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THIS REPORT on the Abrasives Industry relates to establishments engaged wholly or mainly in manufacturing artificial abrasives whether in the form of powder, paste, stone or coated paper and cloth, and in shaping natural abrasives into grindstones, etc.

This industry corresponds to minimum list heading 29(1) in the Standard Industrial Classification.

Any establishments in this industry in Northern Ireland in 1948 and 1951 are excluded.

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IMPORTANT NOTES and definitions appear on the next page. In interpreting the data in the tables, it is essential to bear these in mind.

The following notes describe terms in general use in the tables of the report. More detailed explanations of the terms used and a description of the scope and method of taking the census are given in the separate booklet entitled 'The Report on the Census of Production for 1954 - Introductory Notes' (price 1s. 6d.

Industrial Classification: Establishments are classified to industries according to the nature of their output and, as far as possible, in conformity with the Standard Industrial Classification. Certain products are identified as the principal products of individual industries, the principal products for a given industry being of a similar nature or commonly associated in production. The principle of classification normally followed is that an establishment is classified to an industry if its output of the principal products of that industry accounted for a greater proportion of the value of its output than did its output of the principal products of any other industry.

Specialist producers normally comprise those establishments 50 per cent. or more of whose total output by value is accounted for by the characteristic products of the specialist group.

Intermediate products: For some industries figures are given showing the total quantities made during the year of intermediate products, i.e., products which may be further processed in the establishments in which they are produced.

Larger establishments: The information given in the report relates mainly to 'larger establishments', i.e., establishments of firms employing on the average more than 10 persons. In most cases an establishment comprises the whole of the premises under the same ownership or management at a particular address (e.g., a mine or factory). Offices, warehouses, laboratories and other ancillary places of business situated apart from the producing works are not regarded as separate establishments and are included in the return for the works.

Small firms are those employing on the average 10 or fewer persons.

The estimates for the industry as a whole given in Table 1 are normally obtained by increasing the other items shown in the same proportion as total employment.

Gross output (production) is the total value of goods made and other work done during the year: it is obtained by adjusting the value of sales and work done during the year for changes in the value of stocks of products on hand for sale and work in progress.

Net output is the amount left after deducting from the value of gross output the aggregate of the cost of materials and fuel used, the amount paid for work given out, and, for 1951 and 1954, any transport payments made. This represents the value added to materials by the process of production, and constitutes the fund from which wages, salaries, rents; rates and taxes, advertising and other selling expenses and all other similar charges have to be met, as well as depreciation and profits.

Sales means sales during the year of goods made in the establishment covered by the return or made on commission for it, whether produced in the year or not. The value of sales is the net selling value, i.e., the amount charged to customers, whether on an ex-works or delivered basis, and net of any trade discounts, agents' commissions, allowances for returnable cases, purchase tax. etc. For goods charged on a delivered basis to customers overseas, firms were required to give the

Materials and fuel: The total cost of materials and fuel purchased includes all purchases during the year of materials for use in production, and of fuel (including oil, gas and electricity) for all purposes: packing materials, including the full cost of returnable cases when first purchased; workshop and office materials: water charges; materials for repairs to buildings. plant and vehicles when carried out by firms' own workpeople included in their returns; consumable tools: and parts for machinery purchased as replacements. Purchases of goods for merchanting are excluded. The cost of materials and fuel used, given in Table 2, is obtained by adjusting purchases for changes during the year in the value of stocks.

Stocks: Firms were required to give stocks of materials and fuel, products on hand for sale, and work in progress, at income tax values.

Customs and Excise Duty paid on materials purchased is normally included in the cost of materials. Finished goods are similarly valued as they were sold, duty-paid or duty-free. The net amount of any duty paid is deducted in arriving at net output.

Employment: Total employment includes working proprietors, administrative, technical and clerical employees. and operatives, but excludes outworkers, canteen employees and persons engaged in merchanting or any other activity not covered by a firm's return, who are shown separately as excluded employees. Employees are persons on the pay-roll (i.e., persons whose National Insurance cards were held by employers), whether employed full-time or part-time.

Working proprietors are proprietors of businesses other than limited companies, together with members of their families who worked in the business without receiving fixed wages or salaries. Any persons working less than half the normal hours are excluded. For Northern Ireland directors of limited companies (other than those paid by fee only) are also included.

Administrative, technical and clerical employees include directors, other than those paid by fee only (except in Northern Ireland); managers, superintendents and works foremen; research, experimental, development, technical and design employees (other than operatives); draughtsmen and tracers; travellers; and office (including works office) employees.

