## 65 Ordnance and small arms

This Report on the Ordnance and Small Arms Industry relates to establishments engaged wholly or mainly in manufacturing guns, machine guns, mortars, rifles, pistols, revolvers, torpedoes, shell cases and components, bomb cases and components, cases and components for small arms ammunition, sporting guns, air rifles, etc; swords, bayonets, etc; and tracked armoured fighting vehicles. Establishments making live military ammunition which also make cases for it are included. Armoured cars and troop carriers are excluded.

This industry corresponds to minimum list heading 342 in the Standard Industrial Classification (Revised 1968) which has been used for the first time as a basis of classification in the 1968 Census.

The industry corresponds to the Ordnance and Small Arms Industry (Part 51) in the Reports on the last detailed Census of Production for 1963, except that establishments making live military ammunition which also make the empty cases for it were formerly included in the Explosives and Fireworks Industry (Part 30).

Throughout this Report, the figures given for 1963 have been reclassified, as far as possible, according to the Standard Industrial Classification (Revised 1968) so that data for 1963 and 1968 are on the same industrial bas is. However the reclassification of small firms, which provided limited information only, has been arbitrary,

## METHOD OF CLASSIFICATION

Returns showing sales of live ammunition as their major output were classified to this industry only if the establishment concerned also manufactured the ammunition cases: otherwise they were classified to Explosives, Fireworks and Matches (Part 39).

In claisifying other returns within the mechanical engineering group of industries the value of unspecified work done (other than structural and installation work), including repair work was not taken into account unless it amounted to 80 per cent. or more of the total output of the return, in which case the return was classified to General Mechanical Engineering (Part 66). The amount charged for erecting and installing machinery and plant (other than air conditioning, heating and ventilating plant) was treated as part of the selling value of these items in determining the industrial classification of the returns. The standard classification procedure as outlined in the notes on page (i) was further modified where a return would have been classified to one of the mechanical engineering group of industries (viz Parts 50 to 66), but where the sales of the principal products of the industry concerned (including parts) accounted for less than 20 per cent. of the total output: in such cases the return was classified to the residual sub-division of the General Mechanical Engineering Industry (Part 66).

In interpreting the data in the tables it is essential to bear in mind the notes and definitions which appear on pages (i) to (iv)

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machinery or other goods, for providing transort machinery or other goods, for providing transport, or for technical or other services
rendered).
(d) Administrative, technical and clerical employees
(e) Excluding expenditure for establishments not yet in production.
(f) Acquisitions less disposals.

Indust ry summary, 1963 and 1968
United Kingdom (a) (b)

|  | Unit | All establi shments |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1963 | 1968 |
| Number of enterprises | No. | 67 | 66 |
| Nunber of establishments | " | 83 | 76 |
| Gross output | £ 000 | 57,501 | 65,965 |
| output | " | 35,291 | 39,668 |
| Net output per head | $£$ | 1,121 | 1,726 |
| ( goods produced and work done (c) | $\mathfrak{L}^{\prime} 000$ | 53,522 | 63,072 |
| Sales and work done $\quad$ merchanted goods and canteen takings | " | 1,283 | 1,627 |
| $\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { materials for use in production and } \\ \text { packaging and fuel } \end{array}\right.$ | " | 18,637 | 22,726 |
| goods for merchanting and canteen purchases | " | 1,155 | 1,613 |
| $\int$ for work done on materials given out | " | 1,553 | 1,619 |
| Payments to other organisations $\quad\left\{\begin{array}{c}\text { for transport } \\ \text { by road }\end{array}\right.$ | " |  | 31 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { by rail and other means excluding } \\ & \text { postal services } \end{aligned}$ | ${ }^{\prime}$ | 106 | 43 |
| Stocks and work in progress |  |  |  |
| Total stocks and work in progress $\quad\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { change during year } \\ \text { at end of year }\end{array}\right.$ | " | $\begin{array}{r} 1,936 \\ 28,885 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} +\quad 1,003 \\ 29,885 \end{array}$ |
| $\{$ change during year | " | - 147 | + 368 |
| Goods on hand for sale $\quad\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { at end of year }\end{array}\right.$ | " | 968 | 1,369 |
| $\{$ change during year |  | + 2,844 | + 899 |
| Hork in piogress $\quad\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { at end of year }\end{array}\right.$ | " | 21,231 | 19,104 |
|  | " | - 760 | - 264 |
| Materials, stores and fuel $\{$ at end of year | " | 6,685 | 9,412 |
| [total, including working proprietors | Th. | 31.5 | 23.0 |
| Munber employed on average during the year | " | 23.4 | 16.9 |
| (uring the year $\quad\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { other employees (d) }\end{array}\right.$ | " | 8.1 | 6.0 |
| *estives | £'000 | 17,013 | 16,473 |
| Hages and salaries $\quad\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { of other employees ( } d \text { ) }\end{array}\right.$ | " | 7,554 | 7,437 |
| Capital expenditure (e) |  |  |  |
| Total | " | 2,503 | 3,482 |
| New building mork | " | 212 | 614 |
| Land and existing buildinge (f) | " | 503 | 83 |
| Plant and machinery (f) | " | 1,739 | 2,661 |
| Vehicles (f) | " | 49 | 125 |

