

ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

Fiscal Year	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
(dollars in thousands, except per share data)					
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS (1)					
NET SALES (2)	\$1,312,446	\$1,592,564	\$1,503,964	\$1,329,457	\$1,318,337
GROSS PROFIT ON SALES	239,063	339,454	305,355	254,674	221,216
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	23,860	80,150	63,670	42,500	37,740
NET INCOME	48,013	136,473	106,101	70,645	61,565
PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK:					
Basic Earnings	2.22	5.99	4.55	2.86	2.16
Diluted Earnings	2.21	5.97	4.52	2.85	2.15
Cash Dividends	1.24	1.20	1.16	1.12	1.09
Shareholders' Investment	\$ 19.57	\$ 18.83	\$ 15.77	\$ 13.28	\$ 13.82
WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OUTSTANDING (in 000's) ..	21,598	22,788	23,344	24,666	28,551
DILUTED NUMBER OF SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OUTSTANDING (in 000's) ..	21,966	22,842	23,459	24,775	28,678
OTHER DATA (1)					
SHAREHOLDERS' INVESTMENT	\$ 422,752	\$ 409,465	\$ 365,910	\$ 316,488	\$ 351,097
LONG-TERM DEBT	508,134	98,512	113,307	128,102	142,897
TOTAL ASSETS	1,296,195	930,245	875,885	793,409	842,189
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	890,191	838,655	859,848	812,428	796,714
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET OF RESERVES ..	416,361	395,580	404,454	391,927	396,266
PROVISION FOR DEPRECIATION	56,117	51,097	49,346	47,511	43,345
EXPENDITURES FOR PLANT AND EQUIPMENT .	61,322	71,441	65,998	45,893	71,262
WORKING CAPITAL	\$ 371,248	\$ 158,516	\$ 160,350	\$ 149,846	\$ 199,039
Current Ratio	2.5 to 1	1.5 to 1	1.6 to 1	1.7 to 1	1.9 to 1
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AT YEAR END	6,974	7,233	7,994	7,265	7,661
NUMBER OF SHAREHOLDERS AT YEAR END ..	4,129	4,385	4,628	4,911	5,336
QUOTED MARKET PRICE:					
High	\$ 48.38	\$ 63.63	\$ 70.94	\$ 53.38	\$ 53.63
Low	\$ 30.38	\$ 31.00	\$ 33.69	\$ 36.88	\$ 36.50

(1) The above amounts include the acquisition of Generac Portable Products since May 15, 2001. See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

(2) Reflects the adoption of EITF No. 00-10 for all fiscal years presented. See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.