Operatives include all other classes of employees, i.e., broadly speaking, all manual workers.

Outworkers are persons employed by the firm who work on materials supplied by the firm in their own homes.

Wages and salaries include all overtime payments, bonuses and commissions without any deductions for income tax. insurances, contributory pensions etc. They exclude payments to working proprietors.

Capital expenditure includes expenditure on new building work, and on plant, machinery and vehicles, charged to capital account during the year, including any transport and installation costs involved. It includes expenditure in respect of establishments in Great Britain which had not begun production before the end of the year (which has not previously been included in the Census of Production reports for individual industries).

- .. for not available
- for nil or negligible (less than half the final digit shown).

Where figures are rounded, e.g., given to the nearest £ thousand, there may be apparent slight discrepancies between the sums of constituent items and the totals shown. In some cases, figures have been combined with others of a similar nature where publication of separate details might disclose information relating to an individual undertaking.

Industry summary: Estimates for the industry as a whole

TABLE 1	Great	Britain	United Kingdom	Scotland	Wales 1954	
	1948	1948 1951		1954	(a)	
The state of the s	£ million	£ million	£'million	£ million	£ million	
Gross output (production)	10.5	17.0	17.8	0.38		
Net output	5.6	8.1	9.0	0.15		
Total stocks and work in progress At beginning of year Change during year	+ 2.3	+ 3.7	+ 4.2	9 - 10 000	A 2100x	
Capital expenditure less disposals (b)	0.3	0.6	0.9	1 84 - 1	E 1 32	
Wages and salaries	2.5	3.4	4.1	0.06	4 + 4.7	
Total employment (including working proprietors)	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands -	Thousands	

(a) Owing to the risk of disclosure of information relating to individual firms particulars for Wales cannot

be given separately.

TABLE 1

Capital expenditure on new building work, plant, machinery and vehicles, (including (except in 1948) that incurred for establishments not yet in production), less amounts received for plant, machinery and vehicles disposed of.

Summary of returns received

College of the colleg	-	Unit	Great	Britain	United Kingdom	
	Securitat produces		1948	1951	1954	
IRMS EMPLOYING ON AVERAG	E MORE THAN 10 PERSONS		18.0		1 1 10	
Number of establishments	Tellioli a tomoras actual intelli	No.	37	40	42	
Total value of sales and	ork done	£'000	10.158	16,467	17,194	
Products on hand for sale	(at beginning of year		815	1,385	1.677	
and work in progress			+ 212	+ 385	+ 322	
Gross output (production)			10,259	16,851	17,516	
Purchases of materials and	l fuel		4,810	9,251	8.443	
dichases of materials and	. (at beginning of year		1,396	2,257	2,504	
Stocks of materials and to	nel {at beginning of year change during year		+ 23	+ 720	+ 87	
Cost of materials and fue.	used		4,787	8,530	8,356	
Payment for work done on			8	8	6	
Payment for transport (b)	The state of the s		111	317	308	
Net output			5,464	7,996	8.846	
0.0	Coperatives	No.	4,825	5,690	5,247	
Average number of employed	others		1,779(c)	2,010	2,267	
Total employment (d)	· 是一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个一个		6,604	7.700	7.515	
Net output per person emp	loyed (d)	£	827	1,038	1,177	
	(of operatives	£' 000	1,575	2,260	2,522	
Wages and salaries	of operatives of others		848	1,144	1,484	
Capital expenditure					School Charles	
New building work (e)			40	169	274	
Plant and machinery	∫acquisitions (e)		204	340	562	
Plant and machinery	disposals		2	6	8	
Vehicles	∫acquisitions (e)		39	61	86	
Venicies	disposals	"	7	11	ZS	
IRMS EMPLOYING ON AVERA	GE 10 OR FEWER PERSONS		(d) saylitabupa	[read	Design Rose Just	
Number of returns		No.	22	14	18	
Total employment, inclu	ding working				69454	
proprietors			132	77	118	

(a) For the year 1948 gross output excludes payments for transport services outwards on finished goods sold. For subsequent years gross output includes payments to other firms and undertakings and to firms' own separate transport organisations for transport services.

(b) Payments to other firms and undertakings and to firms' own separate transport organisations. For the year 1948 payments cover only transport outwards of finished goods sold. For subsequent years they cover payments for transport of both finished goods sold and materials and fuel purchased.

(c) Number in week ended September 25, 1948.

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(d) Excluding outworkers and including working proprietors.

(e) Excluding expenditure for establishments not yet in production.