4) For 1968, estimates for establishments not making satisfactory returns and for small establishments For 1968, estimates for establishments not making satisfactory returns and for small establishment
from which only employment data were collected, accounted for 1 per cent. of the total figures in from which only employment data were collected, accounted for 1 per cent. of the total figures in
which they were incorporated: of this, unsatisfactory returns accounted for a negligable amount. A similar situation existed in 1963.
The following information relates to small establishments (employing fewer than 25 persons) in this
industry. It includes an estimate for small establishments not making satisfactory returns.

|  | 1963 | 1968 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Number of establishments | 38 | 39 |
| Average number employed: |  |  |
| Working proprietors | 39 | 34 |
| Other persons employed | 222 | 325 |
|  |  |  |

ther persons employed
ootnotes continued on page $65 / 2$.

TABLE 2 Analysis by size of establishment within the industry, 1968
(i) Output and employment

All establishments: United Kingdom

| Number employed on average during the year by the establi ishment (a) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Estab- } \\ & 1 \text { ish- } \\ & \text { men'ts } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Enter- } \\ & \text { prises } \end{aligned}$ (b) | Total number employed on average during the year (a) | Gross output | Net output | Net output per head |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Number | Number | £'000 | $£^{\prime} 000$ | £ |
| 1 -5 | 12 | 12 | 36 | .. | .. |  |
| 6-10 | 4 | 4 | 27 | .. | .. |  |
| 11-24 | 16 | 16 | 267 | .. | .. | .. |
| 25-49 | 6 | 6 | 264 | 806 | 466 | 1,766 |
| 50-99 | 8 | 8 | 504 | 1,396 | 815 | 1,617 |
| 100-199 | 3 | 3 | 455 | 1,585 | 855 | 1,879 |
| 200-299 | 4 | 4 | 962 | 4,318 | 1,540 | 1,601 |
| 300-399 | 3 | 3 | 1,029 | 3,265 | 2,035 | 1,977 |
| 400-749 | 4 | 4 | 2,337 | 5,221 | 3,954 | 1,692 |
| 1,000 and over | 9 | 3 | 17,068 | 48,357 | 29,389 | 1,722 |
| Unsatisfactory returns | 7 | 7 | 29 | .. | . | . |
| Total | 76 | 66 | 22,978 | 65,965(c) | 39,668(c) | 1,726(c) |

