

ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

Fiscal Year	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995
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(in thousands, except per share data)

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

NET SALES	\$1,501,726	\$1,327,610	\$1,316,413	\$1,287,029	\$1,339,677
GROSS PROFIT ON SALES	305,355	254,674	221,216	261,748	271,618
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	63,670	42,500	37,740	56,640	65,570
NET INCOME	106,101	70,645	61,565	92,412	104,805
PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK:					
Basic Earnings	4.55	2.86	2.16	3.19	3.62
Diluted Earnings	4.52	2.85	2.15	3.18	3.61
Cash Dividends	1.16	1.12	1.09	1.05	.98
Shareholders' Investment	\$ 15.77	\$ 13.28	\$ 13.82	\$ 17.30	\$ 15.19
WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF SHARES					
OF COMMON STOCK OUTSTANDING	23,344	24,666	28,551	28,927	28,927
DILUTED NUMBER OF SHARES OF					
COMMON STOCK OUTSTANDING	23,459	24,775	28,678	29,059	29,072

OTHER DATA

SHAREHOLDERS' INVESTMENT	\$ 365,910	\$ 316,488	\$ 351,097	\$ 500,505	\$ 439,478
LONG-TERM DEBT	113,307	128,102	142,897	60,000	75,000
TOTAL ASSETS	875,885	793,409	842,189	838,164	798,493
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	859,848	812,428	796,714	776,638	726,331
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET OF RESERVES .	404,454	391,927	396,266	374,212	343,297
PROVISION FOR DEPRECIATION	49,346	47,511	43,345	43,032	44,445
EXPENDITURES FOR PLANT AND EQUIPMENT .	65,998	45,893	71,262	77,746	131,034
WORKING CAPITAL	\$ 176,644	\$ 159,101	\$ 204,422	\$ 266,208	\$ 256,075
Current Ratio	1.6 to 1	1.7 to 1	2.0 to 1	2.4 to 1	2.3 to 1
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AT YEAR END	7,994	7,265	7,661	7,199	6,958
NUMBER OF SHAREHOLDERS AT YEAR END .	4,628	4,911	5,336	5,879	6,792
QUOTED MARKET PRICE:					
High	\$ 70-15/16	\$ 53-3/8	\$ 53-5/8	\$ 46-7/8	\$ 39-1/4
Low	\$ 33-11/16	\$ 36-7/8	\$ 36-1/2	\$ 32-3/4	\$ 30-1/2