Analysis by size, 1954

Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

TABLE 3

Average number	Estab- Gross		Net	Employees		Wages and		oupteur	Net output
employed (a)	lish- ments	output	output	Operatives	Others	Operatives		expenditure (b)	per person employed (a)
	Number	£'000	£. 000	Number	Number	£,000	£' 000	£,000	£
11 - 24	6	739	196	89	23	45	17	29	1,750
25 - 49	8	1,242	568	244	50	103	44	13	1,932
50 - 99	12	1,593	865	581	209	262	161	283	1,095
100 - 199	9	2.484	1,233	861	344	379	240	42	1,023
200 and over	7	11,458	5,983	3,472	1,641	1,734	1,023	554	1,170
Total	42	17,516	8,846	5,247	2.267	2,522	1,484	922	1,177

(a) Excluding outworkers and including working proprietors.
 (b) Capital expenditure on new building work and on acquisition of plant, machinery and vehicles. Excluding expenditure for establishments not yet in production.

Analysis according to specialisation within the industry, 1954 Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

TABLE 4

			Specialist p	oroducers of	ne comme	
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	100 mm 100	Unit	Abrasive wheels, discs, segments, sharpening stones and other shapes or forms		of the	Total
Number of establishments		No.	22	13	7	42
Total value of sales and wor Sales of characteristic prod		£,000	10.680 8.670	5.018 4.714	1.497	17,194
Products on hand for sale	fat beginning of year	"	861	666	150	1,677
and work in progress	lchange during year	"	+ 247	+ 61	+ 13	+ 322
Gross output (production) Purchases of materials and			10,927	5,079	1,510	17,516
Stocks of materials	(at beginning of year		4,744	2.794	905	8.443
and fuel	change during year		1,600	855 + 141	+ 49	2.504
Cost of materials and fuel u			4,804	2,652	+ 6 899	+ 87 8,356
Payment for work done on mat	erials given out		2	4	-	6
Payment for transport		"	140	76	91	308
Net output			5,981	2,347	519	8,846
Average number	[operatives	No.	3,643	1,425	179	5.247
of employees	others	••	1,714	516	37	2, 267
Total employment (a)		"	5,357	1.942	216	7,515
Net output per person employ	red (a)	£	1,116	1.208	2.403	1.177
Wages and salaries	Soperatives	£.000	1,834	603	85	2.522
wages and salaries	of others	"	1,107	352	25	1,484
Capital expenditure New building work (b)			225	41	8	27 4
Plant and machinery	(disposals	-	436	100	26	562
Vehicles	(acquisitions (b)	:	69	17	1	86 25

(a) Excluding outworkers and including working proprietors.(b) Excluding expenditure for establishments not yet in production.

Sales of the principal products of the industry, including sales of these products by establishments classified to other industries Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

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2708	19	51 (a)		1954	
legicarian of the control of the con	Quanti ty	Value	Quan ti ty	Value	Entries
		£,000		£,000	Number
Abrasive wheels, discs, segments, sharpening stones and other shapes or forms		gainmann	e approvation in	nese sukararigin	n i savak
Aluminium oxide (artificial)		5,300		5,923	19
Silicon carbide	••	1,716	10000340	1,811	15
Diamond impregnated		708		824	11
Other (including cut from natural rock)		144.	2000	209	9
. Total abrasive wheels etc.		7.868	Llods ••2 · #	8.767	
Abrasive paper, cloth and other flexible abrasive materials and articles made wholly or mainly therefrom	Th.reams(b)		Th.reams(b)	estated	essetti. Lii perse
Aluminium oxide (artificial)	138	2,122 {	102	1,858 344] 14
Emery	113	937 {	41	366 345	9
Garnet	82	593 {	46	335 70	12
Silicon carbide	148	1.226	106	919 134] 12
Glass, flint, sand and other	235	551 91	172	261 351	} 14
Total abrasive paper.etc.	716	5.428 91	467	3,739 1,244	}
Metallic abrasives	Th.cwt. 836	868	Th.cwt. 910	1,109	8
Other abrasives, ground, pulverised, refined or otherwise prepared					
Natural				178	7
Emery	120	240	89	478	6
Other	and it is was	494		771	h
Artificial		1.274	170	491	7
Products not specified above	THE STATE OF THE	-	-	25	
Work done for the industry on commission (c)	ng Amplemang m	1	ton at to at	2	
Total		16,265		16,805	••
Sales in other industries (see Table 6)		338	A SALES	285	
Principal products of this industry sold by establishments in the industry		15,926	1	16,520	37

(a) Great Britain only.(b) Reams of 480 sheets.(c) Amount charged.