(ii) Employees, wages and sal aries

All establishments: United Kingdom

| Number employed on average during the year by theestabl i shment est abl i shment (a) | Employees |  | Wages and sal aries |  | Wages and sal aries per head |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Openatives | Others <br> (d) | Operatives | 0 thers (d) | Operatives | 0 thers (d) |
|  | Number | Number | $£^{\prime} 000$ | £'000 | £ | £ |
| 1-5 | .. | .. | . | . | . | .. |
| 6-10 | .. | . | . | .. | . | . |
| 11-24 | .. | . | .. | . | . | . |
| 25-49 | 220 | 42 | 222 | 65 | 1,009 | 1,542 |
| 50-99 | 382 | 120 | 369 | 157 | 965 | 1,307 |
| 100-199 | 339 | 115 | 362 | 149 | 1,067 | 1,292 |
| 200-299 | 687 | 275 | 649 | 286 | 945 | 1,039 |
| 300-399 | 757 | 271 | 728 | 365 | 961 | 1,347 |
| 400-749 | 1,619 | 718 | 1,412 | 840 | 872 | 1,170 |
| 1,000 and over | 12,672 | 4,396 | 12,500 | 5,472 | 986 | 1,245 |
| Unsatisfactory returns | .. | .. | $\cdots$ | . | .. | .. |
| Total | 16,917(c) | 6,022(c) | 16,473(c) | 7,437(c) | 974(c) | 1,235(c) |

[^0]TABLE 3 Percentage analysis of employees, by age and sex, 1969 (a)
All establishments: United Kingdom

| Ages | Males | Females | All employees |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Under 18 | Per cent. | Per cent. | Per cent. |
|  | 2 | 1 | 3 |
|  | 75 | 22 | 97 |
|  | 77 | 23 | 100 |

Source: Department of Employment
(a) The percentages relate to the numbers employed (excluding working proprietors) at June 1969, the earliest date for which the information is available on the basis of
Standard Industrial Cl assification, (Revised 1968).

Footnotes to Table 4.
(a) Some establishments employing fewer than 25 persons were included in returns for larger establ ishments. Thes
imounted to 3 establishments in 1968 and 2 in 1963 .
b) Including services rendered to other organisations (amounts charged for hiring out plant, machinery or other goods, for providing transport, or for technical or other
This is the ratio.
(c) This is the ratio of total sales of principal products by
the industry to total sales of goods produced and work done.
(d) Progress payments received for work in progress in 1968 frogress payments rece ived for work in progress in 1968 at the beginning of year and $£ 3,102,000$ at the end of year and from overseas customers $£ 303,000$ at the beginning of
year and $£ 549,000$ at end of year. Similar information is yot available for 1963 .
(e) Administrative, technical and clerical employees
(f) Excluding expenditure for establishments not yet in production.
(g) Acquisitions less disposals.

TABLE 4 Analysis of larger establishments, 1963 and 1968 Establishments employing 25 or more persons: Analysis of returns received,
United Kingdom (a)


[^1]TABLE 5 Sales of principal products of the industry by larger establishments, including sales by establishments classified to other industries, 1963 and 1968 Establ ishments employing 25 or more persons:
Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

(a) Described as 'Empty cartridge cases for small arms ammunition' in 1963.
(b) Includes some installation work for 1963.
(c) This figure represents the total number of returns made for larger establishments in this
c) This figure represents the the total number of establishments shown in Table 4 on account of combined returns covering more than one establishment.

## TABLE 6 Sales of principal products of the industry by larger establishments classified to other industries, 1963 and 1968 <br> Establishments employing 25 or more persons: Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

|  | 1963 | 1968 |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
|  | Value | Value | Entries | Principal <br> industries <br> in which <br> produced(a) |
| Arms, ammunition, and naval, military and air <br> force stores | £'000 | $£^{\prime} 000$ | Number |  |
| Small arms complete, parts and accessories, <br> and empty cartridge cases and components | 803 | 939 | 11 | $63,78,83,147$ |
| Guns and howitzers, gun mountings, carriages <br> and platforms, armoured fighting vehicles <br> (including tracked vehicles), chassis and <br> parts thereof, excluding armoured cars and <br> troop carriers | 4,425 | 10,716 | 38 | $39,53,80,82$ |
| Cases and components for artillery ammunition | 717 | 146 | 6 | $63,66,81,96$ |
| Cases and components for torpedoes, mines <br> and aircraft bombs | 585 | 579 | 15 | $63,87,96,97$ |
| Other naval, military and air force stores, <br> not elsewhere specified | 4,179 | 3,909 | 52 | $63,64,69,80$ |

