts and accessories; wood; and electrical and electronic products.

The trend for unfilled orders, after falling since October 1989, increased over the eight most recent periods but more slowly since February. The inventories trend increased in the two most recent periods, the first increase since February 1990. The new orders trend declined in the two most recent months following a year of growth.

## Shipments

Preliminary estimates indicate that manufacturers' shipments increased $0.5 \%$ to $\$ 25.2$ billion in June. Nine of the 22 major groups (accounting for $42 \%$ of shipment values) increased, but 13 decreased. A $6.0 \%$ jump in the motor vehicle, parts and accessories industries contributed the most to the June increase but did not completely offset the automotive sector's declines of $2.3 \%$ in April and $8.3 \%$ in May. The largest decreases in June were in electrical and electronic products ( $-3.6 \%$ ) and in machinery ( $-5.3 \%$ ) industries.

## Trend for Shipments

The trend for shipments showed no change in the most recent period after rising for more than one year. A considerable dampening influence on the overall trend came from three industries: motor vehicle, parts and accessories; wood; and electrical and electronic products. Much of the growth in
shipments during 1992 and early 1993 was attributable to strong shipment levels in these three export-oriented industries. The shipments trend for 13 of the 22 major groups (accounting for $48 \%$ of shipment values) increased in the most recent period, though the pace slowed for 10 of the groups.

## Inventories (owned)

Inventories (owned) rose $0.5 \%$ in June to $\$ 34.6$ billion, the fourth increase in a row. The largest increases were in the electrical and electronic products ( $+2.9 \%$ ), paper and allied products ( $+2.1 \%$ ) and machinery ( $+3.0 \%$ ) industries. Primary metal ( $-1.4 \%$ ) and fabricated metal ( $-1.8 \%$ ) industries posted the largest declines.

The trend for inventories (owned) rose over the two most recent periods. This was the first increase in the trend in three years.

## Inventories/shipments Ratio

The inventories/shipments ratio showed no change from May, remaining at 1.37 .

The trend has shown no change over the last three periods after continuously declining from a peak of 1.52 in January 1992.

## Unfilled Orders

Unfilled orders increased $1.0 \%$ to $\$ 24.5$ billion, the first increase following two monthly declines. Large contracts in the fabricated metal products industry ( $+22.0 \%$ ) accounted for most of the increase in the backlog of orders.

The trend increased over the eight most recent periods, but at a slower pace since February 1993.

Unfilled orders are a stock of orders that will contribute to future shipments, assuming that orders are not cancelled.

New orders are the sum of shipments for the current month (i.e., orders received and shipped within the same month) plus the change in unfiled orders.

## New Orders

New orders increased $2.8 \%$ to $\$ 25.4$ billion following three consecutive declines. Transportation equipment ( $+8.4 \%$ ) and fabricated metal products ( $+27.0 \%$ ) industries accounted for most of the increase in June.


Despite June's increase, the trend for new orders declined over the two most recent periods.

## Year-to-date

Manufacturers' shipments for the first six months of 1993 were estimated at $\$ 151.1$ billion, $8.3 \%$ above a year earlier.

## Available on CANSIM: matrices 9550-9580.

The June 1993 issue of Monthly Survey of Manufacturing (31-001, $\$ 17.30 / \$ 173$ ) will be available shortly.

Data for shipments by province in greater detail may be available upon request. For further information, please contact Bob Traversy, Information and Classification Section (613-951-9497) or the Monthly Survey of Manufacturing Section (613-951-9832), Industry Division.

Shipments, Inventories and Orders in ail Manufacturing Industries


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## DATA AVAILABILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Soft Drinks

July 1993
Data on soft drinks for July 1993 are now available.

## Available on CANSIM: matrix 196.

Monthly Production of Soft Drinks (32-001, $\$ 2.70 / \$ 27$ ) will be available shortly. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information, contact Peter Zylstra (613-951-3511), Industry Division.

## Plastic Film and Bags <br> Second Quarter 1993

Second quarter of 1993 data on shipments of plastic film and bags are now available.

Shipments of Plastic Film and Bags Manufactured from Resin (47-007, $\$ 6.75 / \$ 27$ ) will be available later.

For more detailed information on this release, contact T. Raj Sehdev (613-951-3513), Industry Division.


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Olls and Fats, June 1993.
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Other Countries: US\$7/US\$70).
Canned and Frozen Fruits and Vegetables, Monthly, June 1993.
Catalogue number 32-011
(Canada: $\$ 5 / \$ 50$; United States: US\$6/US\$60;
Other Countries: US\$7/US\$70).
Leather and Allied Products Industries, 1990.
Catalogue number 33-251
(Canada: \$35; United States: US\$42;
Other Countries: US\$49).
Refined Petroleum Products, May 1993.
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(Canada: $\$ 18.20 / \$ 182$; United States:
US\$21.80/US\$218;
Other Countries: US\$25.50/US\$255).

## Air Carrier Operations in Canada,

 July-September 1992.Catalogue number 51-002
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[^0]:    * The short-term trend represents a weighted average of the data.