Sales of principal products of the industry by establishments classified to other industries

Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

TABLE 6

		1954		Principal	
solved sales valued serps	Quantity Value		Entries	industries in which produced (a	
		£,000	Number	th abusine princes	
Abrasive wheels, discs, segments, sharpening stones and other shapes or forms		oanol Sua	To despo	o fodio bad same o	
Aluminium oxide (artificial)	1	8		4K	
Diamond impregnated		80		4C. 5H	
Other (including cut from natural rock)		8	3000 F 110	4D	
Abrasive paper, cloth and other flexible abrasive materials, and articles made wholly or mainly therefrom		1.00	a Easile " 61	interest of the contract of th	
Glass, flint, sand and other	AND	148		11. 7L. 9C	
Metallic abrasives		11		4C, 5H	
Other abrasives, ground, pulverized, refined or otherwise prepared	self no west and	the Industry.	that is	distanta milatenika	
Natural		10		5H	
Artificial		20		5H	
Total	***	285		2.000.00	

⁽α) The volume number and industry references given are to the industries shown in the list at the back of this report.

TABLE 7 - Sales in the industry of other than principal products Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

The total value of the sales of other than principal products amounted to £674,000 in 1954.

TABLE 8 - Total make of intermediate products

This table is not applicable to the industry.

Purchases of materials and fuel, 1954 Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

ABRASIVES

TABLE 9

ABLE 9	Quantity	Cost
	Th.tons	£.000
terials		
Abrasives, crude, ground or graded		
Natural		70
Emery	5.5	79
Garnet	0.7	60
Diamond boart or powder	••	720
Other natural abrasives	1.0	14
Artificial		
Aluminium oxide		440
Crude, unground	4.5	44 0 369
	9.2	882
Ground or graded	7.4	783
Silicon carbide		208
	3.0	122
Other artificial abrasives		141
	Tons	
aper of all kinds (excluding packing materials)	2,580	488
	Th.lb.	
	2.443.2	632 216
Cotton piece goods		113
ulcanised fibre	672.0	27
	Tons	
Bonding materials and adhesives	1,225	235
Glue		74
Other bonding agents		573
Other bonding agents	Th. tons	
	51.2	410
Scrap metal		279
Packing materials		1,043
All other purchased materials		
Fuel and electricity	26.0	97
Coal	10.3	69
Coke		
Liquid fuels (including creosote/pitch mixtures)	Th.gal.	
For use in internal combustion engines		
Motor spirit (petrol) for use in road vehicles and derv. fuel	154.0	30
Other	2,247.0	102
For burning in furnaces, boilers, kilns, etc.	Th. therms	
Gas purchased	1,876.2	98
From Gas Boards		
From other sources, including other departments of the same firms	Th.kWh.	
Electricity purchased	30,480	139
From Electricity Boards	00,100	
From other sources, including other departments of the		•
firms		8,443

⁽a) The total quantity of electricity generated in the firms' own establishments in this industry in 1954 was 4,500 Th.kWh.

Larger establishments in the United Kingdom (a)

TABLE 10

	1951 (b)	1954
	Number	Number
Average number of employees	一一一一一一一一一一一一一一一一一	
Operatives Administrative, technical and clerical employees	5,690 2,010	5.247 2.267
Total	7.700	7,514
Wages and salaries paid to	£' 000	£, 000
Operatives Administrative, technical and clerical employees	2,260 1,144	2.522 1.484
Total	3,404	4,006
Vages and salaries per head	£	£
Operatives Administrative, technical and clerical employees	397 569	481 655
Superannuation and other pension funds for employees and dependents (c)	- 10 sections	£'000
Employers' contributions	A STATE OF THE STA	104
Employees covered		Number 2,923 £'000
Pension, etc. payments to former employees and dependents (c)		22

(a) The following persons, not included above, were also employed by larger establishments in this industry ('other workers' includes, for example, employees engaged in merchanting).

> Canteen workers 100 Other workers

(b) Great Britain only.

(c) The figures given relate to larger establishments in Great Britain only.

Employment in a specified week (a)

Larger establishments in the United Kingdom

TABLE 11	310	Number						
		1951 (b)			the season of the season 1954 along the season			
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	To tal		
Working proprietors			.sto .anfla	annoting o	engrant of the	sand yel		
Operatives	4,760	1,145	5,905	4,479	989	5,468		
Administrative, technical and clerical employees	1,,205	824	2.029	1,411	871	2,282		
Total employees	5,965	1,969	7,934	5,890	1,860	7,750		

(a) Week ended September 22, 1951, or October, 30, 1954.

(b) Great Britain only.

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