[^2]|  | 1963 | 1968 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Value | Value |
|  | £'000 | £'000 |
| Metal-working machine tools | 1,716 | 344 |
| Industrial plant and stee!work, complete and parts | 761 | 128 |
| 0 ther general mechanical engineering products | 1,219 | 2,683 |
| Other products including motor vehicle and tractor components and parts | 9,085 | 6,556 |
| Work done |  |  |
| Building and civil engineering work carried out in Great Britain including the erection of constructional steelwork and the erection and installation of air-conditioning, heating and ventilating plant, but not of complete process plant | 233 | 26 |
| Other work done on commiss ion | 4,918 | 2,433 |
| Research and development work done for customers, including Government Departments, for which payment is receivable | 3,337 | 2,783 |
| Repair and jobbing work | 1,841 | 780 |
| Services rendered to other organisations (a) | 514 | 252 |
| Total value of goods sold without having been subjected to any manufacturing process (merchanted or factored) | 1,131 | 1,550 |
| Canteen takings | 140 | 52 |
| Total | 24,895 | 17,587 |

(a) Amounts charged for hiring out plant, machinery or other goods, for providing

TABLE 8 Production of certain principal products of the industry by larger establishments, 1963 and 1968

This table is not applicable to this industry.

TABLE 9 Purchase by larger establishants of selected principal products of the industry, 1968

This table is not applicable to this industry.

TABLE 10 Purchases by larger establishments in the industry, 1963 and 1968 Establishments employing 25 or more persons: Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

|  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

TABLE 10 (cont inued)

|  | 1963 |  | 1968 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Quantity | Cost | Quantity | Cost |
|  |  | £'000 |  | £'000 |
| Materials for use in production (continued) <br> Purchased components for incorporation in firms' own products |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Ball and roller bearings and parts thereof | .. | 101 | .. | 102 |
| Electr ic motors | . | 181 | .. | 200 |
| Gears and gear wheels of metal | .. | 85 | .. | 36 |
| Pumps |  | 71 | .. | 33 |
| Measuring instruments and gauges and parts | . | 362 |  | 601 |
| Plastic goods moulded and fabricated | .. | 28 | . | 49 |
| 0 ther components not elsewhere specified (excluding those of rubber and asbestos) |  | 2,589 |  | 2,980 |
| Lubricating oils and greases (including cutting oils and emulsions) | Th.gals. 374 | $\left.\begin{array}{l}80 \\ 11\end{array}\right\}$ | $\begin{array}{\|r} \text { Th.gals. } \\ 510 \\ \text { Th.cwt. } \end{array}$ | 131 |
| Replacement parts for firms' own machinery, plant and vehicles, and accessories and consumable tools bought as replacement |  |  |  |  |
| Tyres and other spare parts for firms' own road goods vehicles |  | 1,280 | .. | 14 |
| 0 ther |  |  |  | 1,365 |
| All other materials for use in production | .. | 3,269 | . | 3,260 |
| Packaging materials |  |  |  |  |
| Paper and board | .. | 53 | .. | 45 |
| Timber |  | 96 | .. | 79 |
| All other packaging materials | .. | 32 | .. | 58 |
| Fuel and electricity (e) | Th.tons |  | Th.tons |  |
| Coal | 187 | 940 | 68.1 | 353 |
| Coke (including screenings) and manufactured fuel | 4.2 | 43 | 1.0 | 18 |
|  | Th. gals. |  | Th.gals. |  |
| Derv fuel and motor spirit for use in road vehicles | 322 | 64 | 221 | 55 |
| Other liquid fuels (including creosote/pitch mixtures etc and liquefied petroleum gases) | 4,774 | 227 | 7,083 | 303 |
| Gas | Th. therms <br> 4,535 | 256 | Th.therms 4,834 | 312 |
|  | Th.kWh |  | Th.kWh |  |
| Electricity | 164,838 | 1,028 | 230,064 | 1,281 |
| All other fuels | .. | (f) | .. | 24 |
| Total cost of materials and fuel |  | 18,459 |  | 22,390 |
| Goods purchased for merchanting |  | 1,024 |  | 1,526 |
| Canteen purchases |  | 120 |  | 63 |
| Total cost of purchases |  | 19,603 |  | 23,979 |

(a) Included in 'All other materials for use in production' for 1963.
(a) Included in 'All other materials for use in production'
(b) For 1963 'Cadmium copper', was not specifically excluded.
(c) For 1963 'Cadmium copper' was not specifically included but 'Blister' was excluded.
(d) For 1963 described as 'Heavy chemicals (acids, alkalis, alcohols, other inorganic and organic
(e) The total quantity of electricity generated in firms' own establishments in this industry in 1963 was 25,152 Th. kWh . Owing to the risk of disclosure of information relating to
individual firms, the quantity for 1968 cannot be given.
(f) Not recorded separately for 1963.

TABLE 11 Transport costs and employment of larger establishments, 1963 and 1968

Establishments employing 25 or more persons:
Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

|  | Unit | 1963 | 1968 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Average number mainly employed on transport | No. | 220 | 167 |
| Transport costs |  |  |  |
| Wages and salaries | £'000 | 153 | 148 |
| Derv fuel and motor spirit | " | 64 | 55 |
| Tyres and other spare parts for road goods vehicles | " | .. | 14 |
| Payments to other organisations for transport $\quad\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { by road } \\ \text { by rail and other } \\ \text { means excluding } \\ \text { postal services }\end{array}\right.$ | " | 105 | 31 43 |
| Costs of operating road goods vehicles |  |  |  |
| Insurance | " | 4 | 4 |
| Vehicle licences | " | 4 | 6 |
| Depreciation | " | 30 | 38 |
| Payments to other organisations for repairs and maintenance | " | 19 | 30 |
| Total | " | 379(a) | 369 |

(a) Excluding tyres and other spare parts for road goods vehicles not
collected separately for 1963 .

TABLE 12 Payments for certain services, etc by larger Payments for certain services, etc
establishments, 1963 and 1968 (a)

Establishments employing 25 or more pers ons:
Analys is of returns received, United Kingdom

|  | Amounts payable |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | 1963 | 1968 |
| Repairs and maintenance to | $£^{\prime}{ }^{\prime} 000$ | $£{ }^{\prime} 000$ |
| Buildings | 331 | 558 |
| Road goods vehicles | 19 | 30 |
| Plant, machinery and other capital equipment | 274 | 362 |
| Insurance, licensing and depreciation of road goods |  | 38 |
| vehicles (b) | 47 |  |
| Rates, excluding water rates | 743 | 715 |
| Hire of plant and machinery |  |  |
| Postage, telephone, telegrams, cables and telex (c) | 60 | 25 |
|  | 191 | 160 |

[^3]TABLE 13 Percentage analysis of twelve-month periods covered by returns from larger establishments, 1968
Establishments employing 25 or more persons:
Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

| Year ended | Percentage <br> of total returns <br> received | Percentage <br> of total number r <br> employed |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 1968 | Per cent. | Per cent. |
| April (a) | 5.6 | 1.0 |
| May | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| June | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| July | 2.8 | 0.2 |
| August | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| September | 5.6 | 1.8 |
| October | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| November | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| December | 36.1 | 22.5 |
| 1969 | 5.6 | 0.6 |
| January | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| February | 41.7 | 73.6 |
| March | 2.8 | 0.3 |
| April (b) | 100 | 100 |

(a) From 6 April
(b) To 5 April.


[^0]:    (a) Including working proprietors.
    (b) The sum of the figures for the size groups exceeds the total for the industry to size group.
    (c) Including estimates for establishments employing fewer than 25 persons and for
    (d) A in trative, to

[^1]:    For notes to this table - see page $65 / 5$.

[^2]:    a) The references given are to the 1 ist of industries at the front of this report

[^3]:    (a) No deduction is made for these payments to arrive at the figures of net output given in this report.
    (b) Exelut see Table 11
    (c) Excluding telex for 1963

